

**CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 6.15pm via Zoom*

**MINUTES**

**Present**

June Brown\*, Jill Collier\*, Cath Fox, Jean Maker\*, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Alan Rodger  
(\* 3<sup>rd</sup> November only)

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Previous minutes to be agreed**

The minutes for the previous Committee Meeting are available on the website. The minutes were agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

None

**4. Face to Face Sessions**

**New Year Party**

The date of the New Year Party is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January. The main hall of the Millennium Community Centre has been booked. The charity this year is CHESS.

Cath will note down what the arrangements were last year and forward to Julie. Alan will direct. We need to advertise the event on the website, and by email, giving members appropriate notice.

**Future of Charity Face to Face sessions**

The lack of attendance at these sessions puts their viability in doubt. In addition, at the October event, there was some trouble with outsiders entering the hall and causing disruption.

It was agreed that we will hold events up to January - November (GOSH), December (Aching Arms – comfort after baby loss) and January (New Year Party – CHESS).

During this time, we will review whether to continue after January. If we don't continue, we should consider other ways of supporting charities. Alan will set up a separate meeting to discuss this, initially involving Julie and Colin.

**Tables**

Colin had spoken to Bob Eley (Great Baddow Bridge Club) and Valdie Poter (Brevion Bridge Club) about our use of their tables and other equipment for our face-to-face events when they are held in the Park View room and Main hall respectively. Both are happy for us to continue to use their equipment. Great Baddow Bridge Club do not want any contribution to the upkeep of their equipment. The committee agreed that we should make a contribution to Brevion Bridge Club of £10 each time we use their equipment in the Main hall, recognising that we had used it regularly over the past few years completely free of charge. Colin will contact Valdie Poter to confirm that this arrangement is satisfactory to him.

**5. Sessions over the Holiday Period**

It was agreed that we would hold sessions as normal on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays over the holiday season, except for **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December when there would be no bridge.**

Julie will confirm with Audrey that she will be able to direct on Mondays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December. (PMN: Confirmed by Julie).

**6. Gentle Duplicate**

Colin had set up a survey to determine whether there was sufficient demand for a weekly Gentle Duplicate style session on RealBridge. Initial results were promising – about 20 positive responses. The main challenge would be to find a suitable time to schedule a session.

**7. Essex Competitions**

Cath had identified some possible names for the Cup For Clubs in December but noted that it was time consuming to contact everyone. Experience has shown that email contact is usually unsuccessful.

**8. Review of Club Constitution**

We should identify any proposed changes by the next committee meeting, so we have time to agreed them before the AGM. Based on assessments to date, it is not believed that any changes are necessary.

**9. AOB**

None

**10. Date of next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 @ 6.15pm

Colin Peden