CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 9th February 2026

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

a. Attendees: Andy Cook (AC), Sue Andrews (SA), Stewart Smith (SS), Rich Buckley (RB), Ange Dunford (AD), James Eccleston (JE), Sukie Headley (SD), David English (DE). Apologies received from Rob Duncumb (RD) and Paul Winchcombe (PW).
b. January 2025 minutes approved (and now published).

2. Event retrospective

a. Social events
    i. Good turn out for the Gary Walker wheel building social.
b. Racing
    i. Thursday Zwift continues.
c. Leisure rides
    i. Good turn out for recent rides even with the poor weather.

3. Future event programme

a. Racing.
    i. Discussion over Tormarton road closure for 1st March as it is planned to be used for the Hardriders TT. DE all over it.
    ii. Projector can be made available from AC if needed.
b. Leisure rides
    i. Calendar up to date through to the end of March.
    ii. Discussion on missing routes following migration with RidewithGPS. JE to investigate. Update - action complete and routes have been restored.
    iii. Circulate SOP for setting up events to committee members (RB done).
c. Social events
    i. Gary Harris rescheduled for 11th Feburary.
    ii. Club dinner - good take up of sales. Good selection of prizes for raffle.

4. Treasurer update

a. Website hosting invoice paid.
b. Discussion on financial governance with decision as follows:
    i. Any expenditure £250 or more needs to obtain a quotation and committee agreement before committing to spend. Quotation should be detailing what service/product is being provided in order for a judgement on value to be made. Possibility of going to a second quote if deemed necessary.
    ii. Any expenditure £500 or more needs a second quote and committee agreement before committing to spend.

5. Strategic matters

a. RidewithGPS discussion over adoption etc. JE to raise a feature request on RWGPS as follows: “Events published as public but only offer/allow “join” and “interest” registration to club members.”
b. All in favour of supporting the Chippenham Carnival (4th July) with some members in club kit riding (slowly or being casually deliberate - rule #80).
c. Ride leaders - long discussion over responsibility and discussion with conclusion that duties would focus at the start of the ride and ensure everyone knows what they are doing. Committee to develop a rider leader playbook and brief potential ride leaders in the future.
d. AC and RB to consider a brief for SJ (Sheni Jiwa, ex-officio governance officer) and share with the committee over role definitions for eligibility and duties of the honorary positions. This action links to a discussion at the 2025 AGM where the purpose of the Vice President and Honorary Member club positions were to be clarified.
e. Storage - CSSC have a space where we could locate a small container for storage. Investigation to continue into costs involved for purchase and transport. A member has come forward with an offer of storage in central Chippenham. This is also to be investigated as an interim and possibly long term solution.
f. Club kit discussion held regarding different suppliers, control and responsibilities. No decisions were made and the topic was deferred until we have a meeting with a lighter agenda..
g. TdF 2027 - planning around club involvement to celebrate this event will be ongoing.

6. AOB

- Discussion over conditions that might lead to a ride cancellation. If a ride is to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, the communication shall be simple and definitive. For example “Apologies but today’s/tomorrow’s ride has been cancelled due to adverse weather.” There should be no vague warning that members ride at their own risk. Web site content (https://www.chippenhamwheelers.org/club-activities/) updated to reflect these words.
- Advert for Bath Sportive to be advertised to members on WA (done).
- AC to attend February CSSC Section Chairs meeting on 25th.
- Cycology offered to host a Saturday ride start at their shop - info passed onto Midge for consideration (done).

- Cycology reminded us of 10% discount for members - info to be passed onto membership via WhatsApp (done).