

Churchdown Club – Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date:

16 March 2026 – 7pm

Location:

Churchdown Club

Chair:

Gina Jones – Noted quorum achieved

1. Apologies for Absence

Grant

2. Minutes of Previous AGM (10 March 2025)

Approved and ratified.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. President's Report (Chair – Gina Jones)

Good evening everyone, Thank you all for being here tonight.

As Chairperson, I'm incredibly proud to stand here and talk about this club — the heart of our beautiful village and a place that means so much to so many people.

I'd like to begin by thanking the committee members who give their time so generously. Your commitment and hard work are a huge part of why this club continues to grow and succeed.

I'd also like to give a thank you to our Treasurer, Hannah, who is stepping down from the role. We're pleased that you'll be staying on as our bookkeeper and we look forward to continuing to benefit from your financial knowledge and support.

I'm also pleased to say that Grant will be stepping into the role of Treasurer. Grant already contributes a great deal to the club and we're grateful that he has agreed to take on this important responsibility. Anna has agreed to step in as Grants deputy. I would also like to thank Andy Grainger for his time on the committee. He has stepped down after many years of being on the committee.

A big thank you as well to our manager, Charlotte, whose leadership keeps everything running so smoothly and to all of our staff who create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that people love about this club.

I'd also like to recognise the Bowls and Tennis Clubs for their continued hard work in maintaining their spaces.

They add real charm and character to the club as a whole and both sections have had a positive and successful year in their leagues and matches. Well done to everyone involved. Thank you to Deli Pizza for their continued quality and consistency.

To our members and the wider community — thank you. Your support is what makes this place thrive.

This year has been an outstanding one for the club.

Our events have been hugely successful, membership continues to grow and the club is busier than ever. At a time when much of the hospitality and entertainment industry is facing real challenges, we are bucking the trend and regularly achieving record takings.

We've also made excellent progress with some important projects. Our access-for-all improvements, including the new front ramp, are moving forward thanks to fantastic fundraising support. The new roof and recently installed solar panels are also a major investment in the club's future and while the savings are only just beginning, they will soon make a meaningful difference.

We've also been fortunate to receive some wonderful recognition. We achieved third place in Gloucestershire Pub of the Year and first place in both the CAMRA Gloucester Club of the Year and Mid-Gloucestershire Club of the Year

awards — fending off some very strong competition. We are also now nominated for the overall Gloucestershire Club of the Year award.

These achievements reflect the hard work, pride and community spirit that make this club so special.

What makes this place truly unique is that we respect our past while continuing to invest in the future. We're committed to protecting and improving this beautiful space so it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The future of this club is bright — and that's thanks to everyone here and the wider community who continue to support it.

So please raise your glass with me:

To our committee members

To Charlotte and our fantastic staff

To our loyal members and supportive community

And to the continued success of this wonderful club — may it always remain the heart of our village.

Cheers and thank you.

5. Secretary's Report

Good Evening. The current membership stands at 635 which is up from 461 this time last year. There are another 94 due for renewal imminently and we are on track to potentially reach a membership of 900-1000 members by the end of the year. That number is phenomenal when you consider that the Club hasn't seen membership levels this high for a considerable amount of time. These numbers reflect that the Committee's decision to move to rolling memberships was the right course of action as they have proven to be more effective over the last 15 months.

Progress with Access For All remains slow. We currently have £12,000 in donations to our Just Giving Page in addition to approximately £10,500 from fundraising activities. In the last 12 months we have appealed to the Parish Council, Newland Homes and the Montel Group for help but were rejected. We were also unsuccessful in the funding from the Barnwood Trust. The Committee put a lot of time into these applications so it is disappointing when they are rejected however we will continue to our goal of ensuring that the Club is accessible to All.

6. Auditor's Report

Bar takings increased to £311,000. Rental income increased. Subscription income improved. Costs increased across insurance, staffing, and events. Net profit £25,000 (previous year loss £5,000). Bank balance £66,000. Club remains financially strong.

7. External Businesses / Tenant Matters

It was noted that ongoing communication challenges remain with the tenant of Spicy Aroma. The committee confirmed that formal communication channels are consistently used, including written correspondence and recorded delivery where necessary. It was further noted that the tenant has declined to provide an email address for communication, which is considered to be an additional barrier and contributes to the overall pattern of obstructive behaviour. Concern was also raised that when the tenant does not receive a favourable response from one committee member, they tend to approach individual club members directly and subsequently move among different members in an attempt to revisit or influence decisions. This approach was acknowledged as inappropriate because it risks undermining the committee's authority and creating confusion by bypassing established governance processes. It was reiterated that all matters relating to tenancy agreements, compliance, and financial arrangements must be directed to the committee, the official decision-making body. Members were advised not to engage in or mediate such discussions and instead to refer the tenant back to the committee to ensure clear, consistent, and properly documented communication.

Rental and utilities arrangements confirmed. Tenants are sub-metered and charged at cost.

8. Bowls Section Report

Green maintained by volunteers. Opening scheduled for 11 April 2026. Membership approx. 63–65. Open Day planned for 20 June. Funding required for shed repairs.

9. Tennis Section Report

Club continues to grow with four teams now active. Increased interest from new members. Matches are scheduled throughout the summer.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Election of Officers

Chair & President: Gina Jones. Treasurer: Grant. Deputy Treasurer: Anna Bevan. All proposed and seconded.

12. Meeting Close

The Chair thanked attendees and closed the meeting.