

# The Portsmouth Lodge No 487

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

The Meeting was opened at 7.00pm with  
W Bro Josh Letzer in the Chair

item	SUBJECT	Action
1	<b>Attendance and Apologies</b>  There were 12 attendees & 7 apologies as per attendance sheet.	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>  Minutes of the last committee meeting held at FMC on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March have been circulated, were approved & then signed by W Bro Josh Letzer	
2 a	<b>Matters Arising – there were none</b>	
3	<b>Lodge website</b>  W Bro Andy Brown reported that the website is up to date except that he will shortly upload the pictures from W Bro Adrian from the Installation Meeting.  He also mentioned that W Bro Maurice Freeman who gave him great help in building the website, is very ill and it was suggested that if able, he and his wife would be asked to attend our May meeting as guests of the Lodge. W Bro Andy would speak to Maurice soon to see whether they can make it.	
4	<b>Candidates</b>  The LMT had interviewed two potential candidates, Mark Smith and Stephen Burt, both of whom would be attending the Dine A Friend evening on 6 <sup>th</sup> May. The details for Mark Smith have been circulated to brethren and Stephen Burt has taken away the Membership Form & Form P to complete.  If any of the potential candidates are Sponsored at the May meeting, we could undertake Initiations in September.  Gareth is talking with an interested person will be going along to the Dine A Friend as will the two friends of our WM.  Bro Joshua Watkins, of the Seven Seas Lodge will become a joining member at our April meeting – subject to Ballot.	
5	<b>Treasurers Report</b>  W Bro Adrian Jones has posted his report on the website. He asked that the GP be advised that the cost for dining at the May white table will be £30.  W Bro Bob Cullen mentioned that he and the Treasurer had spoken and proposed	

	<p>that the Fees for a new candidate from September till the end of this financial year, could be set at £195 which was seconded by W Bro Andy Brown and carried unanimously by a show of hands.</p> <p>W Bro Bob also proposed that the men taking along to the DAF could also be paid for by the Lodge. This was seconded by W Bro Danny Letzer and carried unanimously with a show of hands. Those brethren who pay on the night can ask to re-imbursed by the Treasurer.</p>	
6	<p><b>Charity Stewards Report &amp; 2027 Festival Update</b></p> <p>The Charity Steward was unavoidably absent but his latest report is on the website</p>	
7	<p><b>Almoners Report.</b></p> <p>W Bro Gareth said that a full report would be available at the end of the month but mentioned that he had spoken to W Bro Bob Blackman who was doing ok.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Most correspondence had been circulated to the brethren except that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he had received, via the Charity Steward, a thank you note from Elizabeth Foundation for the Charity donation</li> <li>- he had received a thank you note from W Bro Chris Hudson of Royal Sussex Lodge No 342 for his Official Invitation at the Installation meeting in March</li> <li>- he had received apologies from the WM of Fareham Lodge who could not attend our April meeting as Official Guest.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Agenda for the next meeting</b></p> <p>April: W Bro Danny confirmed that we would be undertaking the Passing of Joshua Watkins our new joining member.</p> <p>May: Will be a White Table evening and just the usual Lodge Business without a ceremony. Tyle would be at 6pm as usual.</p>	
10	<p><b>LMO and Lodge Plan</b></p> <p>W Bro Roger Barnard advised that his report was on the website as with the latest 5 Year Plan. The potential candidates were mentioned previously and that they were coming along to the Dine a friend on 6th May 2026 at Gosport.</p>	

11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>W Bro Andy Brown remarked that the Curry night was very successful and asked the WM if others were being planned. One suggestion was that we hold a Quiz Night and our new joining member, Josh Watkins, would see whether a friend of his would be interested in putting something on.</p> <p>The WM would also look to have another Summer BBQ and a September Skittles Night.</p> <p>W Bro Wayne Frampton asked whether we would give the Royal Arch Narratives and W Bro Danny advised that we would give the appropriate one after each ceremony. As our RA rep W Bro Andy Morris will not be at the April meeting, the narrative can be read by any other RA member.</p> <p><b>Next Lodge Meeting is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – the White Table where our WM has arranged special entertainment. All Brethren are asked to attend to make the evening another 487 Special Occasion.</b></p>	
	<p><b>There was no further business &amp; the meeting closed at 7.50 pm. The next GP meeting (TBC) @ 7.00pm will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b></p>	

Secretary: R Cullen

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