

**NOTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club
Held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Windmill Hotel**

Present: John Hynes (Chair of the meeting and note taker), Gary Houghton, Phil Reed and Ben Irving

Apologies: Graham Hounslow, Bob Karley, Jim Coulter and Steve Brough

The notes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025 were approved and adopted as a true record of that meeting.

Financial update

JH advised the meeting that we have £2,170.24 in the current account and £4,255.56 in the Fabric account. This is pleasing, particularly now that all of the work has been carried out.

Administrative update

Membership take-up seems to be in line with previous years and JH should have a full membership update for June's meeting.

Club night

This continues on a Thursday evening on the Houghton Court between 6:30-8 pm. If committee members are able to help Chris and Graham who turn up each week it would be appreciated.

Handicap competition

Gary and Phil are happy to co-ordinate a further handicap competition for the summer months before people take their summer holidays. This will be progressed in the coming weeks and the date of the final will be set at the outset so that everyone knows where they stand. It will follow the same format as last year's competition.

Bee/wasp infestation

JH will look to speak with another pest control company to get a second opinion with the ongoing annual problem. He will progress this before the next meeting.

Maintenance

Gary advised the committee that we will need to budget next year for replacing the fascias and guttering. He has made a temporary job on these but they will need replacing soon.

One of the court heaters is not working on the Safelincs court and Gary will speak to Steve Bramwell in the first instance about this.

There are one or two issues with the court floors (particularly on the Houghton court) and JH will have a word to see if Graham can contact the company who laid the floors to come out and look at repairs under their guarantee.

There are quite a few potholes in/around the car park – hopefully this is something that the Town Council will look to deal with as Landlord.

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Any other business

JH said that he was hopeful that at June's meeting we could discuss a contact payment system for the club in the coming months. Certain aspects of the renovation works have come in under budget and JH was able to make a significant saving on this year's insurance premium (approximately half of what it has been in previous years). There will be extra revenue if the Town Council continued to support a contribution towards the buildings insurance.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:12 pm.

N.B. The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd June at 7:30 pm at the Windmill Hotel.

Phil 2-6-2026