

The Portsmouth Lodge No 487

Minutes for the General Purposes Committee meeting
held at the Fareham Masonic Centre.

Tuesday 7th October 2025

The Meeting was opened at 7.05 pm with W Bro Wayne Frampton in the Chair

item	SUBJECT	Action
1	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>There were 6 attendees & 9 apologies as per attendance sheet.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last committee meeting held at FMC on Tuesday 2nd September have been circulated, were approved & then signed by W Bro Wayne Frampton</p>	
2 a	<p>Matters Arising – These would be picked up within the following agenda items except the following:</p> <p>Lapel Pins. W Bro Roger Barnard has advised that he has been given the following quotes for new badges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) 25x Bespoke Lapel Pins £10.65 each2) 50x Bespoke Lapel Pins £6.02 each3) 100x Bespoke Lapel Pins £3.70 each <p>The GP Committee considered the quotes and after a vote, decided that due to the cost, this should not be pursued. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>The Secretary has sent promotion forms for W Bros Danny Letzer and Kevin Hunt to our VO who would send onto Province.</p>	
3	<p>Lodge Website</p> <p>The website was now live and can be accessed at</p> <p>PORTSMOUTHLODGEFREEMASONS.CO.UK (the Secretary advised that this link has been added to our Summons). The website will have a link to the new UGLE 'Portal' site shortly for brethren to check their own history.</p> <p>W Bro Andy Brown confirmed the cost to run the site would be £60 from Jan 26 till 31st December 2027 with the Domain Name costing £14.38 for the 2 year period August 2025 – August 2027. In addition, if the Lodge is going ahead with the additional domain names for redirects, then these were around £20 for 2 year deals.</p> <p>The GP Committee thought these costs were entirely reasonable and thanked W Bro Andy for developing the site. The GP also agreed to take up the additional Domain Names as agreed previously.</p>	

4	<p>Candidates</p> <p>Mr Steven Arthur Lincoln's details have been circulated to all brethren and Bros Neil McHenry & Robin Ford (by W Bro Bob Cullen on his behalf) have proposed and seconded him at the last meeting. He has duly completed the Form P.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>W Bro Adrian Jones was unfortunately absent but had previously sent his report which has been circulated to the brethren.</p>	
6	<p>Charity Stewards Report & 2027 Festival Update</p> <p>Bro Mike Crick advised that he had visited the Portsmouth Downs Syndrome charity with W Bro Gareth Manson to hand over the cheque for £1400 which was very well received.</p> <p>The Lodge has pledged £22,296 to the Festival which is 95% towards our Silver Honorific.</p> <p>GAE envelopes will be on the tables at our Festive Board in October and he will give a Notice of Motion at that meeting that a sum not exceeding £150 will be donated to the Oakhaven Trust (Hospice).</p>	
7	<p>Almoner Report</p> <p>W Bro Gareth Manson was unavoidably absent but W Bro Danny Letzer advised that W Bro Barry Filer was hoping to be out of hospital within a few days.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Secretary advises that all correspondence has been circulated except that letter of thanks had been received from W Bro David Smith and W Bro Alan Hares for their invites as Official Guests for September. Both had thoroughly enjoyed the evening commenting on what a friendly and welcoming Lodge 487 is.</p>	
9	<p>Agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>October Summons: We have an Official Visit of the APGM W Bro Adrian Cleightonhills for which we will hopefully have the live initiation of Mr. Steven Arthur Lincoln. The summons was formally agreed.</p> <p>November Summons – the Lodge will perform a ceremony of Passing for Lewis Donovan or a rehearsal of the ceremony of Passing. The DC was hoping this meeting would be the PM's night but that would depend on available brethren.</p>	

10	<p>LMO & Lodge Plan</p> <p>W Bro Roger Barnard was unavoidably absent and sent his apologies.</p> <p>W Bro Mike Crick was hoping that a friend of a number of our Brethren, W Bro Dan Butcher, would agree to join us in January. We look forward to welcoming him.</p>	
11	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The Secretary advised that he would not be present at the November meeting and would ask W Bro Roger Barnard to step into the role for that meeting.</p> <p>Bishopswood Lodge had invited a representative to their Trafalgar Night meeting on Thursday 23rd October and the Secretary was awaiting responses from our Senior Warden as to whether he would like to represent us.</p> <p>W Bro Andy Brown advised that Fareham Lodge were also holding a Trafalgar night on 28th October but this was not a formal Masonic meeting but open to brethren with their wives/families. There are notices at FMC but W Bro Andy can provide details if anyone is interested.</p>	
<p>There was no further business & the meeting closed at 8.05 pm. The next GP meeting @ 7.00pm will be on Tuesday 4th November 2025</p>		

Secretary: R Cullen

Signed: (WM) _____ Date _____