



BMBS Committee Meeting Minutes - 3rd August 2026

Ian Phillips	Mike Alliston	Ken Thorpe	Val Burlingham	Sarah Randall	Paul Davis	Andy Fuller	Trevor Kersey	Robert Daniel	John Jenkinson
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President /Events Trustee	Yacht Captain	Chairman	Independent Member	Secretary /Treasurer	Buggies Crawler Railway	Fast Electric Captain	Truck Captain	I/c Captain	Scale Captain

Apologies.

- None – All present on Zoom.

Minutes of last zoom meeting and minutes of Quorum meeting 6th July 2026.

- Screenshared by Ken.
- All in favour they were a true record.

BMBS President Solicitors/Trustees.

- No update as yet – the solicitor has just got back from holiday.
- Advice will be taken on how to proceed with gaining death certificates.

UPDATE ON SITE WORK

Lake side tyres and bank erosion.

- Ian Kirk has discussed the tyre movement around the lake with his former colleague Steve Barker.
- They are pretty sure settlement of the tyre and foundation are causing the eventual bank erosion.
- The tyres move and gaps form - Water is the engineer's worst enemy. It lubricates, makes materials weigh a tonne less per metre cubed when submerged and of course after the tyres subside small wave erosion occurs too in any gaps.
- The tyres stabilised and pinned to date are a success generally.
- The slope of the submerged banks will have eroded over the years due to the lubrication and buoyancy of fine materials, but this will settle down even more as time passes.
- Keeping the lake to the correct level would be most helpful believe it or not.
- Possibly stakes or pins driven into the bank to support the tyres rather like piles may help if the ground suits.



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Gardening Report – by Val Burlingham.

- I must start with the wonderful people who help to water the site, thank you. The lovely sun and winds make it hard to keep on top of this job. The planters wouldn't look as good without you.
- The Woodland Trust have been in touch, and congratulations are in order as my application was successful.
- The whips will arrive in November; help will be needed with them please. No protection spirals.
- Thank you to Paul and Val C who continue to paint the fencing around the lake.
- To Ginge who helps with the jobs, lifting, reaching and moving items for Ann and I. Thank you.
- Dead heading, weeding and trimming has taken place across the site.
- Unfortunately, people are using planters to put cigarette butts in. Please don't.
- This last week a person or persons have stood and blatantly between Sun 26th July and Sun 2nd Aug have snapped, bent and broken stems off one of the hedge's next to the fence. This is not acceptable. This has now been trimmed and splinted. Wasted our time when we could have been doing something else. A lot of people work hard, help and assist at the site unpaid for many hours for the members to make it an enjoyable place for everyone. Words cannot express how it makes Ann and I feel.

Yachting Report – by Mike Alliston.

- There is weed in the pond at Wykeham Lake and some of those members have requested to come to our lake to sail.
- It was reiterated that these members temporary or full, should have cleaned their yachts thoroughly before putting them in our lake.
- These members are very professional and don't generally speak during sailing due to concentration.
- The yacht sailing on a Tuesday of BMBS members is done light heartedly and fun, they like to have a laugh and would like the new members to be the same.

Railway.

- The railway was successfully opened by Andy from Roundhouse on Club Sunday with good weather and a good turnout.
- Lots of photos were taken and if you'd like to share any, please send them to Sarah or post on the Facebook pages.
- There will be bits and bobs added so keep an eye out.
- The plants on the layout are very dry due to the dry weather, but overall, it looks good.



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Buggy Track.

- There is some maintenance planned on the track.
- A few of the plastic sections on the guard rails are to be replaced.
- People are going the wrong way around the track which is affecting the grass covering.
- The netting is planned on being removed by the midweekers as it is no longer needed.
- Banners are being removed and returned once the fence has been painted.

Crawler Hill.

- The hill continues to be busy.
- Paul and Sarah pulled a lot of weeds out prior to the club Sunday; Ian Kirk continues to weed kill.

Monkey World.

