

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2025
BY TEAMS

At the last meeting it was agreed to a Teams meeting today pending nominations received and any outcome if a committee was not being formed and to finalise the AGM process. Meeting opened at 19.07.

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
Publicity	Dave Sanders
Media	Chris Stammers

Item 1. Apologies for Absence – Martin Combes

Item 2. Corrections to Previous Minutes – None noted.

Item 3. Signing of Previous Minutes – Ron King, as Chairman, agreed the minutes for September. Janet to place on file.

Item 4. Matters Arising on minutes from last Meeting – Will still to follow up on some of the figures queried last month on some rallies.

Item 5. Chairmans Report For my final committee report as Chairman of Suffolk Centre, I do not have much to report on.

The only rally that has taken place since the last meeting was the 49th Great Henham Steam rally, which I was part of the marshalling team. Once again, the weather was kind to us, except for a small heavy rain shower that lasted only a few minutes. Number of units joining Suffolk Centre this year were quite low, as it has been for a number of years. In the twenties, compared with many years ago. The steam show attracted hundred plus units joining our centre for the weekend. Next year, it will be the 50th anniversary of Henham Steam, hopefully we will get a much larger response of units attending this special occasion.

After Henham, Denise and myself spent a few days in Lincolnshire, before joining Norfolk Centre on their rally at Kelling Heath, North Norfolk. We really enjoyed our time there, five hundred acres of heath land over looking the sea, with many trails to discover. Their numbers were low, only eight units attending the rally.

Finally, but not least, I would like to thank the present committee for working along side me this last year. Your time given up to keeping this centre going in these trying times has not gone unrecognised by me, considering this time last year, the centre was close to collapse.

For those standing down from committee, Janet Dobson, Alan Dobson, Denise King and Chris Stammers your service has been invaluable to the centre. A special mention must go to Janet Dobson, who has served the club for approximately thirty years as Treasurer, Secretary and Committee member. Enjoy your retirement and hope you will still support the centre with rallies that you are involved in and seeing you on the rally field.

Ron asked for agreement on request last meeting for Centre to cover cost of entertainment at AGM. This was agreed by all present.

Ron advised he had been to get the Chairman Chain and Chairmans Lady Chain engraved. Costs given to Will, agreed by all present to proceed.

Item 6. A.G.M. Meeting 12th October 2025

Janet reported nominations received as at Noon Sunday 28th September were:

Chairman Mr Paul Fitch
Treasurer Mr Will James
Secretary Mrs Diane Fitch

Committee as received:

Martin Combes
John Meyrick
Dave Sanders
Ron King
Julian Fincham-Jacques

We therefore have enough to form a committee and proceed to the AGM meeting.

Janet had received reports for Secretary, Treasurer and Rally Secretary. Ron to provide Chairman report in next day or so. Copy of AGM paperwork to committee, then to print. 67 signed in last year – will order accordingly.

Understood Will and Penny Thursby will be attending and can act as Tellers – no vote for any committee position. Small gift as normal, Janet to purchase.

Rally marshals to organise tellers to sign in, normal 3 x sets of two members. Janet to provide sign in lists

Alan to organise front photos for handbook entries, members to vote. 9 entries received so far. Book is progressing, Alan has offered to continue getting this put together and to print stage. Will then arrange handover to next Rally Secretary. Ron indicated that the venue at Trinity Park was still a query for the Easter rally and the booking for the next AGM. The AGM rally and meeting will need new Rally Marshals to come forward.

As Janet is standing down from any committee involvement she will write up the AGM, then gather together paperwork etc., and arrange a complete handover. Janet to liaise with Will James re getting bank details for job roles altered. Janet said she was happy to help if any queries in the coming weeks/months.

Form for new committee will be passed onto new Secretary for completion and to send to Governance.

Janet requested that connection for emails continues until all correspondence has been dealt with to ensure no hitch with handovers. It was felt this was reasonable, enabling handover.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ron asked that during the AGM process space is made for Will Thursby to address meeting on behalf of Anglia Division. Janet to arrange.

Past Chairman badge to be made available for Ron King. All badges/window plaques now not needed to be handed to Janet to put on Secretary Inventory for handover.

With regard to the representative for the Anglia Division meetings, it was felt somewhat vague as to whether the Chairman is expected to do this with cover as needed, or if can be delegated to another committee member. Perhaps to follow up with Will Thursby from the Division at the AGM rally for clarification.

Ron thanked those present for their work on committee for the last few years with him.

Janet and Alan thanked everyone they had worked alongside, end of an era for them.

Meeting closed at: 20.20.

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