



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
OF THE PARISH OF NORTH HORSHAM  
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024 AT 7.30pm  
AT ROFFEY MILLENIUM HALL, CRAWLEY ROAD, HORSHAM**

The Annual Parish Meeting started at 7.00pm with refreshments and an opportunity to talk to members of the Parish Council. The main meeting started at 7.30pm.

Present at the Meeting were five members of the public, Parish Councillors Britten, Davidson, Davidson-Fernandez, Gough, Raby, Smithurst, Turner and Wilton, guest speakers Mr Phillip Gibbs (Chairman of Roffey Football Club (RFC)), Tom Barnes (Chairman of Roffey Cricket Club (RCC)), Sarah Norman (Clerk to the Council) and Lisa Underwood (Deputy Clerk).

## **MINUTES**

**In the chair:** Cllr A Britten - Chairman of North Horsham Parish Council.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance. Apologies had been received from Cllrs K Burgess, P Burgess, Rickett, Searle & Torn.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Parish held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.
3. The Chairman presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council for 2023/24 which was available in hard copy and on the Parish Council website [www.northhorsham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northhorsham-pc.gov.uk).
4. The Chairman welcomed Mr Phillip Gibbs, Chairman of RFC.

Mr Gibbs gave a presentation about the activities and future plans of RFC, which can be seen in Appendix A. Mr Gibbs confirmed that, along with other North Horsham Clubs, they had been invited to operate the new Mowbray sports facility, which was an exciting prospect. RFC will still also be operating from their current site.

Questions from the floor were asked and Mr Gibb answered the questions summarised as follows:

- A nearby resident advised that they do get asked for directions to RFC and asked if there were plans to have any direction signs in the surrounding area. Mr Gibbs advised that they are going to look into that as the club is getting bigger.
- Mr Gibbs confirmed that there were various teams, such as the 1<sup>st</sup> team, U18's, U23's and 3 veteran teams.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gibbs for his presentation.

The Chairman then welcomed Mr Tom Barnes, Chairman of RCC.

Mr Barnes gave a presentation about the activities and future plans of RCC, which can be seen in Appendix B.

Questions from the floor were asked and Mr Barnes answered the questions summarised as follows:

- The boar logo for both clubs is historic and relates to where both clubs used to share a site, which used to be a slaughterhouse.
- Professional cricket players tend not to play for the club and go elsewhere in the county.
- Girls and women are being recruited to play cricket from Horsham Rugby Club and those associated with the cricket club through partners and siblings etc. The club is also looking at their connections with Bohunt School to recruit more players and to be able to use the new facilities at Mowbray, when they become available.

5. The Chairman then opened the floor for any questions from the attendees, detailed below:

- A resident has been in discussions with Network Rail and Councillors from Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) regarding the condition of the footpath that runs from Treadcroft Drive to Bluebell Close (Chennells Way), Horsham. The footpath provides access across the railway line, via two stiles, to the local amenities on both sides of the track as well as green spaces. The surface of the footpath is predominately mud with a small amount of hard surfacing at the Treadcroft Drive entrance, which appears to be an existing path. The footpath is also attracting anti social behaviour.

Network Rail cut back the undergrowth and made some small improvements to the stiles with a promise to do more. WSCC advised that they will only maintain urban PROWs that are made surfaces, i.e. asphalt or slab. If the surface is unmade and it is in a condition that requires maintenance then in the first instance it would need to be referred to the relevant PROW officer, which was done.

It was suggested a community highways scheme could be looked into.

The resident would like any support and advice from the Parish Council. Cllr Turner advised that this matter can be added to a future Planning, Environment & Transport agenda for discussion.

- A resident commented on Bartholemew Way bus shelter and the missing panels and asked if the Parish Council are due to maintain the shelter and replace the panels. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that this shelter was due to be painted this year and we will look at getting the roof cleaned as well. The Property Committee did consider replacing the panels last year, but did not agree to do so as historically the panels are damaged frequently and there are insufficient funds to keep replacing them.

After thanking all those who had attended, and there being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.29pm.

