



## **Bowmen of Rutland**

Meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

19.45 via Teams

**Present:** James Williams, Chairman  
Chrissie Mortlock, Secretary and Public Relations Officer  
Debbie Hill, Treasurer and Minute Secretary  
Colin Houghton, Junior & Disabled Representative  
Tom Atkins, Assistant Equipment Officer  
Dave Cook, Assistant Records  
Peter Hunt, Social Media Representative  
Kate Goodwin, Welfare Officer  
Charlie Haynes, Coach  
Matt Challinor, Coach Representative

**Apologies:** Keith Johnson, Vice Chairman

### **Welcome by the Chairman**

James welcomed everyone and thanked them for accommodating the new date and time for the meeting.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Charlie advised that he had been offered the role of Development Officer with AGB and after checking with them confirmed that holding the position of Welfare Officer was a conflict of interest. He therefore intends to resign from this position, and Kate agreed to cover this role until a new volunteer with adequate training could be found.

### **Approval of Minutes dated 25th February 2026**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Matters Arising**

All covered within the agenda.

### **Chairman's Update**

James congratulated Charlie on his success with AGB and advised that with the better weather he had reinstated the markings at the field for the Waiting and Shooting Line.

### **Treasurer's Update**

Debbie advised the bank was quiet, with receipts largely for bow hire and indoor shooting fees. Griffin archers have helped reduce the loss incurred on indoor shooting considerably, contributing over £500 in fees during the indoor season.

### **Secretary and PRO Update**

Chrissie had received and accepted Charlie's resignation as Welfare Officer on behalf of the committee. Kate agreed to be acting Welfare Officer with Chrissie as Deputy, given they both have the requisite training. However, a new Welfare Officer will need to be appointed in due course.

Club fees will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and Chrissie has updated the Membership form.

Fosse archers had contacted the club to express their sorrow at the loss of Pam Tonkin, whilst the County had agreed to donate £100 to Pam's chosen charity.

### **County and Regional Fee Collection**

The trial for collecting county and regional fees via Sport 80 has begun.

### **Safeguarding/Welfare Officer Update**

Charlie and Kate advised there was nothing to report regarding safeguarding.

### **New Ground Update**

#### *Ketton Sport and Community Club*

Charlie had e-mailed the club on 27 February 26 which had been forwarded to the Directors who replied on 11<sup>th</sup> March saying "We are just about to start a planning application process for the site. This will not be a quick process and there are no guarantees of success. Whether we are successful or not, we can't commit to anything until this process runs its course. We are all in the "wait and see" category right now. Sorry that we can't give more details at this stage."

#### *Uppingham Site*

Charlie had also e-mailed Uppingham School, Oakham School and UCC asking for support with the public consultation for the Uppingham site. Uppingham has already sent supporting message to Town Council. Oakham replied and will send an email to the Town Council. UCC replied on 2nd March and exchanged ideas on support and a visit to Greetham for Head of PE.

There was an Uppingham Town Council Meeting 11 March 26, but Charlie and Tom Runcorn elected not to attend as the planning item was not to be discussed due to the ongoing public consultation.

There are a small number of people objecting to the plan, but they are very vocal. Charlie emailed the committee with his response to the public consultation, encouraging all members to respond.

It was suggested that we should try to attend the Uppingham Feast Day on 14<sup>th</sup> June to explain who we were, with a taster session on offer the week after.

### **OnTarget update and review of documents**

Chrissie confirmed with the committee that the club was aiming for the Community specialism within the new OnTarget scheme.

Helen will be joining us at our committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April to review our documentation and obtain confirmation from the committee that we are all working towards this accreditation.

### **Any Other Business**

Chrissie asked if the club wanted to participate in the Summer Selby competition, which was unanimously agreed.

Fees for the Beginners courses will rise to £60 for seniors and £30 for juniors. Volunteers are needed for the last 2 Sundays in April to assist with the next course.

Nobody has been able to gain admin access to the Facebook site. Kate agreed that she would try to access the social site, but if this couldn't be done a new one would have to be created.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next teams meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

Proposed future team dates:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January pre-AGM

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January AGM