

Meeting	Full Council
Date	25 th August 2026
Report Title	Haydon Wick Bowls Club: Background, Governance and Trustee Appointments
Agenda Reference	15
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Officer's Recommendations:

- To note the history and governance arrangements of Haydon Wick Bowls Club.**
- To note the current lease arrangements in place until 11th January 2048.**
- To appoint two Parish Councillors as the Council's nominated Trustees in accordance with Rule 16 of the Haydon Wick Bowls Club Constitution.**
- Arrange an introductory meeting between the newly appointed Trustees and representatives of the Bowls Club to discuss future working arrangements and areas of mutual interest.**
- Ensure reciprocal invitations are extended to each organisation's Annual General Meetings. The Bowls Club has confirmed their AGM is 10th November (no clash with HWPC meetings).**

Purpose of Report

This report provides Members with a summary of the history of Haydon Wick Bowls Club, the current lease arrangements between the Parish Council and the Club, the Club's governance arrangements, and the requirement for the Council to appoint two Trustees.

1. Background and History

The establishment of Haydon Wick Bowls Club originated from a Parish Council initiative in 1990 to utilise surplus land within the Leisure Gardens site.

Key Milestones

November 1990

- Haydon Wick Parish Council agreed in principle that surplus land within the Leisure Garden site should be used for a bowling green.

December 1990

- A public survey indicated significant local demand, with approximately 150-160 people expressing interest in using a bowling green and 70-80 interested in forming a bowling club.

January 1991

- The Council's solicitor sought planning consent for a change of use of the Leisure Garden site.

1991-1992

- Funding options for the project were explored.



- A special meeting was held with Thamesdown Borough Council to discuss costs, management arrangements and security.
- A steering group comprising local bowlers was established.

May 1992

- It was agreed that:
 - The Bowling Club would be responsible for maintaining the green.
 - The Club would be self-financing.
 - Membership would primarily be for Haydon Wick residents.
 - Provision would be made for public access to the facility.

June 1992

- Planning permission was granted.

July/August 1992

- The Parish Council agreed to fund a "pop-up" irrigation system at a cost of up to £5,500.

October 1992

- The Club's original Rules and Constitution were drafted by members.
- It was agreed that a formal lease would be established between the Parish Council and the Bowling Club.

1993

- Construction was completed.
- Lease terms were agreed.
- The Parish Council contributed £1,000 towards hardwood bench seating.
- The bowling green was officially opened.

October 1993

- The Club reported a successful first season with 98 members recruited.

March 1994

- The lease was formally signed.

The history demonstrates that the Bowls Club was established through a partnership between the Parish Council and local residents, with the Parish Council providing the land and significant capital investment to create the facility.

2. Lease Arrangements

Current Lease

The current lease commenced on 1st May 2024.

Key terms are:

Item	Details
Landlord	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Tenant	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Lease Term	25 years
Expiry Date	11 th January 2048



Item	Details
Annual Rent	£1.00 per annum
Permitted Use	Bowling Green and Club

Previous lease arrangements were:

- Original Lease: signed 1994 (effective from the Club's establishment)
- Renewal: 1997
- Renewal: 2005 to 2023
- Current Renewal: 2024 to 2048

The lease reflects the Council's long-term support for the Club as a community facility and sports organisation.

3. Club Governance

The current Constitution was adopted in November 2022.

Objects of the Club

The Club exists:

"for the promotion of the game of bowls, to provide membership with facilities for playing the game and other social activities."

Management Committee

The Club is managed by a Management Committee consisting of:

- President
- Vice-President
- General Secretary
- General Treasurer
- Eight playing members

Committee members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership

The Constitution provides for:

- Playing Members
- Social Members
- Honorary Members

Membership is principally restricted to residents of Haydon Wick, although a limited number of non-resident playing members may be admitted, subject to written agreement from the Parish Council.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is held annually during November and is responsible for:

- Electing officers and committee members.
- Agreeing subscriptions.



- Receiving audited accounts.
- Approving constitutional changes.

4. Trustee Arrangements

Rule 16 of the Constitution establishes the Club's trustee arrangements.
The Constitution states:

"There shall be four Trustees of the club for the purpose of this rule, two of which shall be nominated by Haydon Wick Parish Council."

The Constitution further provides that:

- The Club shall have four Trustees.
- Two Trustees are nominated by Haydon Wick Parish Council.
- Vacancies arising through resignation, death or removal must be filled.
- The total number of Trustees should not fall below four.

The trustee arrangement reflects the historic relationship between the Parish Council and the Bowls Club and provides for direct Parish Council representation within the Club's governance framework.

5. Current Position

The Council is required to nominate two Trustees in accordance with Rule 16 of the Haydon Wick Bowls Club Constitution.

Following confirmation of the Council's appointments, it would be beneficial to:

- Arrange an introductory meeting between the newly appointed Trustees and representatives of the Bowls Club to discuss future working arrangements and areas of mutual interest.
- Ensure reciprocal invitations are extended to each organisation's Annual General Meetings. The Bowls Club has confirmed their AGM is 10th November (no clash with HWPC meetings).