

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 7/4/26

1) Committee;

R.Jones, G. Turner, J.Jeal, W.Holland, J.Mante, W.Sweeney, I.Morton, T.Vernalls, R.Ferguson, P.Kitchen, T.Holland, D.Grice, B.Thurston, J.Robinson, J. Martin, J. Lamb.

2) Apologies;

D.Grice, J.Robinson, I. Morton, T.Holland, T.Vernalls.

Prior to the start of the meeting, new members Justin Martin and Jamie Lamb were welcomed to the committee.

3) Matters Arising;

a) February meeting;

All tasks completed, with the exception that AJS Fisheries had not been able to honour the booking to net Centenary and Willow, J.Mante to find new providers for Autumn/Winter 2026.

It was also confirmed that the new trophy cabinet cannot be installed until July.

The minutes were adopted.

b) March meeting;

No minutes were taken as the meeting was solely concerned with AGM preparation.

c) 2026 AGM;

Minutes were approved, J.Mante to email copies to attendees for adoption.

d) AGM Business;

The point raised by M.Hodgson regarding allowing vehicle access around (and between) Centenary and Willow was once again fully discussed and the committee decision was that this, for a variety of both practical and safety reasons, will not be allowed. As a compromise however, it was agreed to create a large hard standing area for vehicle parking at the South end of the lakes (similar to that at the North end) to facilitate easier access for the club's less mobile members. J.Mante to proceed.

The suggestion raised by C.Baldwin regarding re-instating a small number of platforms on Mallard was, after due consideration, agreed with. J.Mante to proceed.

4) Correspondence;

Communication received from member D.Robinson complaining of foul and abusive behaviour from fellow member N. Champion at the draw for a recent Sat knock up match. After full consideration, including taking account of several third party observations, the committee unanimously agreed that this type of behaviour is not acceptable and that a warning letter will be sent, from the club chairman, outlining that any further transgressions will not be tolerated.

Invitation received from Collingham Parish Council to attend their annual village meeting, which has been accepted.

Contact received from member Dave Harford congratulating the club on providing excellent mixed fishing at the Millennium Complex. This was warmly received and appreciated.

5) Treasurer's Report:

J.Jeal reported all was in order and as to be expected, noting that the finances looked particularly buoyant due to an influx of monies from 2027 weir bookings. After some discussion W.Holland proposed (sec.J.Mante) that these monies should not be recorded as 2026 monies but should be properly logged as 2027 income.

This was carried, with the committee noting that there may be a one-off financial dip in the 2026 accounts, noticeable at AGM 2027, as traditionally the weir booking income has been recorded the year it is received and not in the year the bookings are taken for: i.e. the clubs 2026 overall income will not include any weir booking monies, as 2026 weir booking monies have already been recorded as 2025 income and the 2027 weir booking monies will not be recorded as 2026 income but as 2027 income, which will obviously show itself as a 1 year glitch.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney informed all that there will now be a series of knock-ups until the Spring League starts at the end of April (26th).

W.S. confirmed that the away match had been booked on Heron Lake, at The Grange Complex, Messingham and that the fixture list had now been finalised and will be circulated through all the normal channels.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

a) J.Mante reported all routine maintenance was up to date with roadways around Millenium having been repaired and that Centenary and Willow had been treated with salt. Barley straw extract has now been decanted and being used and the annual feeding program is up and running.

Mowing and strimming to start as soon as is necessary, and some small works are planned for the islands before the end of April.

Swan holding net is now in, the annual club fishery policy is up and running, and all carp caught in Swan, above 1.5lb, are to be put in it for appropriate selection.

J.Mante confirmed that, with the exception of groundworks to improve access to some of the pegs (to be planned in as time allows), the platform project had now been completed.

Will Sweeney has, on J.Mantes behalf, sourced and ordered the appropriate new peg numbers, and they will be fixed upon arrival.

J.Lamb suggested he may be able to source a digger for the project, also noting he may be in a position to provide costings for road planings.

It was also noted that D.Elliot had applied for a licence to shoot Greylags, which may hopefully help with our pest control operations.

b) G.Turner reported that P.Kitchen had more or less completed the first river cut of the season noting that a section of bank had already been strimmed.

B.Thurston had cleared some excess brash from 'The Privates', P.Thomas and D.Whitford were to look at some tree work on the CF pegs and that G.Noble had offered help with odd jobs on The Fleet.

Usual road repairs are needed, particularly Westfield Lane, and it was decided that G.Turner, P.Kitchen, I.Morton and A.Coulson would investigate what was required and it was agreed that they should organise whatever materials and equipment that they feel are necessary. G.Turner also highlighted peg 92 as being in need of stone.

8) AOB:

R.Jones has sought legal advice from Fish Legal regarding the ongoing Carlton Ferry Lane situation and it appears that there may be a case to take legal action against the County Council under sect. 56 of the highways act, although it seems that a case may be more successful if lodged by affected residents. In any event CAA are to provide a timeline for relevant parties. B.Thurston suggested that this may be relevant to Westfield Lane too.

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J.Mante suggested that it may be useful if J.Martin had bailiff level access to clubmate to facilitate the monitoring of the clubs junior+intermediate members. All agreed, W.Holland to organise.

P.Kitchen proposed (sec.J.Mante) that a portion of this year's charity funds could be donated to North Scarle Gala who are raising much needed funds for their village hall appeal. All agreed and a sum of £200 has been made available.

W.Holland prop. (sec. B.Thurston) that D.Elliott should be offered committee rate renewal cost for services rendered. Carried.

J.Lamb suggested that CAA should offer a team for the 2027 Commercial Nationals, all agreed. J.Lamb to organise.

It was noted that T.Vernalls has applied for funding from Angling Direct, via their community grants program. Fingers crossed!.

Meeting closed at 21:20.

Next meeting scheduled for 19/5/26

Work To Be Done;

Source and book provider of netting services for C+W (J.M.)

AGM minutes to be emailed to attendees (J.M.)

Create new hard standing area on C+W (J.M.)

New platforms on Mallard (J.M./I.M.).

Warning letter to N.Campion (R.J.).

Attended annual Collingham P.C. village meeting (??).

Provide quote for road planings (J.L).

Carlton Ferry Lane timeline (R.J. + W.H.).

Access to clubmate For J.Martin (W.H.).

Donate £200 to N.Scarle gala (J.J.).

Offer D.Elliot committee level renewal charge (W.H.).

Offer a team for 2027 Commercial Nationals (J.L.)