



HWTC 2024 AGM Minutes

Wednesday 1st May from 730p at Hartley Wintney Cricket Club

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

22 people were in attendance and therefore quorate.

Apologies from: Paul Tomlinson, Andrew Eubank, Jamie Cheetham

2. Chair's Report (*review since last year's AGM on 27th April*)

It's been a landmark year!

The installation of floodlights was quickly followed by the official launch on 1st November, supported by our local MP, Janil Jayawardena. The extended hours of play provide 40% more court time, making us much more attractive as a club.

We were delighted that Justin Tadman volunteered to qualify as a coach, increasing our capacity to upskill new and existing members. We've also made a concerted effort to increase communication via social media in parallel with more targeted articles in the contact magazine. Participation in the summer competitions remained strong and we have more team members of a higher standard playing in the regional leagues.

It's early days but...

- Memberships are up
- Pay and play bookings have increased
- Coaching programmes are really gaining momentum
- We now have over 35 people participating in the Round Robin format, now running over two nights
- Greenfields is using the floodlights to support their after-school activities

My thanks to several people who have played key role for the club.

Volunteer members beyond the committee:

- Hartley Wintney Parish Council for the significant contribution towards the floodlights and particularly to Steve Airtton, in his parish council capacity, for his considerable efforts on the floodlight project and, as an HWTC member, for his ongoing organisation of Round Robin nights
- James Rushmere and Charlotte Pallangyo for captaining and organising the regional league teams
- Mark Elener for organising the summer competitions
- Ben Fowler for putting the nets up and down every week
- Sue Bartley, Sarah Hughes, and Annette Miller for the Christmas social
- Bob Bartley for his gardening duties

Outside the club, we are grateful for the support of Tom May, Executive Head of The Greenoaks Federation, for the floodlight project. Also to the scouts for allowing us to use their hut facilities for league matches and camps.

My thanks to committee members without whom the club would not be able to run and especially in a year of heavy lifting for the floodlight project:

- Claire Orme - Club treasurer
- Sarah Hughes - Club secretary
- Paul Tomlinson - Welfare officer
- Helen Timpany – Ordinary member
- Justin Tadman and Jamie Cheetham – Ordinary members and coaches
- Finally, our thanks to Lindsay Evans who is standing down from the committee. Lindsay has been key to help us develop our funding options for a future and a tremendous asset for the club.

3. Finances and Membership update (Claire)

Cash: With major spend on our new floodlights, it was an atypical year. We began the 23-24 year with £19,500 in club reserves. HWTC's contribution to the project was just over £14,500. This, plus normal operating income and expenses, meant that we ended the year with £6,500 in the bank.

Project costs: The total cost was £30,787 to which the Parish Council contributed £15,815 and the club contributed £14,586. In addition we received a grant from the Hook and Odiham Lions of £360, and a small donation of £24.

Revenue: Income from membership for 23-24 increased by 17% to £3,846. Income from Pay & Play court hire and external court fees more than doubled to £512. Coaching income fell by £95 to £126, however this will increase this year due to the new coaching programme, led by Justin. Excluding external project contributions, we had a 40% increase in turnover.

Profit & Costs: Our net profits for 23-24 remained much the same as 22-23 at c£2,000 due to an increase in purchases and overheads. Mainly: (i) some costs have increased e.g. tournament expenses and payment for net duties. (ii) some one-off investments including new equipment for upgraded security, a leaf blower, pickleball kit. (iii) new and ongoing costs, such as court maintenance, and floodlight electricity costs.

Due to a change in our lease with the Parish Council in context of the floodlight project, we no longer have the ongoing cost of rent, but are now responsible for all club maintenance costs.

Floodlight costs: electricity costs, following the completion of the floodlight project, have been £580 year to date. Floodlight member charges from club nights and from court bookings were £280. Some additional costs will be offset against coaching income, but we expect we will need to increase floodlight charges from September this year. The committee review and advise members at the end of summer.

Membership numbers: In the 2023-24 season, there were 206 members, of which 166 were annual fee-paying members. To date in 2024, we have received £3,700 in membership revenue: 164 members, of which 140 are annual fee-paying members, the rest Pay & Play. Compared to the same time in 2023, we had 139 annual members. We have seen 30 new annual members join the club, 10 new pay and play members, and 3 pay & play members from last season have upgraded their membership to annual. This was in part due to a new initiative introduced at the end of December to encourage new annual members, offering 15 months for the price of 12.