- Henry is the 1st boy to count the correct number of monkeys hidden around the area..... this amount has changed again so keep counting.
- A lot of work has been completed, with existing challenges being repaired.
- Thanks to John Jenkinson, Sarah, Geoff Cundill and Alex Randall for their help with the new challenges.
- Sarah weed killed all the bank area of the track.
- There is 350ft of new challenges in Monkey World including a brick bridge.
- These have all been made from items donated or recycled, hope you all enjoy.
- We always appreciate donations of screws if anyone has any spare.

Lunch Box Racing.

- We are still experimenting with the lunchbox racing, with new members competing every event.
- We have had obstacles added including ropes and jumps and longer race times.

Truck Track report – by Trevor Kersey.

- The slabs for the yard spaces on the truck track have been laid, thanks to Trevor Kersey, Paul Davies, Paul Heaton and John Smith.
- 60 pavers were laid in 1 day, which was a good team effort.
- The turf cutter which was hired helped a lot.
- The turf was used elsewhere on the truck track.
- Looking at the pictures on Facebook of people using them they look good and have had good feedback.
- Ian Kirk continues to weed kill on the track.



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Treasurers Report.

- Screenshared by Ken
- Read out by Sarah.

Boat Sales.

- Ongoing – no one has purchased them yet!

Events.

- Driffeld Steam Show this coming Friday 7th August if anyone can help set up, please be there for around 4pm.
- Open weekend on the 22nd/23rd August and Nads racing a week later.

Bridlington Station Yorkshire Day.

- Sarah (taking the photo!!), Paul, John Jenkinson and Ian Phillips attended the show.



- We promoted the club and the open weekend with lots of people admiring the models (the RC ones not the 3 stood smiling!)

Open Weekend 22/23rd August.

- We have had a few people volunteer for car parking duties already but if there is anyone who could help for an hour or so, it would be appreciated.
- Paul spoke to the farmer who has said that if its not too wet running up to the event then we can use the field again for parking.
- Paul will ring the farmer to confirm.



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- We will be asking members to drop off models/passengers at the top carpark and then park the car in the field, leaving more space for disabled parking.
- Mike Dawes is updating the first aid kit prior to the open weekend.
- Paul has requested to purchase some radios as we had previously borrowed them from Mike Dawes – all were in favour.
- We have a couple of volunteers for the kitchen as well, thank you.
- Neil Shaw has been to the bread making factory opposite the club to source 30 dozen breadcakes ahead of the weekend, but they weren't interested, but luckily Ian Phillips has found a company to help.
- Hopefully Roundhouse Engineering will attend the weekend, Just Kits can only attend on the Sunday, not the Saturday.
- The captains are to judge the 'best of' each section at 2pm on the 23rd of August.
- Thank you to Robert Daniel for donating the trophies, these will stay in the club house and a certificate given to the winners.
- The name plates will be purchased before the weekend.
- Bring your springer tugs for the duck hunt!!
- *Sarah is accepting raffle prizes for Open weekend if anyone has any spare!*

Vermin boxes.

- Paul has added more poison blocks to the boxes as the previous blocks had been nibbled.
- We seem to have foxes visiting the site as there seems to be Fox poo around the site.
- Moles are making hills on the site; anti mole plants could be planted as the moles don't like the smell.

Scalextric Track – report by Ian Kirk.

- The track has been running for a month now with little issues.
- Further soldering of track joints has helped smooth out some power and digital issues. Further work on this will be undertaken.
- I have decided not to try to extend the layout until after the Open Weekend in case I find any issues.
- I hope to eventually have a overpass loop complete in the future as along with some additional track I had plus generous donations, it would be a shame not to try it. My only concern is supporting the higher level and more importantly how much of the lower layer it may obscure visually. But let's try it and I'm sure we all might get a little dizzy.



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Electrical Assessment.

