

# **The Caravan and Motorhome Club Suffolk Centre**

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting by Teams**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Meeting Start 19:30pm**

**Attendees:**

Paul Fitch  
Ron King  
Julian Fincham-Jacques  
Diane Fitch  
Will James

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence:**

Martin Coombes  
John Meyrick

**Item 2: Corrections from Previous Minutes**

- None

**Item 3: Signing of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Signed by Paul Fitch

**Item 4: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- Not had a chance to speak to Barry Dye about insuring centre equipment. Paul will look into this before next week.

**Item 5: Chairmans Report**

Attended 4 rallies since our last meeting including New Year at Trinity Park run by N. Essex centre, First Rally of the Year at Saxtead, Burns Rally at Hallowtree and the Winter Warmer at Hallowtree. All rallies were well attended and the food laid on at New Year, Burns and Winter Warmer were exceptional. We also had the Natter and Chatter on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb which again had a good turn out with a full hall. Will Thursby was in attendance too from the Division. Myself, Will Thursby, Diane and Ron all said a few words. The Don Alcock Trophy went to Julian Fincham-Jacques and the Dave Totman Junior Trophy to Sarah Fincham-Jacques.

I will be away from 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar-15<sup>th</sup> April on holiday so Ron will be chairing Easter on my behalf and Janet Dobson has offered to keep on top of the Secretary work whilst Diane and I are away. This has been cleared with governance so I am checking this is acceptable with the committee too so it can be minuted.

## **Item 6: Treasurer Report**

- 2025 Accounts completed and ready for 'wet signing' next month and sending onto East Grinstead. Please let me know if you have any queries. I don't know if we were the first centre to finalise but I'm quite proud of getting everything done within a month of the end of the calendar year.
- On the day the Bank of England reduced interest rates in December 2025 I moved fast and locked in our 'surplus' cash into a fixed deposit (mainly Thorpeness deposits and surpluses built up over the years) - expires in time to pay Sizewell Estates and other costs.
- Details: Money Market 9 month deposit of £15,000 at 3.06% which will pay us circa £340 interest (don't want to log into HSBC to check exact amount as in hotel and online banking = a risk). Committee agrees to this and welcomes this proactive action.
- 2026 Rally Book adverts, I'll update verbally (can't access the spreadsheet from here). From memory Farnham and Caravan Cleaner have yet to pay - same as 2025!
- Discussion about Burns. Treasurer will contact marshal to clarify.

## **Item 7: Secretary's Report**

### **7.1. Membership**

- Membership on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February was 933. We had 50 Not Renew to Centre within the allowed timeframe of 60days and I have emailed them to let them know.

### **7.2. Correspondence received:**

- Any invitation rallies in our book need to contact the Secretary of that Centre to get attendance information. Secretaries to arrange that we swap this info.
- Dave Sanders has removed himself from the committee due to health issues. We wish him well and thank him for his input on the committee.

### **7.3. Attendance –**

- Entered Attendance lists for Saxtead and Burns rallies
- Couple of Defaulters on Saxtead and Burns. Will bring the list to the next meeting so we can decide on action. Saxtead was 2 regular ralliers with no history of cancellations and it did not impact the rallies bottom line. Diane to write a letter but say we will waiver as the rally did not encounter a loss.
- Burns there were several last minute cancellations but some were visitors to the centre so how do we handle this? Write to them but may not get donations back.

### **7.4 Other**

- Natter & Chatter was well attended
- Year Pointer have been purchased. We had 25 and sold 9 at the Natter and Chatter.
- Sent out the Spring Newsletter to all members
- Committee agrees that Janet can cover for Diane when she is on holiday and this will be extremely useful.

### **Item 8: Rally Secretary Report** (sent ahead of this meeting)

- John attended the divisional forum, and gave a report to Paul and Diane. There was a lot of items raised during the afternoon that were totally off topic.
- Passed 1 enquiry for the Easter rally onwards.
- John had an enquiry for a Padstow rally, and have advised them that it is not our centre.
- Have had a message from a commercial site in the South West offering to send details, currently he has not contacted them. He will review this on his return and take on board any comments from the committee.
- John has received no rallies to add to the programme although Diane received a form that she will pass onto John for Saxtead next year on this return.
- Suffolk is one of twenty international rallies being offered in 2027 by the club (Proposed marshals Paul and Diane Fitch & John and Sandra Meyrick). Details are still under discussion.

### **Item 9: Publicity Report**

- Nothing to Report – Publicity Officer has left committee due to health issues. We would like to thank him for his time on the committee and wish him well.

### **Item 10: Centre Equipment Report**

- Paul to contact Chris Stammers about equipment so we can update the list of equipment held.
- Committee to review the list and ensure we can track what we hold and what is still usable and worth keeping.
- Paul has ticked off some stuff.
- Paul is also going to collect carpet bowls mat from Trevor to see if it is still OK to use.
- Thanks to Ron for updating the list of what is held and by whom.

### **Item 11: Webmaster Report**

- Various updates done on website.
- Plan to edit the PDF of rally book to remove all marshals personal information then that will go on the website to give potential new members more insight to what we do.

### **Item 12: Division Updates**

- Suffolk Punch Trust rally has been cancelled which was also going to be the Divisional Meeting. The meeting has also had to be cancelled.

### **Item 13: Any Other Business**

- Sad news we have lost Past Chairman - Brian Southgate passed away and his funeral is on 16<sup>th</sup> February

Meeting closed 20:27pm

**Next Meeting: Monday 02<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7.30pm at Chairmans house**

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