



**Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, The Boardroom, Versa Sportswear Stadium
Sunday 7 June 2026 – 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Attending: Tom Rickwood, Jill Thornton, Lyndon Tebb, Gill Hare, John Lawson, Les Hare, Brian Sugarman, Rod Chambers, Jason Stevens-Read, Martin Wood, Ian Buffey, Mike Birney, Steve Dale.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Members in attendance were introduced.

2. Apologies

- See below.

3. [Agreement of Previous Minutes \(16.05.25\)](#)

- Agreed.

4. Committee Changes

- The following changes were agreed:

4.1 Jason Stevens-Read resignation

Jason Stevens-Read formally resigned from the position of Vice Chair.

The Committee and members expressed their sincere thanks to Jason for his five years of dedicated service. During his tenure, the Villagers achieved two promotions, and the Supporters Club grew to over 270 members — progress driven in no small part by Jason's energy, passion, and commitment.

4.2 Jason co-opted as Committee Member

Jason Stevens-Read was co-opted to the Committee, which was proposed by Rod Chambers and seconded by Mike Birney. The meeting welcomed Jason to his new role.

4.3 Vice-Chair vacancy

The position of Vice Chair will remain vacant for the time being. Members interested in taking on the role are encouraged to come forward. Anyone seeking further information or wishing to be considered should email northferribyfcsc@yahoo.com. The vacancy will be reviewed again at the next quarterly club meeting.

4.4 Ian Buffey co-opted

Ian Buffey was co-opted as a new Committee Member, which was proposed by Jill Thornton and seconded by Steve Dale. The meeting welcomed Ian to the Committee.

5. Communications

- The club's main communication channels were discussed. The meeting also raised the potential of using Instagram, and it was agreed to maintain the current methods before introducing further platforms. The current cons are as follows:
 - Facebook – 900 followers.

- X – 330 followers.
- WhatsApp – continued use.
- Email - ditto
- North Ferriby Newsletter – thanks to club member Joan Butler for long-standing work in providing updates via the Parish Council
- School liaison – Lead is committee member Jill Thornton

6. Bank Balance

- The bank balance as at the date of the meeting was £3,950. A summary of the income has been generated through:

6.1 Pitch Squares

- o 118 sponsored pitch squares.

6.2 Club Membership

- o 157 members have renewed for the forthcoming 2026-27 season.

6.3 Competitions

- o All forty-eight tickets sold for the World Cup 2026 Sweepstake, and early tickets are selling well for the League Ladders 2026-27

6.4 Goals and Shut Outs (GASO)

- o Mike Birney reported over £500 has been generated by Supporters for 2025-26.
- o Mike also advised that he is officially stepping back from administering GASO. Mike has been assisted by Anthony Wood over the last few games, and thanks were given.
- o The meeting passed on sincere thanks to Mike for his dedication to supporting the GASO, which has generated more than £6k for the Club over the last 11 years.

6.5 Programme Hut for GASO and Raffle ticket sales

- o Discussion followed at the meeting regarding the future of GASO with suggestions around repositioning the programme, physically, and using the hut more as a hub, not only for programme sales but also to include a location for GASO monies and raffle tickets.
- o It was agreed that repositioning of the hut will enable greater visibility of the facility for supporters entering the stadium.
- o Arrangements to be made with James Chestney to lighten the weight of the hut by removing some programme merch before repositioning.
- o In addition, the hut will incorporate card payments for all matches from 2026-27.
- o The meeting thanked Jill Thornton, Jason Stevens-Read, and Jim Suthers for their work in volunteering to manage activities from the programme hut.
- o The meeting also thanked raffle ticket sales volunteers, Anwyn Kempson, Matthew Kempson, Wendy Leighton, Lyndon Tebb, Tom Rickwood, Mike Ripton, Mike Tyler, Geoff Tuplin, and David Worrell.

7. Supporters Club Sponsorship in 2026–27

- The following sponsorship was agreed. Steve Dale to arrange payment of £2,125 direct to the club.

TWO x Match ball Sponsorship (including 2 x 2 VIP hospitality tickets)	£250
Shirt Sleeve Sponsorship	£750
Chris Bolder Sponsorship	£125
End of Season Awards 2062-27	£500
Matchday Programme/Team Sheet (incl. 1 Complimentary Pass)	£500
Total	£2,125

8. Villagers Investing in Players (VIP) Fund

- Les Hare outlined the rationale for the VIP Fund and thanked the supporters who have come forward to date. Les confirmed that Chris Bolder and Paul Robson have already held over 40 interviews to attract new players and the more recent signings have been posted via social media.
- The VIP scheme is key to supporting the recruitment of players and assisting financially over and above the club's agreed player budget; the scheme is specifically in relation to travel expenses.
- Les thanked the supporters who have come forward so far and asked others to consider contributing through one of the monthly direct debit or one-off payment options. The links to join the fund or make a one-off payment are below:

- Direct Debit Links:

[*£10 Monthly Contribution*](#)

[*£20 Monthly Contribution*](#)

[*£30 Monthly Contribution*](#)

[*£40 Monthly Contribution*](#)

- Bank details for One-Off payments:

North Ferriby Football Club

Sort code 09-02-22

Account number 10792490

9. Review of Funding to the Villagers 2025-26

The meeting highlighted the extent of the support for the Villagers which has been made possible by the fantastic generosity and commitment to the supporter club

- £1,500 - Sponsorship of Versa Home & away shirts, team sheet, and programme
- £700 - Refurbishment of the beer garden and furniture
- £500 - End of Season awards ceremony and trophies
- £1,500 - Pitch work and infrastructure improvements
- £1,500 - Pitch maintenance equipment and materials
- £150 - Match ball sponsorship
- £700 - Match Ball Podium Sponsorship
- £250 - Five framed player prints to mark service for the Villagers

10. Review of Club Activity 2025-26

The meeting discussed the importance of offering value to members as part of the club membership, and the following activity, organised by the Supporters Club over the last season, was indicative of the activities included in the membership.

