Taplow Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting 2025

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: Friday 14th of November 2025

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Clubhouse, Taplow Cricket Club

Participants: U. Butt, D. Somerville, A. Bond, Y. Ahmed, G. Lightfoot, D. Wigmore, S. Daglish, G. Daglish, W. Malik, A. Butt, Z. Butt, S. Goodrham, R. Rathore, R. Ahmed.

Apologies for Absence: Z. Butt, I. Pulsford, A. Embry, R. Court, B. Daglish, K. Khan, N. Akram, R. Butt, Z. Ahmed, F. Khan, M. Pritchard, R. Waheed, P. Duckworth, M. Baig, V. Patel, F. khan, A. Rehman, F. Jahangor, A. Shah, J. Khan, K. Asghar, A. Hussain, M. Javed, D. Barton, M. Zubair, A. Hill, S. Christy, G. Court, L. Fisher, W. Midlane, A. Mills, G, Mills, D. Thornley, C. Kellett, G. Herbert, Z. Hill, T. Parker.

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The Chairman of Taplow Cricket Club, Andy Bond, welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the meeting.

One minute silence was observed to pay respect to Brian May ex-Taplow player/legend, who recently passed away.

Minutes of last AGM held on 25th November 2024:

Minutes read and accepted.

Proposed: S. Daglish, **Seconded:** G. Lightfoot

Matters Arising:

None.

Chairman's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen this year the quality of the square unfortunately took a downward turn, being a combination of the very dry summer, and a change to the groundsman who sadly did not match the capabilities of the previous incumbent. However, I am pleased to report that said previous groundsman will be back looking after our square again this

coming year. The square will only be available for Taplow matches, and a few already committed junior games, as we need to regard 2026 as a 'repair' year.

It was very pleasing, and I was very proud that in our 175th year, our 1st XI and our newly established 3rd XI both won promotion to the next division up from their respective leagues. Sadly the 2nd XI dropped down a division. Thank you to all captains, vice captains, and players for your efforts to achieve success on the playing field for Taplow CC. The Presidents/Chairmans day was revived, and a good day was had by all – both players and previous members who turned up to enjoy the day, we will be making that a fixture in the calendar moving forward.

Our ambitious plan of providing new outdoor nets facilities has moved forward and will be spoken about more later in this meeting.

We have been able to improve the clubhouse facilities by now having a screen and projector, kindly provided and installed by Tom Parker, Buildings Chairman, who also fixed the roofs of all three sheds. The cladding received a much needed repaint (thanks to Farooq and Drew). Other plans for next year include renovations/redecoration in the clubhouse, general repairs, and the usual ongoing maintenance and further exterior 'smartening up' to make Taplow CC an admired facility by visiting teams and visitors.

With regards to sponsorship, our first year's funds of a two-year sponsorship deal with Hall & Woodhouse eventually arrived. This of course will be used for the benefit of the club and members. Don't forget about the 15% discount that H&W extends on food and drink for all Taplow CC members! Not resting on his laurels, our President, Alistair Hill continues to look for further opportunities, and we are currently in contact with the Grovefield Hotel in Burnham for potential partnership. Anybody who has contacts with business owners or individuals who might like to sponsor the Club please let us know.

As usual, at this point I would like to remind the membership that the committee tries its best to run this club for your benefit. I am sure you would like me to extend your thanks, and also my own personal thanks to them for their support and hard work. I would like to give special thanks to Sian McCatty, our Safeguarding Officer, who is stepping down from the role this year, and who has played a significant part in the recent expansion of the colts section whilst performing a necessary function for the club. Of course, as most of you are aware, Drew Somerville is also stepping down as Chairman of Cricket, and I'm sure, along with my personal thanks, that you would like to extend your appreciation for the work he did in that position.

I will let Drew Somerville report to the Colts section activities, but as always, it remains an integral and large part of both the present and the future of this club, and big thanks go to everyone involved in running teams, organising the admin and the Friday nights, BBQ'ing etc. As is the goal, the section is again producing young players getting their first

taste of men's cricket in the Sunday team, and we were also very happy to have had 3 young men getting their first taste of league cricket with the 3rd XI.

Social events, both external hires and internal celebrations, made a useful contribution to this year's finances. This clubhouse is a facility that has the potential to bring more revenue to the club, so please remember to mention us if you know of anyone looking for a venue...we can't offer cricket playing facilities next year, but anything else can be considered.

As I said last year, many thanks once again to all members who have put their time and effort into helping run this club, both on and off the pitch. It can't be done without you. Andy Bond thanked everyone at the end.

Treasurer's Report

Gill presented the financial report to the members present.
Treasurer's Report - Financial year ending 31 August 2025

Summary
The accounts show that the club made a small profit of £1.3K.

Income
Total income increased by just over £4K from last year.

Subscriptions are slightly up on last year. There were increases in adult playing and social subscriptions, but Dynamos, Allstars and Colts subscriptions were lower.

Match fees were up by £2.2K, due mainly to the addition of the third Saturday league team and includes guest subscriptions.

Other income includes a £5K grant from ECB, sponsorship from Hall & Woodhouse £2.5K and Uneek £360, clubhouse hirings £1K, ground hirings by Burnham Grammar School £640 and Bucks County colts £300, BAM £500 payment to allow helicopter to use car park as part of Jubilee River repair work, TVCL refund £510, shoes and jumpers £420 and EasyFundraising £90.

