CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 8th December 2025

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

a. Attendees: Andy Cook, Sue Andrews, Paul Winchcombe, Stewart Smith, Rich Buckley, Rob Duncumb, Ange Dunford, Rich Buckley, James Eccleston, Sukie Headley, David English.
b. New committee members welcomed.
c. November 2025 minutes approved (and now published).

2. Event retrospective

a. Social events - club night discussion to be covered under strategic items.
b. Racing - Trophies are in for engraving. Race programme for 2026 not yet published.
c. Leisure rides - mixed attendance, mostly weather dependent with between 20 and 5 turning out.

3. Future event programme

a. Racing.
    i. Nothing until March.
    ii. It was noted that Chippenham Tri have asked if they can race the 2026 season with the club. This was agreed on the basis they do their proportional share of marshalling and lay the levies.
b. Leisure rides
    i. Programme for next three months being worked on.
c. Social events
    i. Christmas party / hog roast next week (10th).
    ii. Gary Harris booked for 14th Jan - aim to have a bike clinic where members can bring their steeds and a selection of common things can be diagnosed or taught such as indexing gears.
    iii. Feb 28th 2026 to be reserved for awards night. Calendar reservation added.

4. Treasurer update

a. Income and outgoings stabilised now we are at the end of the season.
b. Sub sections should consider pulling together budgets for 2026 for discussion at future meetings.

6. Strategic matters

a. Ride registration - James proposed trialing the RideWithGPS club service over the Christmas period as part of a free trial. This was agreed and following comms on WA and email were issued. Pickup has been good with some questions and defects being accepted by RWGPS. We already pay for a RWGPS account and this new offering would be an extension of that. It would simplify the setup of events and automatically collect attendance details. It also allows delegated user management where as we have a shared username and password presently.
b. Social meeting held 12th November where leisure rides were discussed. Key points from this discussion listed below.
    i. There was a good cross representation of membership present.
    ii. Big emphasis on taking care of slower riders. This might be as they are new to cycling and therefore need to be encouraged or just happier riding at a slower pace.
    iii. The club shall provide a progression from Saturday to Sunday with advertised transition rides where there will be a good level of support provided.
    iv. The programme provides a good mixture of long and short rides with more challenging rides (100 mile plus) taking place at a regular cadence.
    v. Possible inclusion of some routes that have a long and a shorter option but convening at the same cafe location.
    vi. Staggered arrival at a cafe works well for service and seating. Advising the cafe of our visit ensures they are open and expecting us.
    vii. Groups of up to eight riders are most manageable on the road.
    viii. Drive and ride events have proved popular but there was little/no interest in the trip to northern France when that was investigated.
c. Following on from the above points, the committee discussed how rides could be better managed on the day.
    i. Discussion over nominating someone to be rider leader on the day. Someone to organise the start and follow the playbook. Spreadsheet started and link will be circulated.
    ii. Playbook for ride starts - nominated ride leader to ensure the following points are covered at the start.
        1. Are all registered riders accounted for at the start?
        2. Does everyone know where we are going and what the route is?
        3. Does everyone know which cafe we are visiting?
        4. Ensure new or transition riders are looked after.
        5. Form rough groups based on numbers, route and ability.

7. AOB

- Storage:
    - Discussion over storage (again).
    - Email sent to Andy Pollard, sections chair at the sports club asking if any other section might be interested in sharing some storage.

    - Discussion over options at the Rugby Club. Rich Phillips (ex club member) was mentioned as a good contact at the Rugby Club. There was an action to make contact with Rich but cannot recall who took that action.
- Subsequent to the meeting, David advised that he was also treasurer at the Malmesbury CC. It was not felt this would be a conflict of interest. Noted here for the record.
- Subsequent to the meeting, there was a lot of discussion on WA, email and in person over the charging structure for the 2026 Audax series. Finally, an agreement to make this free of charge was made with the club picking up any ancillary costs. Noted here for the record.