VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
held 10am Monday, 7th January 2019 at the Clubhouse

Present : Robert Wood (President), Roger Bassett (Secretary), Peter Coleman (Treasurer), Vanessa Curtis (Match Secretary), Dan Ferguson, Phil Prince (Vice Captain), Barry Chick (Competitions Secretary), Pat Allington (Ladies Captain), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary), Mike Daymond (Men's Captain), Angela Daymond (Publicity/Minutes)
Apologies : Norman Pearce (Membership Secretary), Mike Allington (Green Ranger),

1.	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**	Action
	Acceptance proposed by Barry, 2nd Alice Bulley and agreed.	
2.	**Matters Arising**	
a)	2. Edging of the Green – At least 50m needs replacing which could a total cost of £500. After discussion about the various lengths and suppliers available, it was proposed by Peter Coleman and agreed that Phil would obtain a firm quote from Elliotts and purchase some lengths with the necessary pegs to start with. Noted that Phil is away mid-January to mid-February.	
b)	3. Membership Forms – no information.	
c)	4. Correspondence – all emails from the website are now going to the Secretary. Robert invited Committee Members to keep everyone informed on Club matters.	
d)	5. Men's Leagues – Leagues have been informed of our situation. Roger will remove leagues that we are not taking part in from the website.	RB
e)	6. Ladies Leagues – Dates for Ladies Leagues have been passed to Vanessa. There will be a last minute decision about the B&D (agreed with B&D).	AB
f)	7. Competitions – Various ideas were put forward for "Over 80s", Flexi, Friday afternoon, Australian pairs, or sets for a competition of 10 ends. Vanessa will review and come up with a proposal.	VC
g)	8. Club Noticeboard – Robert is making a glass-fronted noticeboard 700x500cm	
h)	Post Office Noticeboard – raised as a result of the previous topic. Roger had noticed that there was an empty noticeboard outside the Post Office and wondered if it could be used by the Bowls Club. Research had shown that it was possibly owned by the Football Club who were currently utilising the Potterne Park Noticeboard. Angela to follow-up.	AD
i)	10. Outside Grass – on-going as ditches round the green were the priority.	
j)	11. The Green – Noted that Mike Allington is just one of the team looking after the green and Steve Hill is retained as the specialist contractor.	
k)	14. Dress Code – Pat reported that some members were unhappy with the decision taken and discussion took place. The Constitution currently states : OP1.11.1 Men's dress code: Currently grey/white tailored trousers and white Regulation Style shirt, with club tie for friendly and league matches or such regulation dress code as may be introduced which have been approved by, and registered with, the appropriate association and approved by the Management Committee. OP1.11.2 Ladies' dress code: Currently grey/white Regulation Style skirt/tailored or cropped trousers, Regulation Style white top with sleeves and collar with Club cravat for friendly and league matches; NB. Alternative dress codes may be introduced, which have been approved by, and registered with, the appropriate association and approved by the Management Committee. OP1.11.3 Players will wear "White" or "Grey" as stipulated on the Club paperwork and website, or Team notice on the Notice Board. It was agreed that proper shoes are important and regulation tailored shorts are now acceptable for matches, but accepted that the Constitution only refers to whites and greys for matches as stipulated on the match sheets on the noticeboard. It was therefore agreed that dress code for	

	informal play can be relaxed but must be smart and shorts must be at regulation length. Committee members were not fully behind this decision and it may need further discussion depending on the response by members on the green. Pat will obtain the ladies' cravats from Gill Farrance.	PA
3.	**Correspondence**	
	Data Protection - It was agreed to use the same wording that the B&D have used regarding data protection on the Club's Application Forms and Roger will pass the information to Norman.	RB/NP
4.	**Treasurer's Report**	
	This was circulated. £213 raised from the Christmas Dinner, £81 from the raffle. Betty Emery had donated £381 from the whist; £52 raised from the Hamper grid raffle. Apart from general maintenance costs, £30 had been given to Mrs Everett as a thank-you for being the keyholder. The current year's expenditure exceeds income by £1,802. Employers' liability insurance paid and expires 20th December 2019. Invoice for £79.04 received from TSO for hosting the website which is the same price as last year. Roger noted that traffic through the website is monitored.	PC
5.	**Men's Captain**	
	Match dates awaited.	
6.	**Constitution**	
	Mike Daymond proposed the following changes in red to the Constitution which would allow Robert Wood to be President; 2nd by Roger Bassett and agreed :- C5. Playing Members who have paid their subscriptions are entitled to full use of the club's facilities. C6. Junior Members are those persons below the age of seventeen who pay a reduced fee but have the same entitlement as adult Members. C7. Social Members, who have paid their subscriptions, are entitled to use the club's facilities but no access to the Green, except when performing the duties of match umpires or markers. New paragraph to be inserted :- D5. Social members can be offered an Executive Membership at the discretion of the Management Committee. This will only apply to those who have been Full Members for at least 5 years, and who now wish to assist the Club as an officer on the Management Committee It was agreed that these changes would be recommended to the Members at an EGM to be held immediately before the Spring Meeting on Wednesday, 27th March at 7pm.	
7.	**Match Secretary**	
	Vanessa had circulated a provisional diary which was discussed. Noted that 2nd February Coffee Morning is the day when subscriptions will be collected, therefore membership forms will need to be distributed before then – by email where possible.	NP
8.	**Competition Secretary**	
	Barry will liaise with Norman to make the Application Form helpful by separating competition fees from subs.	BC/NP

9.	**Ladies Section**	
	Alice had forwarded the Edna Paisley and New Forest dates to Vanessa for the diary. Ladies Meeting date changed to 22nd March. Ladies Lunch on 7th February at Remedy Oak.	
10.	**Green Matters**	
	The sprayer has now been fixed and the green sprayed; equipment being serviced; feeding and raking will be done next.	WP
11.	**Publicity**	
	Committee liked the poster designed by Roger's daughter who will guide Angela on how to change wording when necessary. Presentation Dinner photo appeared in the Stour & Avon magazine – noted that this newspaper will no longer be published. Press release publicising membership and Open Days will be sent out next.	AD
12.	**AOB**	
a)	<u>President</u> : The President's chain needs engraving. Robert has opened a P.O. account for his charity "Sailability" with £100 proceeds from the Bring & Buy – proposed by Robert, 2nd by Peter and agreed. Noted that the spring social events will be raising funds for the club.	
b)	<u>Oak Tree</u> : Committee had agreed by email that £275 was acceptable for pruning the dead wood to make it safe. The work was being carried out on 8th January. Noted that the Tree Surgeon had advised that there was no preservation order on this tree.	
c)	<u>Website</u> : Committee agreed with Roger that Reports should be in the "members only" section of the website.	
d)	<u>Minutes</u> : Angela to send the Minutes to Geoff Symonds for the website and put a copy on the noticeboard.	

Meeting closed 11.44am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10am

Apologies from Barry