



## MINUTES OF MCBS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### Present:

Julian Stokes (JS)  
Tony Dawson (TK)  
Tony Kinsey (TK)  
Amanda Hordern (AH)

David Bradford (DB)  
Lesley Bradford (LB)  
Tom Rogers (TR)  
David Moore (Observer)

No.		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Phil Welch	
<b>2</b>	Business meeting with Fiona. Current performance is that takings for the year are currently 4% over predicted. The profit for July on takings of 21,000 plus was £54.00! Wet sales margin for July was 55% Food 70%. Bank account reserves (ex VAT liabilities) stand at approximately £9,000.00 Events are essential to profitability - prices need to increase. Flat tenants have asked to be informed of major events. Fiona holiday - Friday and Saturday afternoon closure between 3-5pm. Bank Holiday - to use Josh. Burger and vegetarian option. Environmental Health. Re-invite for inspection	JS FA JS/DB FA FA
<b>3</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>	
3.1	Emergency lighting now completed	
3.2	Extraction fan cleaning. Due Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August	AH
3.3	Barn restoration now complete. JS to offer Jeff Woodfield complimentary meal for 2 at the Bell	JS
3.4	JS is submitting DPS transfer forms to Herefordshire Council.	JS
	Minutes approved.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> DB interest in Men's Shed. TR & PW rental of stables	
<b>5</b>	<b>PUB ISSUES.</b>	
5.1	Committee meeting interrupted by partial electricity failure through the pub and upstairs flat. Eventual outcome of single phase (L2) failure at sub station. David Moore welcomed to committee as observer.	
5.2	Power & utilities to Men's Shed and stable block. DB has looked at costs. Men's Shed to contribute £500. BD & JS to meet with Jeff Woodfield.	DB/JS
5.3	Air conditioning. Have had no reply from PJ Refrigeration regarding replacement cost. James at Empire is on holiday for the current week.	JS
5.4	Agreed to allow tenants upstairs to have a house cat on the condition it will never be in the kitchen and will be carried in and out of the pub.	
<b>6</b>	<b>REGULATORY.</b>	
6.1	Allergen training. 3 staff outstanding.	AH
6.2	Kitchen cleaning. Agreed that daisy should continue.	AH
4.3	Gas boiler servicing booked for Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August.	JS
6.4	Management Liability Insurance due. TD to investigate	TD
6.5	Fire extinguisher service due.	TD
<b>7</b>	<b>FINANCIAL</b>	
7.1	Ruby energy contract renewal due end November. Complaint outstanding. Meter change to be organised	LB

7.2	HMRC. VAT account linked to TR. TR to liase with LB	TR/LB
<b>8</b>	<b>SECRETARIAL</b>	
8.1	Pay roll changes for paying Fiona weekly have significantly affected pension calculations.	TD
8.2	Gambie - £2,000.00 shares outstanding due to deaths.	TD
<b>9</b>	<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	
9.1	Committee eventual decision - insufficient committee time and insufficient financial resources at the current time. Deferred to some future date; possibly after loan repayments completed.	JS
<b>10</b>	<b>BUSINESS FUTURE PLANNING MEETING</b>	
10.1	Meeting to discuss future options Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. CHF.	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
11.1	Air Fryers - agreed to purchase 2 for Mike. To be located in the kitchen and to be associated with less use of the oven.	JS
11.2	Switchboardfree - £98/year. Last payment made Feb-25, Review in Nov-25. Unresolved.	AH
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
10.1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 6:30pm. Next Minute taker Tony Kinsey	TK