Bar profits was similar to the previous year, representing a significant contribution to the club's income.

Expenditure
Total expenditure was £2.2K higher than last year. Most of this relates to additional costs relating to the third Saturday team. Most of the costs are self-explanatory. The club received a £600 credit from EDF in November 2024.

Playing and kit includes hire of the Phoenix ground for third team matches £1.4K, balls £1.2K, stumps £200, league fees £300, winter nets £350 and fines from the TVCL £120.

She thanked Geoff Herbert who acted as our independent examiner of the accounts. She answered questions from the members and ended her report.

Chairman of Colts and Cricket Report:

This year, for the first time in decades, we entered three senior teams into the League. We re-instigated a Selection Committee. Thanks to Andy Bond, Umair Butt, Rob Court and Umer Mian for making it work. Not perfect, but it is a step in the right direction for the club. Congratulations to the 1 st XI for finishing second in their division, and we look forward to returning to Division 4 next season – and potentially renewing our rivalry with the champions Marlow. There were some fine batting, bowling and fielding performances this season. Taplow appeared in all the Top 5 tables. Well done everyone. There were a few incidents to report. Hopefully Rizwan has learnt to never walk off the pitch again, whatever the provocation; an automatic concession occurred at Shinfield. On a positive note, I was pleased that in a rain-affected match against Windsor – which Taplow ended up winning by 1 run – both the opposition Captain and Umpire applauded Rizwan and the team for their efforts to make the game happen. Hard luck to the 2nd XI this year, who were relegated. The players tried hard and there were some good individual performances. I hope they can come back with renewed vigor in Division 6 next year. Congratulations to the 3 rd XI for winning their division and finishing the season unbeaten. Although the Oxfordshire U15 team (Henley 4 th XI) pushed them close! Well done to Zubair for supporting Taplow youngsters – three U14s played for his team during the season. There is some uncertainty in which division our 3 rd XI will play next season. The Thames Valley Cricket League has decided to combine divisions 8-10 to reduce travel. We will find out more at their AGM in December. Our thanks to Claire's Court School and Phoneix Sports and Social Club for supporting us with a second ground. This year was the 100 th year of the midweek T20 Julian Cup. Matches were competitive but unfortunately Taplow couldn't proceed beyond the group stage. Unfortunately, we have had some issues with preparation of the square this year. Hopefully we can recover next year.

Finally, this is my last year as Chairman of Cricket. I would like to thank the players for tolerating me! And I would like to thank the committee, past and present, for their support. In my time we navigated the move from Chilterns League into the TVCL. There have been promotions, relegations, and now thankfully more promotions. Our finances are also in better shape – long may that continue.

Colts Chairman Report

Another successful year of All Stars and Dynamos softball cricket. We were oversubscribed – over 50 youngsters enjoyed cricket on Friday evenings. It was a joy to see U7s playing their first cricket match, and the U11s doing their song and dance routine when they got a wicket. The U13s and U15s enjoyed their cricket, although it was noticeable that other clubs are more competitive than us at that age. Another reason why new nets are so important for the club and the development of junior cricket. This year we renewed our relationship with Burnham Grammar School and hosted their home school matches. We also hosted some Bucks County Colts matches. It has been great to see good quality junior cricket being enjoyed at Taplow.

Update on Nets
Hopefully everyone will be aware of our Crowdfunder campaign to fund two new outdoor lanes. So far we have collected over £5k in donations, to add to the £10k set aside by the club from reserves. We estimate the project will cost us about £40k. The balance will be paid for by a 5-year interest free loan from the ECB. We are waiting to hear from Sport England to see if we qualify for a £5k grant. Obviously, the more money we collect now, the less debt we will have to service in the future. We sought quotes from four ECB-approved suppliers: ClubTurf; Dura-Sport; Durants; and Notts Sport. Our preferred supplier is Notts Sport. It was the best quality system, and they gave us the option to reduce costs by doing the groundwork ourselves. A planning application has been submitted to the Council. In the next month the committee will need to decide to commit if we want to get the new nets installed for the new season.

Election of the Committee Members:

Following members were elected uncontested via resolution.

Motion: to elect the committee members en-block
Chairman – Andy Bond
Treasurer - Gill Daglish
Secretary – Umair Butt
Colts Chairman – Drew Somerville
Fixture Secretary – Simon Christy
Membership Secretary – Greg Lightfoot
Buildings Chairman – Tom Parker
Grounds Chairman – Dave Wigmore
Social Secretary – Zoe Hill

Proposed: D. Somerville, **Seconded:** Y. Ahmed

Election for Chairman of Cricket was held as two nominations were received. Simon Goodrham was nominated by R. court and Seconded by G. Court. And Yasir Ahmed was nominated by R. Butt and seconded by N. Akram.

19 proxy votes were received for Simon Goodrham
23 proxy votes were received for Yasir Ahmed

3 votes in person were received for Simon Goodrham
5 votes in person were received for Yasir Ahmed

Total votes received for Simon were 22 and 28 votes were received for Yasir Ahmed.

Yasir Ahmed was elected new Chairman of Cricket.

Appointment of independent examiner to audit accounts:

Motion: to propose that Geoff Herbert be appointed as independent examiner for financial year 2025/2026.

Proposed: G. Daglish, **Seconded:** S. Daglish

The meeting closed at 09:10 pm.

Minutes prepared by Umair Butt on 20th of November 2025.

Signed by,

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Chairman of the cricket Club