



# *Walker Timber* **HUDDERSFIELD** **CRICKET LEAGUE**

## **HCL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: President – W A Sugden; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Administration Secretary – M Binns; Media Secretary – Mrs Paula Huddleston; Compliance Officer – Mrs Jackie Brook

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreadie

Representatives from 29 of 40 Clubs were in attendance. Apologies were received from one Club – Thongsbridge CC, with ten other Clubs absent (Almondbury, Barkisland, Birkby Rose Hill, Clayton West, Emley Clarence, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers, Shelley & Upperthong).

David Haikings from the HCL UA and Bill Marshall from the Yorkshire Post were also in attendance.

### **Apologies**

EDI Chair – Mushtaq Hussain; General Secretary – N Clee; Treasurer - A Hill

### **Minutes of Previous Council Mtg held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

Approved.

### **Matters Arising**

None

### **Financial Matters - AH**

The finances of HPCL remain in a satisfactory and stable situation with a current General Fund Balance of just under £63k. The ECB Development Fund stands at just over £9k.

Clubs are requested to settle their account for their Presentation Evening tickets asap.

### **Media Matters - PH**

Paula informed the meeting that she is in the process of reviewing and refreshing the League Website. This includes new pages/tabs for Women & Girls, and for Umpires and Scorers. The look and feel of pages and the use of photographs will be improved.

In relation to social media HPCL has now added Facebook and Insta to its already existing X account so that we can reach wider and younger audiences. Some posts, such as the article regarding our FR Stallard Distinguished Service Award winner – John Edge – were viewed almost 3000 times.

Paula is working to build up a library and gallery of photographs, and welcomes receipt of any material from Clubs or the wider cricket community of Huddersfield.

Paula asked for volunteers to write match reports, and also invited feedback, comments or suggestions on the website and its contents.

## **Clubmark, Safeguarding and Compliance - JB**

Clubs are reminded to ensure that your Safeguarding Officer remains qualified (training to be renewed every 3 years) and holds a current ECB DBS.

The ECB now requires all (HPCL) Clubs to use the Safe Hands Management System, including those who are not Clubmark accredited. Please ensure you do this and are compliant in terms of DBS's, qualifications and training.

Clubs are also reminded that, following the change of rules that previously required adult scorers to hold a valid DBS and which are now no longer legally enforceable, adult scorers must undertake the Safeguarding level 2 training (SGL2-e learning) which can be completed online by e-learning.

The revised Clubmark programme is being re-launched and renamed – it will be called the 'Accredited Club Status'. The revised programme will be fully rolled out by 2027 but there will be some things required of Clubs in 2026. All existing accredited Clubs will retain your status. Any new applications made in 2026 will be processed against the new standard.

The recently introduced requirement regarding Clubs appointing a trained activator and running at least one Girls team by 31<sup>st</sup> March 26 is being closely monitored by the ECB/YCF.

## **Umpire Update – D Haikings**

Details of Umpires Training, Qualifications, Onward Learning Modules and Refresher Training courses are available on the YCF website.

Any person who wishes to start umpiring must attend the official and newly named 'ECB Umpiring Course' (UTC), or the ACO's renamed L1/S1/Module C 'Umpires Development Course' (UDC). Various courses and dates are already advertised on the YCF website and it is expected that a new date for an additional UTC course to be run at the nearest suitable venue to Huddersfield (Woodlands) will be announced shortly.

A follow on Module B (old L2/S2) course and two Refresher training days will take place at Almondbury Wesleyans in spring 2026.

## **Match & Registration Matters - PS**

### **Sunday Section**

Clubs with an existing Sunday team are asked to confirm your willingness to continue in 2026 by the end of December. Any Club interested in joining the 2026 section is asked to contact Phil Senior or Norman Clee by the end of the month.

### **Registration/Transfer Forms for 2026**

Revised player registration/transfer forms (RTDF's) for 2026 are available on the HPCL website and must be used, not forgetting that completion of 'Part One' of the process remains paper based and must be completed and signed by the player, with the remainder being electronic via Play-Cricket (League Registered Player - LRP).

2025 versions of the form will not be accepted.

Clubs are asked to ensure that the part one paper based info is consistent with the electronic information submitted into the LRP section of PC.

There are currently a high number of requested registrations (approx. 30) pending because whilst entries have been made into PC no corresponding paper form has been submitted. Club are also reminded to regularly check their P-C Action Centre to avoid hold ups.

## Fixtures

2026 League fixtures will be announced and loaded into PC asap and latest by end of month.

### **T20 Trophy** Group fixtures - Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May

Involving 12 Premiership teams in four Groups of three teams. Relegated Barkisland and Thongsbridge have been replaced by newly promoted Mirfield Parish Cavaliers and Armitage Bridge

Group 1 hosted by Mirfield Parish Cavaliers  
Including Rastrick and Skelmanthorpe

Group 2 hosted by Honley  
Including Shepley and Hoylandswaine

Group 3 hosted by Golcar  
Including Almondbury Wes and Kirkburton

Group 4 hosted by Moorlands  
Including Scholes and Armitage Bridge

**T20 Shield** – involving 27 teams (excluding Marsden who opted out of participating) in a straight knock-out

1<sup>st</sup> round Bye for five teams based on highest finishes in 2025: Barkisland Thongsbridge, Slaithwaite, Shelley and Linthwaite.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Round – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Holmfirth	v	Flockton
Denby Dale	v	Broad Oak
Clayton West	v	Almondbury
Birkby Rose Hill	v	Emley
Kirkheaton	v	Thurstonland
Mirfield	v	Lascelles Hall
Holmbridge	v	Edgerton & Dalton
Denby	v	Meltham
Upperthong	v	Denby Grange
Hall Bower	v	Cumberworth Utd
Cartworth Moor	v	Delph & Dobcross

## Any Other Business

The small amount of feedback received regarding HPCL's recently held Awards Presentation Evening was positive.

**The next HPCL Council Meeting is planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at Honley CC.**