



PEARSON
FINANCIAL WELLBEING

HUDDERSFIELD

PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th August 2026

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

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

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton;

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreadie;

Apologies

General Secretary – N Clee; Treasurer - A Hill; President – W A Sugden; Grounds & Facilities Coordinator - A Fortis; EDI Chair – Mushtaq Hussain; LVP - R Tindall

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Approved.

Note: due to unavailability there was no Executive Committee meeting in July.

Matters Arising

Denby Grange CC

A meeting has taken place between senior representatives of HPCL and Denby Grange CC. It was clear from what was seen and explained that their existence is fragile. There has been an improvement in their playing strength and ability to fulfil fixtures to the end of this season, but it remains to be seen what things will look like for 2027 and the longer term future. There are ongoing concerns about the quality of their match pitches and their ability to provide regular Umpires.

It was agreed to review the situation again at the end of the season and before the AGM.

Financial Report – TA (on behalf of AH)

The Report confirmed that the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state with General Funds totalling just over £60.5k, with more than £19k of that figure out as interest free loans to several Clubs.

The above figures exclude the proceeds from the T20 Finals Day and the recent Oddfellows Cup Final.

All clubs have paid their annual subs etc invoice except Meltham, who still also still owe their May fine (£10).

Following receipt of the 2026 ECB PL stage payment (70%) HPCL's Development Fund stands at approx. £21.5k.

3 loan requests have been received: -

Paperwork received and in order:

- Almondbury CC for a Grass Cutter – approved

- Mirfield for Electronic Scoreboard. Due to the bigger than usual loan amount requested It was agreed to discuss a lower figure with them and report back next meeting.

Linthwaite CC for an Electronic Scoreboard. Some of the supporting paperwork has been received, but the decision was left pending to next meeting subject to the remainder of the paperwork being received and found to be in order.

Disciplinary Report – MB

HCL Disciplinary Register 2026										
Date	Name	Club	Match	Division	Offence	Sanction	Dates	Captain	Sanction	Dates
6.6.26	Rishi Chopra	Kirkburton	KbIn vs Moorlands	Premiership	Threw and kicked bat	L1 1 game ban	Sat 13.6.26	Craig Fletcher	Formal Warning	to 5.6.28
6.6.26	Shah Nawaz	Cartworth Moor	Clayton W vs Cartworth M	Alliance 4	Threatened Umpire	L4 10 game ban	10 dates starting 7.6 - 8.8.26	Muhammad Mahroof	Formal Warning	5.6.28
7.6.26	Faisal Javed	Rastrick	Scholes vs Rastrick	Sykes Cup	Serious abuse and language	Series of L2's 4 game ban	4+1 dates 20.6-4.7.26	Jacob Waterson	Commended	7.6.28
7.6.26	Josh Brook	Scholes	Scholes vs Rastrick	Sykes Cup	Failed to control team - exonerated	exonerated and commended		Same person		
6.6.26	Jonathan Rudge/WTU	Moorlands	KbIn v Moorlands	Premier	WTU Fair Play 11	1 Penalty		Eddie Walmsley	Reminded	
6.6.26	Meltham	Meltham CC	Meltham vs Broad Oak	Championship	WTU Fair Play 6	3 Penalties		James Sunderland		
13.6.26	Duane Stones Complaint	Skelmanthorpe	Denby Dale vs Skelmanthorpe	Conference	Bad language and behaviour	Club & Capt Dyson reminded		Ben Dyson	Reminded	
20.6.26	Steve Whitwam	Golcar	Golcar vs Shepley	Premier	Knocked bails off after LBW	Formally warned		Jack McNamara	Formally Warned	to 19.6.28
20.6.26	Sajjad Hussain	Cartworth Moor	Thongsbridge vs Cartworth M	Alliance 4	L1 Threw his bat	L1 1 match	27.6.26	same person	included	
21.6.26	Alfie Simpson/O Bottomley	KkbtN/Skelmthpe	Kirkburton vs Skelmanthorpe	T20 Trophy QF	Complaint/Distress at handshake	Formal Warning	to 20.6.2028	Kian Schwartz	Reminded	
21.6.26	Liam Hyde	Hoylandswaine	Moorlands vs Swaine	T20 Trophy QF	Serious bad language	L2 2 match ban	27.6 to 4.7.26	Ben Kohler-Cadmore	L1 1 match ban	18.7.26
20.6.26	James Hopwood-Kenworthy	Delph & D CC	Wes vs Delph	Alliance 2	Serious dissent & bad language	L2 2 match ban	4.7 - 11.7.26	Jason Leaver	L1 1 match failed to control	4.7.26
27.6.26	Craig Fletcher	Kirkburton	KbIn vs Honley	Premier	Serious insulting language	L2 2 match + 1 extra as Capt	4.7 - 18.7.26	same person	extra game included	18.7.
27.6.26	Emley Complaint vs BRH	EC CC / BRH	BRH vs EC CC	Conference	EC alleged that BRH watered pitch	Not proven & no consequences				
5.7.26	Ashley Littlewood	Cumberworth	Upperthong vs Cumberworth	Oddfellows semi	Aggravated L2 physical contact with spectator	L2 4 match ban	11.7 - 1.8.26	Jordan Greaves	Formal warning	to 4.7.28
4.7.26	James Sunderland	Meltham CC	Lascelles Hall vs Meltham	Championship	Dissent vs Umpire and confrontation with H Khan	L2 2 match ban	18.7 + 25.7.26	same person	included	to 3.7.2028
4.7.26	Hashir Khan	Lascelles Hall	Lascelles Hall vs Meltham	Championship	L2 serious altercation with James Sunderland	L2 2 match ban	18.7 + 25.7.26	Tom Addy	Formal warning	to 3.7.2028
18.7.26	Archie Howson	Golcar	Kirkburton vs Golcar	Premier	L1 dissent towards Umpire when dismissed lbw	L1 1 match ban	25.7.26	Steve Whitwam	Formal Warning	17.6.2028
18.7.26	Jacob Muhall	Golcar	Kirkburton vs Golcar	Premier	L1 dissent towards Umpire when dismissed lbw	L1 1 match ban	25.7.26	Steve Whitwam	see above	17.6.2028
18.7.26	Matthew Butters	Marsden	Slaithwaite vs Marsden	Championship	L1 kicked stumps when run out	L1 1 match ban	25.7.26	same person	included	17.6.2028
18.7.26	Samuel Atkinson	Almondbury	Cartworth M vs Almondbury	Alliance 1	Threw bat in frustration after run out	L1 1 match ban	25.7.26	Chris Buck	Formal Warning	to 17.7.26
18.7.26	Adam Sylvestor/Complaint	Hoylandswaine	Moorlands vs Swaine	Premiership	L1 bad language towards spectators	L1 1 match ban	1.8.26	Arron Lilley	Formal Warning	to 17..7.28
26.7.26	Shrikant Wagh	Rastrick	Rastrick vs Scholes	T20 Trophy Final	Potential aggravated L2	case open				
26.7.26	Gavin Smith/Spectator	Lascelles Hall	Rastrick vs Scholes	T20 Trophy Final	Serious verbal abuse Faisal Javed from boundary edge	Aggravated L2 4 match ban	1 - 22.8.26	N/A	none	Was spectator
26.7.26	Ben Ellam	Lascelles Hall	Rastrick vs Scholes	T20 Trophy Final	L2 serious bad language	L2 2 match ban	1 & 8.8.26	N/A	none	Was spectator

