



Wessex Blues

129th Meeting Minutes

Started 11th September 2025 19:15

Closed 11th September 2025 19:34

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie's gave thanks and welcomed everyone to our third meeting for the 2025/2026 season (17 members).

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, proposed by Michael and seconded by Paul G

Apologies received (as of 07:30) – Rich (J), Gavin (J), Pat, Graham, Steve, Graham H, Tony

2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late August to early September

Wolves v Manchester City (0-4) 16th August 2025

Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur (0-2) 23rd August 2025

Brighton and Hove Albion (2-1) 31st August 2025

Wolves wonderful start, terrible against Tottenham. Joe said all the new players that did so well against Wolves, were terrible against Tottenham. Robbie said against Brighton looked as though it was a case of 'let's go and lose this now.' He hoped that Rico would step up again after his bright start but agreed with Alan J that he is not good enough.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late September to early October

Manchester City v Manchester United (14th September 2025)

Manchester City v Napoli (18th September 2025)

Arsenal v Manchester City (21st September 2025)

Huddersfield Town v Manchester City (24th September 2025)

Manchester City v Burnley (27th September 2025)

AS Monaco FC v Manchester City (1st October 2025)

Brentford v Manchester City (5th October 2025)

Genuine worry that the upcoming Manchester United game was going to be a repeat of the Brighton performance. Rodri expectedly was not back to his impressive old self and Pep's comments about him being a little 'hit and miss,' were worrying. Marmoush and Cherki will be out. Would Donnarumma play?

Robbie thought it would be a backward step, as Trafford should be given more game time and showed great promise. Others felt that Donnarumma was too good of a goalkeeper not to be first choice and Colin felt he was a world class shot stopper. Matches every three or four days until the next meeting would be a testing time and we should know a lot more about the season after these next seven games. A question was raised by Andy Parkin who wondered why like last year were the European games requests for tickets were so far in advance. This makes it difficult to make decisions as to whether an individual may not know if they were available, or if the match was to be important in terms of qualification etc.

Current membership – 40 (okay in terms of numbers required for the club). Danny said that Helen and Grace can be removed from the not spoken/attended list as they will not be renewing.

New members not spoken/attended to date – Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Craig Jevons, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons, Avan Erhumwunsee, Jack Harris, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Louis Ward, Clare Willats

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – Alan J stated he spoke to friend who may well turn up at the next meeting.

3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late August and early September for the following games:

Bodo (A) – 0
Villarreal (A) – 0
Borussia Dortmund (H) – 1 (Joe)
Galatasaray (H) – 1 (DOB)
Leverkusen (H) – 3 (DOB, Mailyn, Paul)
Monaco (A) – 1 (Andy P)
Real Madrid (A) – 1 (Colin)
Napoli (H) – 1 –(DOB)
Brentford (A) – 4 (Ryan, Joe, Phil W, Steve)
Everton (H) – 0
Aston Villa (A) – 4 (Joe, Dave A, Jack, Danny)

Only doubts were receiving full allocation of tickets for Brentford and Aston Villa.

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1024.49 (as of 11th September). Good for Christmas meeting. Paul G has kindly agreed to sort out with a local Fish & Chips shop which will offer a selection of meals.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

The question was asked if anybody was out in Bournemouth for the Derby game? Many jocular comments were made about the Cricketers.

Next Meeting – 9th October 2025 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown