



Minutes of Committee Meeting
Monday 6 July 2026
4 Park View Drive

Present: John Masson (Chair), Dorian Jones, David Nolan, Mavis Payne, Nick Pyne, Charmian Horseman, Ann Bizeray, Maurice Bizeray

1. Apologies: Colin Gladwell sent his apologies.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2026 were signed as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising:

The Link dinner held at The Royal Oak was agreed to have been successful, albeit with a delay in food service, resulting from an accident in the kitchen in which Paul the landlord received a burn on his arm.

Two new drivers have been recently recruited: Mark Eddolls and John Rukin.

3. Reports

John

Thanked Mavis for organising the Link dinner

There is a card scheme, the Charity Workers Discount Card, that is available to volunteers, which allows holders to be given a discount in some shops. Ann agreed to investigate group membership of this scheme.

Andy Pillidge was formally welcomed to the Committee.

The Chair asked if there were any matters to raise at the Link Zoom call he was shortly to be attending. None were suggested.

It was proposed by and seconded by..... that Andy Pillidge take the position of Secretary, to replace Charmian Horseman on her retirement. This was unanimously approved by the Committee, and Andy accepted the role.

All members of the Committee must be Trustees of the charity.

The date for the AGM was approved as 1 October 2026, at 10:30am.

Nick

Client issues:

Iris Rutter requests drivers to deliver very heavy shopping. It was agreed that Link will not be a grocery delivery service, and future requests will be politely declined or limited to a small amount of shopping.

There are some "inappropriate" clients at Westbury Court Care Home. Drivers cannot be care workers at the same time as driving.

To save on postage costs, Nick suggested asking new clients to give their email addresses to be included in the database.

Dorian

Currently recruiting coordinators

A question arose about what should happen if drivers took two or more clients? Should they all donate? The consensus was that it is entirely up to the clients what they donate.

There was some discussion around how clients could manage without Link. Ezec was mentioned.

Ann

In order to have Long Service Awards, Westbury Link needs to know how long the drivers have been with Link. A survey/questionnaire would be sent by Ann, the responses to which would allow an assessment of Long Service candidates.

Ann presented the Income and Expenditure report, which shows a small surplus of £567.34, which is less than the previous year.

4. Matters for Discussion

There was some discussion about whether clients that are eligible for PIP or Attendance Allowance could claim the cost of their donation to Link as hospital transport costs. It was noted that this is nothing to do with Link.

5. AOB – none.

6. Date of next meeting

7.00 pm on Monday 21 September 2026 at 12 Church Road, Heywood.