

BIRDLIP AND BRIMPSFIELD CC

2025 AGM Minutes



MEETING DATE: Sunday 14th December 2025

TIME: 7pm – 7.50pm.

LOCATION: B&BCC Pavilion, Sinclair Field, Birdlip.

ATTENDEES: Ian Green (IG) Andrew Hieron (AH) Trevor Holder (TH) Nitin Shetty (NS) Andy Williams (AW) Julian Holmes (JH) Andy Ward (AW2)

Proceedings Began 19:00hrs

1. Apologies.

Received from; Charles Turner, Simon Masding, Aaron Bennett.

2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM.

Minutes were issued following previous AGM. An overview was delivered by AH minutes remain available via B&BCC website.

3. Chairmans report – IG

Overall, the playing season was disappointing – 1st Team relegated from Division 6, the 2nd team finishing 5th in Division 9D and Midweek team relegated from Division 2. There were thrilling finishes to some matches and some memorable individual performances through the season. However, consistency in batting and fielding and player availability to produce settled teams were factors in the finishing positions of all teams.

The second team saw away fixtures played in the Cirencester and Swindon area, which was quite a distance for some players to travel, following the league restructure.

It was great to see new players come into the club as the season progressed, all making positive contributions. Thanks to Sathya Prakash, Paul Smith and Aaron Bennett for introducing the new players to the club. We also saw some past players make a comeback at various parts of the season. The club is in a positive place in respect to numbers of players. We have seen one additional player join the club for 2026. A couple of more players of 1st team potential would strengthen the club. Youth players continue to make an impression in the 1st team and come through into the second team.

A thanks to Paul Smith, Aaron Bennett and Jake Bidmead for taking on the captaincy of the club's teams. There was a really positive contribution by Sathya Prakash and Aaron Bennett with the organisation of midweek practice sessions.

We await the fixtures for 2026.

Award winners 2025

1st team Batting – Nitin Shetty, Bowling – Sachin Kulkarni

2nd team Batting – Ian Green, Bowling – Ankur Nautiyal

Youth – Catriona Williams, Clubman – Aaron Bennett, Junior Award – Harry Talbot

We entered the Under 15's development league, finishing 4th, ahead of some of the bigger teams in the area. We worked well in partnership with Sheepscombe for a third season. It was disappointing we only played 4 out of 7 fixtures as some teams could not get teams together. We await the new youth structure for 2026.

We received ECB Clubmark re- accreditation, reflecting a safe, welcoming and well organised club.

As a result of the great weather, the club completed 38 of 40 scheduled games at the club and the positive financial figures reflect the success of 2025.

Over the season we hosted twenty games where other clubs hired the ground. This included National Star Centre, Cromwell, Gloucestershire Over 60's and Hatherley & Reddings Under 13's.

Our Dynamos soft ball programme attracted twelve children aged 5-11years, following an 8-week programme. Without this programme we would not have been able to apply for another County Grant. A thankyou to Chris and Rachel Guest, Nitin Shetty, and Kev Blackburn who helped to run the programme. We were also supported by a number of juniors completing various volunteer courses through the season – Noah Guest, Rowan Fraser and Tom Cusack.

Trevor will provide a breakdown in his financial report.

Significant funding areas in 2025:

- County Grant (2nd) of £10K which allowed us to upgrade electrics, replace the balustrade, install a new front window in the lounge area and new windows to the toilets and replace the carpet in the lounge
- Cycle Cross event – providing twelve marshals for the event, generated £1200
- Sponsorship through Practical Roof Solutions and Memsahibs Lounge, thanks to Rasel Mahmud
- Our largest areas of spend through the season included the new Outfield Mower and a new cutting cylinder for the wicket mower. Tree work at the end of the season resulted in

reducing the height of eighty three Leylandii trees next to the practice area. This will improve sunlight onto the practice area and veranda in the evening

Other work at the club:

- Thanks to Ken Griffith for his work on the improvements to the outdoor nets
- Aaron Bennett for the new electronic scoreboard

Thank you to the committee for their input through the season.

Thank you to the Coaches who helped with the junior coaching programme throughout the summer – particularly Jake Bidmead, Aaron Bennett and Trevor Holder.

Ground – thanks to all who have helped with the ground, with a particular mention to Andy Williams, Aaron Bennett, Kev Blackburn and Brian Bright and Tom Parsons and Allen Partridge who have helped with equipment maintenance.

A thankyou to Alison Burt and Hannah Bennett for scoring. A mention for Tracey Green who provided two match teas through the season.

