Wessex Blues

141st Meeting Minutes

Started 8th October 2026 19:20
Closed 8th October 2026 19:38

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Rich gave thanks, welcomed everyone to the meeting, (20 members) and pending members (1 member) as Robbie was not available to attend.

Rich read out Robbie's apologetic email. Robbie said, Please accept my apologies, I will not be able to attend the next two meetings, will play both jokers! Unfortunately, had promised to an attend a charity function some time ago without knowing the details, I've been booked in and reminded/told it is this Thursday! Would be okay if it was only me involved but a couple of other people too. November, I am in Japan/China, will probably blow my ticket position later in the season, but can't be helped! Please inform the meeting that I am totally supportive of the club in its current situation, being aware of how big business works I have no doubt that financial rules may have been bent, but on comparison with the other "top" clubs our expenditure was comparable, when considering net spend. So how did we gain an advantage of the magnitude quoted? The investment in facilities and surrounding areas, has been phenomenal and benefits reaching much further than the football community! Should it transpire that severe penalties are levied, whether perceived rightfully or wrongly, I will always remain a committed City supporter! Will hopefully see you at the Christmas meeting! Cheers Robbie

Rich also commented that he would not be here in November (in Italy), so we will have to cancel November's meeting….so the next one will be the Christmas meeting in December.

Rich confirmed that this is the first time that both of us cannot attend our next forthcoming meeting.

Rich apologised for missing the previous meeting but was in Italy, so hope the meeting minutes was all right, hence I copied Robbie's notes. Rich also thanked everybody for re-electing him as the General Secretary and Treasurer again for the next two years. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, proposed by Marilyn and seconded by Bill.

Apologies received – Derek P, Phil M, Pat, Graham, Phil W, Robbie (J), Tony, Neil and Margaret

2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late September to early October

Manchester United v Manchester City (0-1) (13th September 2026)
Manchester City v Norwich (5-0) (17th September 2026)
Manchester City v Sunderland (5-3) (20th September 2026)

Rich stated that the previous three games were all good with three victories. Several members stated that they loved the offside goal against Manchester United. The Sunderland game got the most comments….Comments included….Most insane game I've seen in years. Each time any team attacked, it looked like they were going to score. It didn't matter who it was. It was a ridiculous game. We could have been two or three nil down before we scored. Shame that Brian Brobbey got a hat-trick and was on the losing side, who bullied Diaz throughout the game.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late October to early November
Liverpool (A), PSG (H), Ipswich (H), AEK Athens (H), Aston Villa (A), Brighton and Hove Albion (H), Brighton and Hove Albion (H), RB Leipzig (A), and Nottingham Forest (H)

Sunday is going to be interesting (against Liverpool). Is Joe getting himself mentally ready for Sunday?.....Safe travels to both Ryan and Joe and stay out of trouble. The first home game against PSG will also be interesting; many members commented on.

Current membership – 39 (pending 4)….hopefully Andy and his kids will become members before the October deadline.

New members not spoken/attended to date – Deanne Parkin, Liam and Regan Barrett

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.)

3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late Sept and early October for the following games:

Everton (A) – 1 (Ryan)
Arsenal (A) – 3 (Joe, Dave B and Andy P)
Nottingham Forest (A) – 4 (Ryan, Joe, Jack and Dave A)
Leeds (A) – 0
Newcastle (A) – 0
Fulham (H) – 0
Brighton (H) – 0
Tottenham (H) - 0

Birthday wishes – Margaret (12th) and Carole (30th)

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £675.08 (10th October). Membership up by £20 due to membership fees recently paid in by Phil….hopefully it will be more than £700 if Andy and his kids pay shortly.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Rich discussed the Christmas meal. Members suggested that Fish and Chips was better than the pizza option. Rich will contact Robbie on his return from China and Japan to organise. Presents already purchased from last year, and Rich will organise the alcohol again with a similar or slightly less budget based on last year, as member numbers are down. Members briefly mentioned the 115 charges and wondered if Rich had heard from the club to send good well wishes to the players. Rich confirmed that no email had been forthcoming.

Next Meeting – 10th December 2026 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown