

Annual Members Meeting 10 March 2026, The White House Pub, Bladon

The Chair opened the meeting. It was declared quorate with 55 members either present in the pub, or as proxies for shareholders who were not present. The Chair thanked all who came and welcomed them to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Sean Walker, Elizabeth Walker, Elizabeth Poskitt, Stephen Rosenberg, Mary Lou Zeeman, Alex Douglas, and Henry Spillman.

1. Approval of previous minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the previous Annual Members meeting of 11th March 2025 were available on the BCBS website <https://bladoncommunitypub.org/annual-members-meetings>. The minutes were approved having been proposed by Mike Gorick and seconded by Nicky Rogan.

2. To receive a report from the Chair on the previous year's progress, the state of the membership and membership strategy.

The Chair presented his report for Society affairs running from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 (the end of the Society's financial year). A copy of the report is available on the BCBS website <https://bladoncommunitypub.org/annual-members-meetings>.

3. To declare confirmation of committee members for the year 2025-2026

All the current ten committee members have declared an interest to remain on the Bladon Community Benefit Society Committee for a further term of one year.

4. Treasurer's report to include the Annual Accounts for the previous financial year; a report on the Society's performance in the previous year, and plans for the current year and next year.

The Treasurer's report is supplementary to, and needs to be read in conjunction with, the annual accounts, that cover the year from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025. The accounts have been prepared by the Woodstock Accountancy Practice. Hard copies of the Treasurer's report were available to all members, and can be viewed in full by emailing the Treasurer: treasurer@bladoncommunitypub.org.

No questions were asked on the Treasurer's report.

5. Vote on Annual Audit Exemption

As our assets are below £5.1 million, and turnover less than £10.2m and no employees, we are not legally required to undertake a full audit. The cost for a full audit would be more than £4K. The annual financial report prepared by the accountants cost the Society £920. Members were asked to vote on the motion not to have the accounts fully audited. That was carried with unanimous support on a show of hands.

6. AOB

One member has had a £100 fine for parking just before the window set to allow parking for the school without being fined. He asked why are windows for school parking so short? The committee, the tenant and those running the pub are aware of this issue. The explanation given by the tenant of the pub to the committee is that these short windows are the maximum allowed by company who organise the parking penalty system. One suggestion was to look for another parking company. The committee will pass this suggestion on to the tenant. But, even if there were another company prepared to be more flexible, there are likely to be costs in switching

One member asked what the plans are to making used of the space where the Aunt Sally pitch used to be at the front of the pub after its has been moved. The Chair explained that he had seen ambitious plans to make that area more attractive and potentially useable year round. Unfortunately the costs of doing that are likely to be prohibitive. So, it will probably be left as an area with tables and seating for the foreseeable future.

7. Close

The Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.