Key features for 2026:

Junior Cricket Partnership - The club will continue its partnership with Sheepscombe. However, we do have a gap in our development programme. We have juniors progressing to adult cricket. We only have 4 Under 15's, no Under 13's and we have our Under 11's Dynamo's softball section. Some of Under 11's started hardball cricket after the Dynamos programme and this will continue in 2026. We hope to put out some Under 15's teams out with Sheepscombe. I will continue to need help with both Dynamos and the hard ball programme. I probably have one, maybe two seasons left in me organising the juniors

Weekend fixtures – we will arrange two Sunday fixtures in May and June (and consider T20 fixtures) this will help to give under 16s and adults games at weekends

Ground requirements – It's the same message every year – more volunteers to help with the ground

ECB Club Mark Accreditation – In 2027, we will see the launch of the ECB's new Accredited Club Status programme. In 2026 there will be no extra requirements to achieve Club Mark, only the requirements we have met during 2025.

4. Treasurer's report – TH

More cricket activities indoor and out help push up fees collected, albeit some extra costs needs paying. Collecting match fees a bit problematic at first but last 2/3 of the season players were fairly prompt. Overall much better than last season.

£10K grant - Improving environment - balustrade, electrics, carpets, windows & blinds. With some players helping with labour we managed to get more material value out of the grant and reduced cost the club had to pay out above the value of the grant.

I found a new Insurance scheme the Glos County were going into and it seems we were the first club to use it. Although not showing reduction in the account as half of 23/24 insurance payments fall in this year's account. The payment in April was in-full (normally spread across 12 and over 2 accounting periods) and around £700 less.

Major purchase a pre-owned outfield mower which we purchased new cutter paid by an ECB interest free loan ECB Loan runs for 5 years, the previous loan for the fence finishes next May this would have ended before but payments frozen during Covid.

Thanks to the running of the club over recent years the pending job of cutting back of the trees by practice net was funded by club bank account. Since discussions started we thought we would have to borrow money from reserved funds held by the trustees.

Easyfundraising. Since started club has received £655, this year about £70 - But only by 2 people and one of those is not a member. Despite various requests no one seems bothered. Companies give us money for doing nothing apart from registering and saying yes when prompted if you want to receive donation. Or search for company via their search box. Over 8000 brand and companies donate through the scheme.

Expenses not accounted for yet. Ken for work on practice net frames. Aaron for putting together an electronic scoreboard.

Bar - Price increases, mainly on pints helped increased funds raised. Tried to keep prices reasonable to keep opposition at the club for longer. Thanks to Aaron, Jake, Keith and Nitin for running the bar when events going on, which is a big help.

5. Pavilion condition update.

Much work was undertaken at the club last year (as noted in item 3), most significantly to the trees that border the West boundary. 5 areas of work are planned for the forthcoming period;

- Fix to intruder alarm, needed Jan 2026
- Repaint front fascia
- Some shower tiles breaking away
- Some loose boards on veranda
- Painting in toilets

6. Election of officers.

No alternative nominations had been received for the 3 elected positions.

The positions were proposed and seconded on block. Proposer – AW2 & 2nd – AW.

Chairman - One member standing. Elected IG

Hon. Secretary - One member standing. Elected AH

Treasurer - One member standing. Elected TH

7. Management committee.

These are non-elected positions. Chairman has volunteers for captains and will confirm at first committee meeting. May need to replace Jake as midweek captain as work commitments prevent availability.

First committee meeting planned for Feb 26.

8. Chairmans Proposal.

The club's finances are in a healthy position. However, we are going to lose a few income streams in 2026. The Cotswold Cycle Cross will not take place (£1200). Other Sponsorship avenues will need to be looked at as Practical Roof Solutions (£750) has now been exhausted after 3 years of support.

Bar income in 2025 was fantastic. However, this was a result of great weather through the summer. We still want to improve a few areas ready for 2026. We need to budget carefully. Ideally, we want to change the portable batting cage, purchase a better gazebo or small marquee for the veranda – this will help when running BBQ's. We need to renew some of the slats in the top sight screen and consider a permanent structure to house the electronic scoreboard. At the end of the season, we will need to spend money on sharpening the mowers. We also need to upgrade the current intruder alarm system.

I am proposing we increase match fees for 2026. The committee appear to be in favour of this.

Match Fees will increase to £8 adults / Juniors £5 at weekends and increase fees to £5 midweek.

Match fees will remain at £10 when we provide teas. This could generate around £1000 for the season. If an adult plays 18 games this will only be an increase of £36 for the season.

Non - members will pay an additional £2 (£10) to cover match day insurance.

We will find out from other clubs about their membership and match fees, so we can compare fees and make recommendations for 2027.

9. Trustee Updates.

In line with the club rules some previous trustees were re-appointed at a previous AGM and the appointment dates are;

Simon Masding	08.01.23
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Charles Turner	08.01.23
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Tom Parsons	08.01.23
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Julian – “Club appears well run and the fabric and ground improvements are welcomed by the trustees. We aim to conclude boundary / gift of trust legal amends in the next few weeks.”

10. Any other business.

AW2 – Hatherley and Reddings U13 may like to extend use on Monday and Tuesday evenings – further discussion with IG.

AW2 – noted importance of bringing new members and youth cricketers into club and importance of social media in doing this.

CLOSED 19.50.