

## Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026



### Meeting commenced 7.03pm

#### Present:

President: Barbara Haseldine - Vice President: Derek Hutchinson

Chairman: Lesley Miller - Vice-Chairman: position vacant

Secretary: position vacant

Treasurer: position vacant

Welfare Officer: Lesley Miller

Bar Manager: John Cole

Fixtures secretary: Debbie Cox - Mid-Week Captain: Debbie Cox

Club Captain: Sid Miller - Vice Captain: Ben Donaldson

Obelisk / Floodlit League:

Committee: Les Love, Geoff Littlewood, Damon Wills,

Apologies: Martin Pickering, Grace Wilson, Lucy Roberts, Lucy Tobin,

Minutes of the last meeting: circulated, read & duly signed as a true record

Matters arising: Secretary/Treasurer position's still vacant, interested parties to get in touch with chairman/Committee asap

Chairman's Report: LM welcomed all to meeting, then updated regarding NNC Community Funding grant up to £5,000, for improvements to the club house, heating, kitchen – no update at present but had found it very difficult to find up to date club information especially clubs insurance policies – for the building, (no reply from 'Jack high') on previous balance sheets there was money paid for 'council insurance' but no one seemed to know anything about this, although the contents were insured and public liability.

LM. SM. DH. MP. Had met with 3 members of Finedon Town Council (details in A.O.B.)

Secretary's Report: position vacant

Treasurer's Report: position vacant

Welfare: Nothing

Bar Manager: JC was asked if he could apply for the bar license by completing training asap and get in touch with city beer to find out the best way forward and the best prices for FTBC

Fixtures & Mid-Week Captain: Fixtures were nearly completed, DC queried whether the Saturday team wanted a fixture on August bank holiday, it was decided to leave this date free

Club Captain: Nothing

Obelisk/Floodlit Report: Nothing

Building/Maintenance: ongoing, DH suggested that the 'odd job club' be extended to a day in the week, when people could turn up, do a few odd jobs, have a cup of tea and a chat

Grounds/Maintenance: All ongoing, shelves in cellar & shed had been completed, we need more volunteers for Saturday's, as now we have moved inside, there's a lot of decorating, tidying up to be done

**Premier Lawncare:** no reply SM/MP to chase

**Sponsorship/Advertising:** position vacant

**Events/Room Hire/Social committee:** Friday social to continue from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, with Bingo host and a variation of the meet raffle, host Damon Wills, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Quiz night with host Lesley Miller.

**A O B:**

FTC suggested that FTBC own the bowls club (and would look into whether it would be viable to get lease revised and updated, as it still has 10 years to run) the area at front (by main road, where the large trees are) was not part of the bowls club, the trees at the side can be cut down/groomed as long as notice was given to council, premier lawn have a contract to cut grass/hedges around green

The building was not insured by FTC or NNC – and LM unable to establish if insured by FTBC through Jack High, FTC will source with their insurers and forward information to club.

They also asked what FTBC wanted from FTC

points discussed at this meeting were:

1. Flooring in main room, Help and advise

2. Rent free for a certain amount of time

(as FTBC had maintained and tended to club and grounds, whilst being passed to various councils)

3. Free rubbish collection (as FTBC were disposing of or paying to get taken away)

4. Funding to enable club to subsidize groups using the club (Coffee Morning - Towns Women's Guild – Over 60's – Royal British Legion) as FTBC were having to put prices up, to cover expenses. FTBC to make a meeting place/safe haven, along with library

5. Pay for Building insurance

6. All costs incurred by FTBC were once covered by relevant councils

(Green maintenance, Ground maintenance, Building maintenance, Refuse collection, All bowling equipment)

FTBC previously had 3 trustees – however now only 1 of originals alive but no longer on committee – FTC stated club will require trustees, so this will need updating

FTC stated there needs to be a sign saying that the green is open to the public (as there is at the tennis club)

LM requested club needs opening times

LM ASKED FOR ANY IDEAS AS TO WHAT IS WANTED/NEEDED FROM FTC, CAN BE SENT ON THE COMMITTEE WHATAPP GROUP to enable email to be sent requesting items to be put onto FTC Agenda

The key holder list needs to be updated for the new season

GL was working on club membership cards, that would be introduced for the new season, and the benefits of being a member to be discussed at next meeting

Events still need to be promoted early and regularly, put in the church magazine, club notice boards, council notice boards, shops, chemists, social media, Facebook, WhatsApp groups,

It was suggested that room rental should have bar staff for events as extra?

Meeting closed @ 8.25pm    Next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 7pm start