A number of disappointing matters involving participants and spectators supporting both finalist teams of the T20 Trophy Final at Lascelles Hall are awaiting technical advice before being managed to a conclusion.

HPCL Disciplinary Cases Summary 2026 – YTD end July

Case Overview	Cases	Penalties	League Points
2023 Full Yr	30	No system	No system
2024 Full Yr	22	60	33
2025 Full Yr	20	20	8
2026 with 23% of season left	YTD 31 / Full Yr 40	YTD 56 / Full Yr 73	YTD 29 / Full Yr 38

There has been a big increase in the number of Disciplinary Cases in 2026 YTD end of July:

- This includes some complaints (more than previously)
- Includes a number of cases arising in important Cup matches
- Cases are reported across every division

As a result more Fair Play Penalties and Points deductions have been issued.

HPCL Chair Trevor Atkinson wrote to all Clubs and Captains on 24th July asking for an improvement in behaviour.

Media Secretary Report – PH

Paula continues to tidy up the website content.

Research will be undertaken to see what can be done to increase Castle Hill Cricket Chat Podcast listeners. Following the break in broadcasting new episodes in 2025 listener numbers have not returned to previous levels.

An interesting programme highlighting Women & Girls cricket and featuring HPCL’s W&G’s representative Sara Begg has recently been made available for broadcast.

The programme confirmed that it was still possible for Clubs to become compliant with Clubmark/ECB PL requirements by entering a six player team into one of the remaining festivals before the end of the 2026 season.

EDI Report

Nothing to report

Clubmark, Safeguarding and Compliance – JB

Jackie confirmed that both HPCL and YCF's Steve Coulthard have seen Linthwaite CC make some good progress towards becoming ECB PL compliant. This is important because LCC are in a potential promotion position in HPCL's Conference division table.

Aligned to this it was confirmed that our Grounds & Facilities Coordinator needs to visit LCC again to check on progress to make good previously identified matters. It was confirmed that there are a number of matters that must be improved for 2027, in particular some basic safety issues and installing a suitable electronic scoreboard.

Other promotion contenders Holmfirth are in good shape and Emley Clarence are now creating and delivering a credible compliance action plan.

Discussions with Delph regarding elements of their compliance are now underway.

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

The most recent fines list of the season is attached these Minutes.

Emley Clarence have an unresolved date clash with a football fixture and are exploring options. It remains their responsibility to find a solution to the problem.

Clubs are reminded that the last six match of the season eligibility rule comes into force from 8th August.

Grounds and Facilities – AF via MB

All pitch mark and other ground and facilities reports are being followed up.

The G&F team will attempt to complete as many ground inspection audits as possible before the end of the season.

Discussions with Upperthong have developed and moved forward options to make their ground compliant with rule L4.6.8.3.2 regarding minimum boundary dimensions at the top dry stone wall end, including safe accommodation of sight screens.

Any Other Business

HPCL has been contacted by several Clubs and the Players Forum regarding the possible future introduction of a system across HPCL that:

- Promotes homegrown player development and rewards player loyalty
- Promotes a sustainable and level playing field across Clubs, irrespective of their financial situation

HPCL's Executive Committee is already considering such matters and is aware that other leagues in Yorkshire either have or are introducing similar measures.

It was agreed that HPCL will create a small working party, that includes Player Forum representation, to study these questions and options in time to reach a considered position and formulate any suitable rule change proposals with a view to them being recommended at our AGM at the beginning of December. HPCL will keep Clubs informed of developments over the next three months.

Please note: The next meeting of HPCL's Council of Clubs will meet towards the end of our 2026 season at Honley CC on Wednesday 2nd September, commencing at 7.00pm.

HPCL's Executive Committee will meet at Honley immediately following the above meeting