

**CHELMSFORD BRIDGE CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING**

3rd and 4th November 2025 6.15pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present

June Brown*, Jill Collier*, Cath Fox, Jean Maker*, Julie Payne, Colin Peden, Alan Rodger
(* 3rd 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 9th 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 26th December when there would be no bridge**.

Julie will confirm with Audrey that she will be able to direct on Mondays 22nd and 29th 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 agree 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 2nd February 2026 @ 6.15pm

Colin Peden