

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2025
HINTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL

Meeting opened at 19.37

Those taking part in the committee meeting were:

Chairman	Ron King
Vice Chairman / Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Treasurer	Will James
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Centre Equipment	Denise King
Committee	Martin Combes

Item 1. Apologies for Absence – Dave Sanders unwell apologies received. Chris Stammers – no reason known.

Item 2. Corrections to Previous Minutes – None

Item 3. Signing of Previous Minutes – Minutes of the June meeting was agreed and signed off by Ron King. To be placed in file.

Item 4. Matters Arising on minutes from last Meeting –

Other Business: Email received, and issue resolved.

Item 5. Chairmans Report – On 30th June 2025, with my wife Denise and several past and present members of Suffolk Centre Caravan Club, I attended the funeral of Wendy Noye. Wendy was the wife to Graham, who was still active with the Centre on her passing. Graham and Wendy served as Suffolk Centre Chairman and Lady from 1989 to 1991 and were involved in running rallies for many years. Rest in Peace Wendy.

During the month of June. I was able to attend a couple of rallies as Chairman and as a Rally Marshal.

Relaxing at Clare Priory, 13th-15th June 2025, Denise and I attended as Chairman of the rally. Such a lovely peaceful location to have a rally. The weather was hot and sunny over the weekend. To me the bonus for the weekend was an invitation from Father David of a guided tour and history of the Priory, which I did enjoy.

Thursday 19th June was the start of A Break with the Swanns rally at Bromeswell. Again, another very hot weekend. Saturday morning started with a gentle stroll through country

lanes to the local hostelry, where people enjoyed a light lunch and a beverage. After returning to the rally field, everyone was treated to Cream Teas as a fun afternoon of Horseshoes was played. With names drawn out of a box, consisting of one female and a male per team. Eventually, the final was played, and the winners was Clive Malpass and Kerry Malpass.

Into July, Denise and I attended a long weekend at the Sunsets at Leiston rally. As, with the previous two rallies, the weather was quite good. Rain did show up towards the end of the weekend but didn't interfere with things too much. On a personal note, I visited the Richard Garrett, Long Shop Museum in Leiston. Having lived nearby all my life, it was of the places that I had never been to. So many good places, with local history to visit without traveling too far. We are so lucky these places are preserved for us to enjoy.

Item 6. Vice Chairmans Report – Since the last meeting I have chaired two rallies, starting with Swanns Nursery where John Taylor admirably picked up the baton to co-martial for Ron & Denise King at the last minute. Everyone attending had the treats of a pub walk, cream tree, game of Horseshoes and wall to wall sunshine for the duration of the rally.

Then went to The Suffolk Punch Trust at Hollesley, run by Garry & Connie Pyett with David & Jan Hale, where the wall-to-wall sunshine continued. This year had to pay for entry as well as the rally fee which could have possibly affected number, but a good time was had by all that attended.

Item 7. Other Rally Reports – None.

Item 8. Treasurers Report – Will reported that the HSBC now holds our bank account under Charity – which it was originally – providing less expensive banking than currently, although some bank charges still remain.

The Sum-Up system, which was recently used needs attention, some paperwork via the Club needs to be sorted out so the system recognises the Centre, and funds can be transferred into Centre bank account. To be followed up by Will.

Rally returns are coming through. Still no date set for the Anglia Treasurer meeting being talked about. Payments for Thorpeness rallies being dealt with.

Otherwise, all up to date.

Item 9. Secretary Report:

9.1. Membership – Janet reported that on Friday 4th July there were 994 members. For May renewals we had 73 non-renewals. For June at this point there are 76 members to renew. In the circumstances, whilst reminders are not sent mid-month, an email advising that a non-renewal notice had been received, has been sent to April/May members.

9.2. Correspondence received:

Letters from member re Woolverstone and membership. Discussed at meeting, nothing further Centre can do, to file and see if member contacts again.

Site at Rendlesham (Tangham Campsite). Following recent site visit by Ron King, Denise King and Julian Fincham-Jacques at sites offer, the Terms and Conditions of rally booking had been received. Full details read out at meeting, and all agreed they are too restrictive to enable a

rally to work. Janet to contact the site thanking for details and explaining why Centre will not be looking at bookings there under these terms.

South West Centres sent email on their 2026 event at Cirencester Park, Gloucestershire. Janet to write back to say we will include in handbook if offered as invitation rally, or we can just put their poster on our website.

9.3. Attendance –

Discussion over defaults from last meeting and subsequent letters, and two further lists available at meeting. There was a full discussion over the implementation of this and member responses. Discretion is used but we can only go by what we have been told. Committee to look at whether this needs amending at AGM (under Centre Motion Rules). Various options discussed and feasibility of these working.

Item 10. Rally Secretary Report:

Issue with Lessingham rally. Marshals are now unable to run this rally. After discussion agreed to advertise for someone to come forward to run this, allowing 10 days from notification (Facebook and website), after which the rally will be cancelled.

Current rally list shown to committee.

Centre rally envelopes, believed to have enough to last to AGM at least, to leave for next committee to re-order if required.

Item 11. Publicity – Nothing to report

Item 12. Rally Equipment – One urn has gone for repair. Pegs have been bought to replace those missing from shelter bags. Three shelters have been waterproofed, one still to do. Discussion on replacement signs for marshal use (not road signs). Samples of possible material given, discussion over need and cost, agreed for Ron to follow up and get actual prices. Agreed to purchase to certain amount, to request wording is reflective material. Equipment for the Thorpeness rally has been collected by marshals.

Item 13. Webmaster – Several updates done on website, mostly regarding deaths and funerals as our membership grows older. Latest meeting minutes to be uploaded in the next few days.

Item 14. Newsletter – None being planned at this time. Janet to organise an email, where possible, to all members roughly end of July advising any latest information and details of AGM and requirement for nominations. Indications several current members will not be looking for election for 2026.

Item 15. Anglia Division Report (Ron King, Representative) – No further information.

Item 16. Other Committee / Any Other Business –

Hall is now booked for November and December for committee meetings for new committee. Janet advised both her and Alan will be away late August to mid-September. Will monitor where possible any emails coming through, will work through reports etc., on return in time for September meeting.

Meeting closed at: 21.48.

There is no meeting due in August

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 17th September at Hintlesham. Both Janet/Alan will be away until Monday 15th September.

Nominations for committee for 2026 will close on Sunday 28th September at Noon, AGM scheduled for Sunday 12th October 2025

Any Motions for the AGM have to be with Centre Secretary by Noon, Sunday 7th September 2025.

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