- Xander the electrician has been onsite and started the work.
- The pump house has been rewired, and the new metal fuse box has been filled.
- New floodlights have been installed on the club house and light up the lake.
- The work replacing the cable from the tool shed to the kitchen will take place after open weekend.
- There will be work on the main fuse box but plenty of notice will be given to members.
- Unfortunately, he couldn't fix the waterfall issue.
- Thanks to Chris and Steve Wells for donating a load of wastewater pipe to the club.

Sale of Old Green Boat.

- The green boat will be used to replace the current wooden boat and will be filled with plants on the corner.

The speaker cable/ tannoy.

- Thanks to Trevor K for donating the cable, which is onsite.
- The work to replace the cable is on Paul's list!!!

New Canes.

- John J has purchased 50 heavy duty canes at a good price to be placed around the lake for the retrieval of boats.
- Sarah and Paul made approximately 10 new poles and placed them around the lake.
- John J donated some heat shrink which was also used on the poles.

Toilet Pump.

- Service to be organised at the end of the season October/November time.

Gladers.

- Ken has confirmed that these have been repaired and can be collected from Adrian at Just Kits.

Caretakers report – by Paul Davis.

- The compressor has been delivered and is in use.
- There was an issue with the extension lead not been thick enough to support the compressor, but a 2.5mm cable worked well with the 16amp plugs added which were previously donated by Trevor Kersey – thank you.
- It has been proposed that 16amp sockets are to be installed at the pump house, tool shed and podium so the compressor can be easily used around the site.



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- Ian Lambert has donated a nail gun and nails to the club and possibly could donate a breaker and other attachments he thinks we could use – Thanks Ian.
- Thank you to Neil Shaw who has donated a spray gun.
- 21 benches and various other timbers have been sprayed with the brown paint.
- Seats on the harbourside have been jet washed and the green more expensive paint has been used on these seats.
- The concrete around the harbour has been jet washed.
- 4.5 tins were used on these seats and a request for 8 more has been requested, which was agreed.
- Paul and John Jenkinson have repaired the seat on the railway area.
- The compost has been moved around and the shredding added.
- 45ft of the trees on the top car park have been corpsed.
- The trees and willows at the entrance have been cut back.
- Buggy track fence has been half painted upto now.

National Powergrid.

- Paul spoke to the NP operative who came to site to look at the dangling wire.
- He was unaware of the issue but was sent due to a fault further down the line.

Rally Track.

- The track has been used a lot.
- The users are getting in the habit of moving it away when finished.
- They are rotating the location of the track and are using the correct tyres.
- There will be no racing on Open Weekend as we need the area for parking.

AOB

Thank you to Geoff Figgett and Phil Townend for repairing the harbour side benches.

Thank you to Dave Burlingham who collected and delivered 12 pavers that had been donated by his son in law. They may be used on the truck track to make more parking areas.

The committee would like to remind members to park in the designated parking areas onsite.

If the jumps are used on the buggy track, please kindly put them away once they've been finished with.

If you are the last member to collect your belongings from the charging station, please lock it after you.



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A request for a tonne of topsoil for the truck track has been made; the committee were all in favour and it will be purchased.

One of the buildings on the truck track was made using a sheep feeder lid, Trevor has requested £60 to purchase another, the committee were all in favour.

There are some posts around the truck track to repair, all the materials are already onsite.

Paul has requested to purchase the mens "urinal sweets" – committee were all in favour.

Thank you to Ian and Elaine Kirk and Val and Paul Cornish for painting the lakes perimeter fence.

Weedkilling comments from Ian Kirk –

Weed Killing of the main lake inside fence is complete hopefully. I have hit it hard and fingers crossed maybe got on top of Horsetail for this year. Please keep an eye on tarmac footway rear of the podium, Horsetail was lifting the tarmac but I think we killed it early enough.

**Members are Reminded:
NO NAPPIES OR WET WIPES DOWN THE LOOS PLEASE
THEY DAMAGE THE PUMPS.**

**Next committee meeting on Zoom.
Monday 7th September 2026.**