..... Signed .....Date

Unconfirmed

# ROFFEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Established 1901



Presentation  
North Horsham Parish  
Council  
April 2024



## Introduction to Roffey FC

- 125 year history
- Senior football club from under 18s to veterans
- Strategically linked to Roffey Robins FC-together nearly 600 players
- Long term connections with Roffey Cricket Club
- We lease our ground from HDC (public open space)
- Two pitches, clubhouse and outdoor catering facilities
- Community focused-continental model



# From Under 18s to Veterans





# 1st Team Div 1 County League Champs





# Roffey Robins FC to Roffey FC Pathway



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JUNIOR TO SENIOR  
FOOTBALL







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# People



Chris G

Southern Combination Football League

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# The Roffey Welcome





# Pitch Facilities



# Pitches 1 & 2

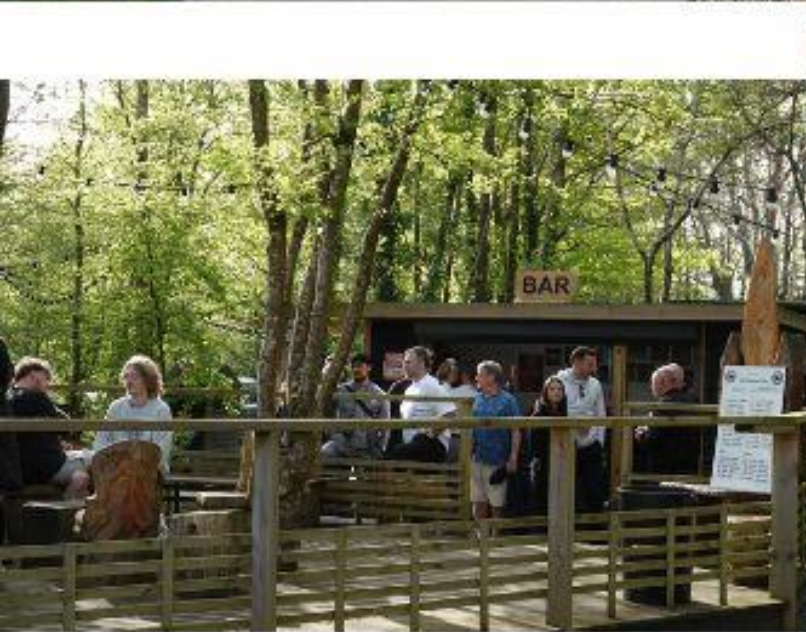


Pitches 1 Under  
Floodlights

# Boars Bites Tea Hut



# Boars Bar



# Club House & Parking



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Photos by Chris Gregory





## Challenges and Solutions

- Maintaining two clay pitches to play over 100 games each season
- Using less chemicals, use organic solutions to improve soil structure
- Managing impact of dog walkers on site during wet periods
- Constructing safe pathways in surrounding woodlands
- Reducing impact of car parking in nearby streets during match days
- Ageing clubhouse, high utility costs and improvements in security



## Future Plans

- Club is growing, players and supporters demand better facilities
- We must be financially viable, balancing sustainability with ambition
- Costs are rising, pitches need repairing, clubhouse conversion
- New clubhouse bar and coffee morning facilities for public use
- Brand new complex being offered by L&G/HDC in Mowbray by 2028
- We will eventually have two sites (plus Roffey Robins FC) and will become the largest club in Horsham and top 10 club in Sussex



Thank You & Any Questions?



# Roffey Cricket Club

Community cricket club for all

# Our History



- Founded in 1904.
- Moved to our current home in 1932. The Innes Memorial Ground.
- Began playing league cricket in the 1970s. Playing in the Sussex Invitation League and Mid Sussex League.
- 2001 joined the Sussex Cricket League
- Won the league 6 times in the last 10 years.



# Where are we now?

- 4x league open age teams
- 1x open age friendly team
- 1x womens team, founded in 2022.
- 7x junior teams (U9-U16)
- Bar open.
- Clubhouse available to hire.



# Womens and Girls Cricket



- Partnership with Marlow Sports.
- Increase participation in cricket for women and girls.
- 100% membership subsidy for girls 12-16.
- 50% membership subsidy for women 17+.

Cricket

## Women's and girls' cricket gets huge boost at Roffey CC

Roffey Cricket Club have announced a new initiative to increase women and girls' playing participation.

By Martin Read

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