CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 20th July 2026

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

a. Attendees: Andy Cook (AC), Sue Andrews (SA), Stewart Smith (SS), James Eccleston (JE), David English (DE), Sukie Headley (SH) and Ange Dunford (AD). Apologies received from Rob Duncumb (RD), Paul Winchcombe (PW) and Rich Buckley (RB).
b. June 2026 minutes approved (and now published).
c. Matters arising from previous minutes.

ID	Notes	Action
2602-03	Ride start coordinators and play book	Leisure ride sub-committee to review roadbook. SS to lead.
2603-04	Arrange to see member storage options	AC and SA have visited John Whittle's (JW) property, Number 11, there is a lot of work to do on the property. Initially could be available for club ride starts, though no free parking. There is room for storage (currently), though uncertain in the long term, as it depends on how space is utilised. Closed.
2603-05	Find a suitable home to donate the club track bikes.	Sulis Scorpions keen on track bikes, but need to find storage. AC to continue liaising with Sulis and some other youth clubs that may be interested.
2603-06	Inform Sporting Billy that kit in the previous design can be given away for free to members.	RB Need to split stock into old/new designs.
2603-07	Enquire about Velodrome sessions.	JE to advertise in August

2. Event retrospective

a. Social events
    i. Chippenham Carnival – good event, thank you to club and committee members who supported. For events in future, it would have been good to have some leaflets to handout.
b. Racing (report provided via email)
    i. 50 Mile time trial – Jake Sargent joined us as a warm up for National 50 and broke the course record with a time of 1:45:32. Simon Cox won the Nixon Cup and Paul Winchcombe won the Edwards Handicap Cup.
    ii. Sheila Edwards 10 mile time trial – Matt Chapple was the overall winner and Paul Winchcombe won the handicap medal. (You will note a theme here that the handicapper is doing well but all original handicapping was reviewed in light of results and revalidated.)
    iii. Club ran an Open 10 mile time trial on Sunday 19 July and had 37 entries. The course record was broken by Max Bolton of Rider Revolution Coaching who broke the old course record of 20:25, with a time of 20:04. The Sheila Wiseman Cup (rose bowl) was won by Flurina Rigling AeroCoach, an international para-cyclist. The event had an excess of income over expenditure (again) although final invoice for hire of the HQ is awaited.
c. Leisure rides
    i. Good turnout, average 15 per ride due to the ongoing good weather.
    ii. Audax series – excellent, very well organised, thank you to the team. More completed full series than in previous years.
    iii. It was agreed that there was a need to clarify delegations to sub-committees – ACTION RB for the next committee meeting.
d. Youth
    i. A couple of good sessions at Castle Combe, Ed Clancy supported one of them. We are able to field at least three adults including two coaches at each session (thanks Sukie).

3. Future event programme

a. Social.
    i. See matters arising
b. Racing
    i. There are 7 more club evening time trials left for this year. However, Matt Chapple now has an unassailable lead in the Jack Nunn handicap trophy.
    ii. 50 mile TT, qualifying event swapped to Welsh 50.
    iii. There are also 2 more open events, Bowden Hill Climb on Saturday 26 September where we will be using the church again and U41 10 mile time trial on Sunday 27 September.
c. Leisure rides

    i. Programme sent out. Confirmation obtained by email.
d. Youth
    i. Continuing as scheduled. The session will be cancelled in the event of bad weather. An extra pair of hands are always welcome.

4. Treasurer update

a. AD advised that the club was running an in-year deficit of £200, after the 25 mile TT surplus had been paid in. Club bank balance remained c£19,000.
b. We are planning on Sports Club fees being retained at £30 per member.

5. Strategic matters

a. AC agreed to follow-up with the CSSC and confirm there is no intent to increase subs for Chippenham Wheelers and check our terms of notice should the club wish to terminate its membership of CSSC.
b. It was agreed that a full discussion of the future with CSSC should be held at the September Committee meeting to enable any decision and recommendation to be put to members at the AGM.
c. It was agreed that a budget and fee proposal should be presented by the Treasurer, itemising the club's expenditure and sources of income, to inform the September discussion.
d. Given the AGM in November could be significant, it was discussed how to encourage participation. It was agreed that it should be combined with a social and held on Wednesday 18 November (event added to the calendar). SA to investigate a venue. It was also agreed that at the August Committee there should be a discussion on the arrangements for AGM proceedings and voting.

6. AOB

- Governance study. Sheni has advised he is intending to work on this between 17th August and 11th September before he goes on holiday. Expect an update for September meeting.
- JE has developed an App to visualise how cyclist riding in groups are seen by cars, showing how riding in pairs can appear as riders all across the road from behind. https://jamesecc.github.io/two-abreast/

7. New actions

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2607-01	Summer social.	Number 11 is a potential venue for the summer social, to be confirmed with JW. Agreed that the Summer Event would be held on Saturday 5 September (most popular of options on WA poll), with rides in the morning then social from about 13:00. SA to confirm date, food and price with John Whittle.
2607-02	Sports club membership fees.	AC/RB to confirm with CSSC if subs will increase to £35 and establish if any notice period to leave.
2607-03	Sports club affiliation.	RB CSSC future discussion to be added to September Committee agenda.
2607-04	2027 budgets.	AD budget for 2027 and fee proposal to be presented at September Committee meeting.
2607-05	AGM and social.	SA venue for combined AGM and social (Wed 18 Nov) to be identified and priced.
2607-06	AGM governance.	RB AGM voting and proceedings arrangements to be added to August agenda.
2607-07	Governance study.	RB Sheni Jiwa to be invited to provide Governance study update at the September Committee meeting.