

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
EVENTS COMMUNITY & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a Meeting held at Champions Manor Hall on
Tuesday 7th of July 2026 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Crosby (Chair)
Councillor O'Brien (Vice Chair)

Councillor Massey Councillor Sherlock Councillor Price
Councillor Knox

In attendance: Town Clerk and one member of the public.

ECL-26-231 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Councillors Kelly, Barnett, Benn and Perham Lake

ECL-26-232 Dispensation Considerations

No dispensation considerations received.

ECL-26-233 Declarations of Interest

No dispensation considerations received.

ECL-26-234 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Events, Community & Leisure meeting held on 14th April 2026 were **APPROVED** as a true record and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Sherlock

Seconded: Councillor Massey

Vote: All in Favour

ECL-26-235 Budgetary Position

The current budgetary position as of 1st of July 2026 attached to the agenda was **AGREED** and **NOTED**.

ECL-26-236 Public Questions

The chair of the Health & Social Care Group gave an update on his report attached to the agenda.

ECL-26-237 Health & Social Care Group

The report was **NOTED** and received by the committee with the chair of the Health and Social Care Group presenting the report.

7.37pm a member of the public left the meeting.

ECL-26-238 Play Area Village Hall

Committee **NOTED** the annual play inspection report from ROSPA.

ECL-26-239 Summer Event 2026

Committee discussed the summer event and **NOTED** the report for the Country & Western event on 11th July 2026.

ECL-26-240 Items to Note**Committee noted the following:**

- Champions Manor Film Club - Further to sponsorship requests and Paul J King Funeral Directors donation of £100.00, Mister Gees Foundation have also now kindly donated £200.00
- Play in the Park Easter – Attendance and Photos attached to agenda.
- Youth Club Report January – April 2026 attached to agenda.
- The damage roundabout will be completely removed on 6-8/7/2026 due to health & safety concerns and no replacement parts available due to age.

ECL-26-241 Quarterly Community Hub at Champions Manor Hall

Committee received and **NOTED** a report on the first quarterly Heart of the Community event on 14th July 2026.

ECL-26-242 Seniors Summer Events

Committee received and **NOTED** a verbal report on the two Seniors events in June 2026. Both trips were well attended and everyone enjoyed both days. Thanks were extended to Councillor Lisa Kelly for organising and attending on the days.

ECL-26-243 Summer Fun at Champions Manor Hall

Committee received and **NOTED** a report on the summer events at Champions Manor Hall every Thursday 1-3pm during August 2026.

ECL-26-244 Summer Youth Events

Committee received and **NOTED** a report on the summer youth events at the William De Ferrers Leisure centre.

ECL-26-245 Summer Community Bandstand Programme – Free Use for Local Performers

Proposal: To agree the use of the bandstand for all types of arts, cultural and music entertainment free of charge until the end of the year.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Knox

Vote: All in Favour

ECL-26-246 Community Volunteer Thank you lunch/Afternoon Tea

Proposal: To agree a community volunteer lunch on a Saturday in September 2026. Town Clerk to arrange event in conjunction with the Town Mayor funded from the Civic Budget, in recognition of the valuable contribution made by volunteers who support the Town council and the wider community.

Proposed: Councillor Crosbie

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

Vote: All in Favour

ECL-26-247 Report to Council

Items agreed to report to the Council meeting on 20 October 2026.

- Community Volunteer Thank You Lunch
- Free bandstand hire until the end of the year for arts, music and cultural performers.
- Summer fun at Champions manor hall
- Summer Youth Events

ECL-26-248 Media Coverage

- Country & Western Summer Event 11/7/2026.

- Summer youth events
- Summer fun at Champions Manor Hall

ECL-26-249 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Events Community & Leisure Committee will be held on 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.39pm.

Signed.....

Date: 1 September 2026