

# The Portsmouth Lodge No 487

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

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm with  
W Bro Gareth Manson in the Chair

item	SUBJECT	Action
1	<b>Attendance and Apologies</b>  There were 6 attendees & 10 apologies as per attendance sheet.	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>  Minutes of the last committee meeting held at FMC on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 have been circulated, were approved & then signed by W Bro Gareth Manson	
2 a	<b>Matters Arising – there were none</b>	
3	<b>Lodge website</b>  The website is currently having issues W Bro Andy Brown is resolving and has asked member not to log on until he gives the all clear	AB
4	<b>Candidates</b>  W Bro Gareth Manson has a couple that he is hoping to bring to the next Dine a Friend.  Bro. Joshua Letzer has 2 but thinks they are unlikely for this year because of the cost involved in joining after the summer recess	
5	<b>Treasurers Report</b>  W Bro Adrian Jones has distributed the annual accounts and they have been signed by all except W Bro Chris Ford who committed to review and sign in the morning.	
6	<b>Charity Stewards Report &amp; 2027 Festival Update</b>  The Charity Steward was unavoidably absent and no report was available	

7	<p><b>Almoners Report.</b></p> <p>We have a letter of thanks from Peggy Malthouse</p> <p>Some of the Members attended W Bro Danny Letzers' Dads funeral and Danny gave his thanks for the support</p> <p>W Bro Bob Blackman is to have a Pacemaker fitted</p> <p>W Bro's Gareth and Wayne went to see Chris Russel he was in good spirits and said he would appreciate a visit from any bro who wishes to do so.</p> <p>Our Secretary W Bro Bob Cullen has been in hospital.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence</p>	
9	<p><b>Agenda for the next meeting</b></p> <p>February:</p> <p>Change the Summons from Josh to Joshua</p> <p>W Bro's Barry Filer and Chris Ford have agreed to be Examiners</p> <p>Bro's Mike Crick has agreed as lodge representatives</p> <p>Add new item 7 Adoption of the accounts</p> <p>Rest to remain the same</p> <p>March:</p> <p>Installing Master to be added, W Bro Gareth is not available for the meeting, Danny to advise who will be doing this</p> <p>Add Master Elect to front</p> <p>Check if official guests have been invited</p> <p>Remove item 9 Treasurers report this is being done in February.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>BC</p>

10	<p><b>LMO and Lodge Plan</b></p> <p>Copy received from W Bro Roger Barnard, this was read in the meeting by W Bro Gareth Manson.</p> <p>Dine a friend is on 6th May 2026 at Gosport</p>	
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>W Bro Danny Letzer explained the idea of thanking officers remaining in their post during the installation meeting (officers staying in their positions. apart from the Wardens. could all rise from their chairs and the Master could stand and thank them all to save bringing them up individually)</p>	
<p><b>There was no further business &amp; the meeting closed at 8 pm. The next GP meeting (TBC) @ 7.00pm will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026</b></p>		

Secretary: R Cullen

Signed: (WM) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_