



## **Halesworth Golf - Club Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday 13th January 2026

### **1. Attendance**

- Ben Townsend – Managing Director
- Gerry Jackson – Club Captain
- Rowan Naismith-Robertson – Club Vice Captain
- Paul Smith – Senior Captain
- Brian Dennis – Senior Vice Captain
- Viv Leech – Ladies Captain
- Julie Cooper – Ladies Vice Captain

Apologies: None

### **2. Welcome**

GJ thanked all attendees for coming.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **4.1 Aldeburgh Golf Club Invitation**

Aldeburgh GC extended a generous invitation for two Halesworth representatives to play in a fourball competition followed by lunch on Monday 22nd June 2026. The Captains agreed to circulate the invitation to members and run a ballot. Two names will be drawn at random.

#### 4.2 Marking of Scorecards

GJ raised the ongoing issue of players marking their own cards in competitions. Rowan reviewed the R&A rules and confirmed that:

- Rule 3.3b(2) and Committee Procedures Section 5a(1) allow a club to implement a procedure enabling team players to mark their own cards (excluding individual competitions). Rowan will draft a formal procedure for committee approval.

#### 4.3 Block Booking of Tee Times

Concerns were raised about unused block-booked tee times in competitions, particularly later slots that prevent general-play members from teeing off earlier. This will be monitored, and unused times will be released as soon as possible.

#### 4.4 IG Platform Replacement

PS asked about IG being replaced by HowDidIDo, noting negative feedback. BT clarified that although the platform shares the same name, it is a completely new system.

#### 4.5 Ladies Captain's Report

VL reported that the early part of her captaincy is going well.

### 5. Club Update (BT)

- Bereavement:

BT reported the sad passing of long-serving and well-respected member Trevor Adcock on Monday 12th January. The committee extends its condolences to Trevor's family.

- Gym Development:

Contractors are being appointed and we hope work will start in the next few weeks. Their vehicles and machinery will require access via the car park. A revised car park layout will be implemented to minimise disruption.

- New Shoe Cleaner:

Installation will take place within the next couple of weeks. The unit will include a grated well and two air hoses.

- 1st Tee Hut Clock:

The clock will be replaced.

- Pro Shop:

A new line of golf attire is planned. Ben Jewell is in discussions with Under Armour. Members now receive a 10% discount on purchases when using their membership card.

- Stroke Indexes:

The new stroke indexes have been finalised and will be implemented once the updated scorecard design is complete.

## **6. Matters for Discussion**

### **6.1 New Captains' Drive-In**

All section Captains confirmed that preparations for the event on Sunday 8th March are progressing well.

### **6.2 Alignment of Sunday Competitions**

A discussion took place regarding better alignment of Ladies' and Gents' competitions on Sundays to allow mixed participation and earlier tee times. GJ will arrange a meeting with both fixture secretaries and the Captains to progress this.

## **7. Health & Safety**

No issues raised.

## **8. Any Other Business**

None.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 18:30

Gerry Jackson  
Club Captain