

The Caravan and Motorhome Club Suffolk Centre

Minutes of Committee Meeting by Teams

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Meeting Start 07:30pm

Attendees:

- Paul Fitch
- Will James
- Ron King
- Julian Fincham-Jacques
- Martin Coombes
- John Meyrick

Item 1: Apologies for Absence:

- Diane Fitch

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

- Still need to decide type of equipment we should look into for the club insurance.

Item 5: Chairmans Report

Rallies Attended: There have been no rallies since the last meeting.

- I have contacted Barry Dye with a view to visiting his lockup to itemise club property for insurance purposes. I am waiting for him to come back with a mutually convenient time for this to take place.
- I have also been in touch with Chris Stammers with regard to equipment still being stored in his and his mother's lofts. He will itemise these pieces and get back to me with a list.
- Reached out to Trevor Smith to arrange collection and assessment of carpet mat bowls equipment. This will happen next week
- I had not booked Clubfest this year because my knee surgery was originally planned for the 23rd May and subsequently moved to last Friday 8th May. This was then cancelled because of my anaemia. I am now undergoing treatment to address this. Ongoing infusions at Ipswich Hospital make it unwise to plan anything more than a short distance from the hospital.
- I will chair Garnham's Field on the 22nd May and look forward to the rally.
- I shall hopefully be "cured" by early to mid June and will attend and chair rallies until my knee op is rearranged

- I have approached and agreed with Julie Breed to supply burgers and hotdogs at the opening day of Thorpeness Rally. Diane and I will pay for the burgers etc and proceeds will go to the Chairmans Charity. John has kindly arranged the loan of a griddle and Barry Dye has offered to transport this to the site and back.

Item 6: Treasurer Report

- 2026 Rally processing up-to-date. Easter reconciled and Trinity paid.
Thorpeness payments dribbling in, less a few refunds.
 - See April report re HSBC - advice was to set up a new current account with the correct CAMC parent and migrate to it over the rest of the year. I've started the process by requesting a new account on-line - took over an hour. Detail was illogical - Wasn't asked which Directors of The Caravan Club Limited (trading as the Caravan and Motorhome Club) should approve the new account. Nor was I asked who should sign? (Treasurer and one of Chairman or Secretary).
 - The committee discussed the move to the new bank account and this was approved.

Item 7: Secretary's Report

7.1. Membership

- There was a nominal report on 1st May which have been checked against our list of members and these agree.
- As of last Friday (8th May) the membership stands at 983 members.

7.2. Correspondence received:

- No updates other than contact details

7.3. Attendance – (Diane's update)

- Attendance Lists have been recorded for most rallies so far this year. Waiting on revised list for Winter Warmer as it appeared to be missing entries (including my own). Also waiting on responses from other centres re some attendance.
- Checked with other centres for attendance by our members on invitation rallies held and these have also been recorded for fellowship purposes but these will not need to be counted for the quarterly statistics as this will be recorded but the inviting centre.

7.4 Other

- Several new Facebook requests have come through and been approved.
- The Summer Newsletter was issued to all members. It was a larger edition this time spanning 10 pages. Feedback has been positive.

Item 8: Rally Secretary Report

- Suffolk rallies no additions. Colmar rally has problems; other location being discussed.
- North Essex is running the divisional AGM at Hallowtree 22nd to 24th October. 4B to come.
- Division were asking for a host for a Fishing Competition. This may have been filled.

- Diane has been asked to contact governance to find out the rules regarding having two centres running their rallies at the venue a week apart. Also whether Divisional events should be held in the county that is organising the events.

Item 9: Centre Equipment Report

- Chris Stammers has taken to ClubFest for the Anglia Division Marquee:
 - One old style centre flag & pole.
 - One new style spare flag & pole.

Item 10: Webmaster Report

- Nothing to report.

Item 11: Other Discussion Topics

- AGM rally location next year?
- Rally Sec asked:
 - Is there a possibility of including advertisers on the website and links to their own sites? - *These are already present on the website*
 - Can the cover of the programme and possibly some more of the entries be used on the website? - *Agreed to leave as is*
 - When and who discusses with the printer with regard to costs and timings? I see from the folder Alan gave me he contacted advertisers in September. I will aim to do this in August as I am out of the country in September. – *Committee agreed this will be fine. Also asked: Will it be the same advertisers or do we want any changes? We aim to keep our existing advertisers but if anyone on committee wants to approach any other potential new advertisers this would be welcome.*
 - Diane has suggested we review the rally book. I also think this might be a help. I would think about some colour coding and if possible, hyperlinks. I will try and reformat the document that I have and circulate. Some centres use symbols for quick reference of what might be available, this I am not certain about, also I think some reorganisation so that we possibly do not reprint the whole document each year. Any other thoughts most welcome. – John has agreed to prepare a draft of what it may look like for the committee to discuss at the next meeting.

Item 12: Regional Meeting / Division Updates

- None

Meeting closed 8:35 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th June 2026 7.30pm via Teams (Julian to send invite