- June - Versa Kit Launch with new Supporters Club sleeve sponsorship
- July - League Ladders
- September - Murder Mystery
- October - Nick Tudor Concert
- November - Evening with Ben Bottomley, Dom Roma, and Jordan Douglas (thanks to Nick Quantrill for hosting)
- November – Poppy Badge Appeal
- January – Design a Shirt Competition
- February - Quiz Night
- April - Grand National Sweepstake, Awards Night
- May - Non-League Finals and FA Cup tickets draw

In addition, over the last season, the Supporters Club arranged the following, which we look to repeat in 2026-27:

- Coach travel for away games.
- 100 half-time prizes given to club members, including football prints, mugs, football shirts, easter eggs, training kit, pictures, and matchday hospitality

11. Updates on 2026-27 Membership

Last season we welcomed a total of 273 to the Supporters Club. The target of 300 remains and we will be doing all that is possible to attract additional members.

12. [Football Supporters Association](#) Update

An update had been distributed to members before the meeting from Matthew Kempson, Supporters Club's FSA Representative.

[Link to FSA update](#)

13. Matchday Resources

Tom Rickwood thanked all for providing support with the matchday resources and welcomed new members. Sincere thanks to the additional members who came forward at the meeting to offer their services on matchdays.

Tom said special thanks to club members who carry out post-match litter collection and ground maintenance, including Malcolm Dale, Martin Wood, Brian Sugarman, Steve Dale, Oliver Fellows, and John Lawson.

14. Constitution Updates

- The following updates are to be made to the Club's Constitution:
 - [Paragraph 3.3] Change to list of Honorary Members following the sad passing of Mike Dixon earlier in 2026.
 - [Paragraph 4.4] Committee membership will be updated to reflect the change in the Vice Chair role and the co-option of Ian Buffey to the Committee.

The Supporters Club wishes to note the sad passing of long-time supporter Dave Jones during the 2025-26 season. It is the intention to make note of David's passing in a forthcoming matchday programme.

15. Any Other Business

The following events were highlighted at the meeting:

- **World Cup 2026 Sweepstake 2026** - [ticket link here](#)
- **League Ladders 2026-27** - [ticket link here](#)
- **New Versa Away Kit Launch** - 25 June - [ticket link here](#)
- **Murder Mystery Evening** - [ticket link here](#)
- **Proposal to trial 'Bus Stop' scratch cards on away coach** – to be introduced for the new season.
- **Fixture & Events Board at Grange Lane Entrance** - Rod Chambers raised this proposal on behalf of the Committee, outlining the benefits of installing a dedicated Fixture/Events Board at the entrance to Grange Lane. The board would feature interchangeable panels to promote upcoming matches and events, helping to increase visibility and engagement on matchdays.

The estimated cost is **£500–£700**. The meeting agreed that the Committee should now gather further information on the practical requirements, including planning permission, detailed costs, and the resources needed to support the installation.

- **Competition for promotional Club badge** - Ian Buffey suggested a new competition for schools to design a variation of the club badge. It was thought this would be a great way to engage with schools. Ian Buffey said he will share more details with Jill Thornton.
- **North Ferriby FC - Social Impact Calculator** – Les Hare reported that a Social Impact Calculator has recently been conducted on the club and facilities. This is a tool used by charities and non-profit organisations which quantifies positive impacts on communities. Amazingly, the value of the club in the community is calculated at £1.4M. Les will provide more detail once the final report is received.
- **General Update from Les Hare** – Les thanked all involved with the Ferriby Festival, which was a terrific success. With all tickets sold, the event received fantastic feedback.
- Inevitably, facilities in the ground continue to provide challenges, and on the day of the festival it emerged that a main sewer pipe broke, which runs from the NW car park side, adjacent to the allotment. There are at least two breaks in the pipe between 53 and 60 meters which now require fixing, and inspection covers need to be installed for future maintenance.
- Additionally, a new water tank, feeding the pitch sprinklers, is being installed following the failure of the old tank and water pump.

16. Date of Next Meeting - September 2026.

Apologies:

Joan Butler
 Brian Butker
 Tony King
 Andy Kelsey
 Ian Puckering
 Peter Bacon
 Clare Russell
 Steve Russell
 Anthony Wood
 Lee Walker
 Jon Brooke
 Bob Hare
 Barry Johnson
 Mike Deane
 Nigel Richardson
 Steve Himsworth
 Mike Clemson
 Nick Quantrill
 Chris Beet
 Paul Bowes
 Devon Bowes
 Penny Joseph
 Jon Moorhouse
 Matthew Kempson
 Jeff Gill
 Charles Lewis
 James Richardson
 Les Motherby
 Richard Hobson
 Julian Wild
 Simon Lunt
 James Dick
 Martin Lauer
 Nicky Lauer
 Richard Lee
 David Neal