



WORCESTERSHIRE
COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

2026 AGM MINUTES
TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2026

50 attended in person
51 attended online via zoom

- **Welcome from Dave Baker, Vice Chair of Worcestershire County Cricket Club**
 - Apologies received:
 - Dominic Riley, Chair - Underwent a successful medical procedure and is now at home recovering
 - Chris Neale
 - Mike Vockins
 - Jane Hick
 - Dave Broughall
 - David Exall (joining online)
 - Sej Brar (joining online)
 - Ro Jackson
 - Dave also thanked President Philip Neale for his service as President as his term comes to an end
- **Presidents Address from Phillip Neale OBE**
 - Minute silence held for players and members who passed away during the past year
 - Paid tribute to Board, Executive, Groundstaff, and Cricket Department
- **Minutes of 2025 AGM**
 - Proposer John Wright
 - Seconder Emma Hallam
- **Chairs Address**
 - Read by Vice Chair Dave Baker on behalf of Dominic Riley
- **CEO & Cricket Report**
 - As per annual report
- **Finance Report**
 - As per annual report
- **Received the Annual Report & Statement of Accounts that accompanied them**
 - Proposed by Martyn Price
 - Seconded by John Elliott
- **The meeting voted on the recommendation of the board to appoint Mr Paul Pridgeon as President**
 - For: 101
 - Against 0
 - Abstentions: 1
- **Mr Paul Pridgeon thanked the board and the members of the Club for his election to the position of Club President**
 - **The meeting voted on the re-election of David Manning and Emma Hallam as elected non-executive Directors**
 - For: 100
 - Against: 0
 - Abstentions: 2

- **The meeting approved the appointment of Sej Brar as an additional Director in accordance with Rule 17.4**

- For 100
- Against 0
- Abstentions: 2

- **Any other business**

- Mr Alec Mackie raised:
 - In accordance with Club Rule 27.5 I give notice that I wish to ask for clarity to be given (under any “any other business”) concerning the Chairman’s written statement in the club’s published (March 6th)annual report namely :-
 - “ Expert assessments continue to shape the long-term planning, including progress towards progress towards identifying an additional venue to support professional cricket in the face of increasing flood risk at New Road “
 - This progressive search to identify an ADDITIONAL venue to support professional cricket is welcome, but only if it means that this “additional venue” will be used for 2nd XI cricket, women’s cricket T20 matches and ‘pop’ concerts etc., under the floodlights that will be built as part of the new stadium infrastructure, so that Championship cricket can continue to take place here, as it has done for the past 126 years, whereas this “additional” alternative ground can be used as an when New Rd is flooded or in the immediate aftermath of floods ?
 - Until this is ground is purchased and built (somewhere within the vicinity of Worcester ?) may I respectfully ask your assurance that first class cricket is maintained here under the terms of the covenant entered into in 1977 between the Club and the Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral, which still has a further 50 years to run before it expires, bearing in mind the welcome past and future investment in new spectator and member facilities that continue to be provided at our ground.
- Dave Baker responded:
 - It’s not been determined what cricket will be played at any potential additional venue
 - Would not confirm that any potential additional ground is purchased and built within Worcester. Earlier in the meeting Mr Baker confirmed that both pieces of land under consideration currently as part of Project Elgar are within the County of Worcestershire.
- 2. Mr David Exall raised:
 - You may recall that at previous AGMs, mention has been made of the requirement to make, from time to time, technical changes in the wording of our Constitution- either by order of our Regulator, FCA, or in order to comply with Sport England`s recommended Code of Governance.
 - Recently, FCA required us to indicate cognisance in our rule 7 to Sections 37 &40 of the Act under which we are regulated. This rule relates to the Death of a Member and the procedure applied will, in no way alter from present practice. I should also mention that our document is now written gender free and I ask that you approve these changes to our Constitution.
 - Dave Baker responded:
 - No vote is necessary as this was raised at a previous AGM.

- **Meeting Closed**