5. Coaching Update (Justin)

Justin gave an update on coaching including growth of the offer, retention and future plans. Ideas include a summer kids programme planned with the Parish Council, doubles performance tennis sessions for League / competitive players.

6. Basingstoke & District Regional League Update (James & Charlotte)

We're on the up in the leagues with great participation from active players. Results from 2023's summer and winter seasons:

- Men's Doubles League – Summer division 4 – came 4th, Winter division 3 – came 4th
- Mixed Doubles League update – Summer division 3 - came 5th, Winter division 3 – came 1st so will be promoted to Division 2 for Winter 2024.

7. 2023 Competition presentations

Trophies were presented to the winners of the 2023 Summer Competition and Summer and Winter Round Robins. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

Competition	2023	
	Winner(s)	Runners Up
Ladies' Singles	Charlotte Pallangyo	Sarah Hughes
Ladies' Doubles	Sarah Hughes Sue Austin	Charlotte Pallangyo Helen Timpany
Men's Singles	Harrison Clinton	Matt Gregory
Men's Doubles	Paul Clinton Harrison Clinton	James Rushmere Matt Gregory
Mixed Doubles	Mark Elener Claire Orme	Ray Pygott Alison Irani
Summer Round Robin Ladies'	Charlotte Pallangyo	
Winter Round Robin Ladies'	Sarah Hughes	
Summer Round Robin Men's	Steve Airtton	
Winter Round Robin Men's	Justin Tadman	

7. Plans for 2024 (Helen, Mark, Sue)

- Pickleball (Helen) - Updated on the new offer we have set up at the club - including equipment, pricing etc to support one Sunday session per month. Confirmed interest in parent/child sessions as a taster.
- Sponsorship (Helen) - Announced McCarthy Holden as the club's first ever commercial sponsor.
- Summer Competitions (Mark) - Will continue again this coming year, deadline for entry soon.
- Community Events – attendees were requested for volunteer support for School Fun Run and the Village Festival.
- Attendees expressed interest in the potential for us to a Club Tournament day – update tbc.
- We will be in touch to organise an American Doubles tournament in due course.

8. Club Development (Sue)

Plans shared and discussion from attendees around a combined club house and music room to be located court side between the courts and the car park, in line with development plans shared at previous AGMs. This would be a joint project between the school and HWTC, with us taking the lead.

The clubhouse has already been proposed via a pre-planning application, so Hart District Council are aware. The facility would include: a small social space, unisex toilet, kitchenette, separate storage for HWTC and the school, plus an outdoor social space.

We anticipate appointing a professional fundraiser to take the lead on obtaining grants and donations. Will also need some local HWTC and school fundraising activity.

It was confirmed that on 9th May the school will be raising the idea at local authority development meeting. Following this, we will have a better idea on the viability of the project and next steps.

9. Committee Election

Sue confirmed this year will be her last year on the Committee and invited members to express interest in the Chair role at the 2025 AGM.

The following committee members were duly elected:

- Chair – Sue Austin re-elected
- Treasurer – Claire Orme re-elected
- Secretary – No nominees – this position is vacant following Sarah's decision to step out of the role
- Welfare Officer – Paul Tomlinson re-elected
- Junior/School Liaison – Jamie Cheetham re-elected
- Ordinary Members – Helen Timpany re-elected / Justin Tadman / Sarah Hughes

10. AOB and questions

Various questions were raised and answered, most of which are captured below.

Q: How do the maintenance costs of the courts work with the Greenfields School?

A: Hampshire County Council owns the land - our agreement with them is that the School has unlimited use of the courts during school hours, with HWTC having use at other times. The maintenance costs are the responsibility of HWTC, as embedded within the updated lease terms with the HW Parish Council, our landlord.

Q: How do we mitigate against a child having an accident on the courts during school hours? Is the Club liable?

A: As part of our change of terms, we spoke to our insurers (Howdens) and the LTA who advised us to update our processes and policies around our responsibility around risk around injury/accident liability. We are not liable for any accidents that take place out of school hours. We now have an improved process for auditing the condition of the courts on a regular basis to ensure we mitigate any risks. School will also have auditing processes in place to risk assess check the condition of the courts is fit for use.

Q: What age can you play in the League Competitions?

A: Need to confirm to Mark E who enquired about his son taking part. [Post meeting note: 14 and up.]

My thanks to all who attended for their support and excellent contributions at the meeting.

*Sue Austin
Club Chair*