**Wilmslow Phoenix Sports Club (WPSC)**

# Special General Meeting – Minutes

**14th November 2026 19:30 Clubhouse & MS Teams**

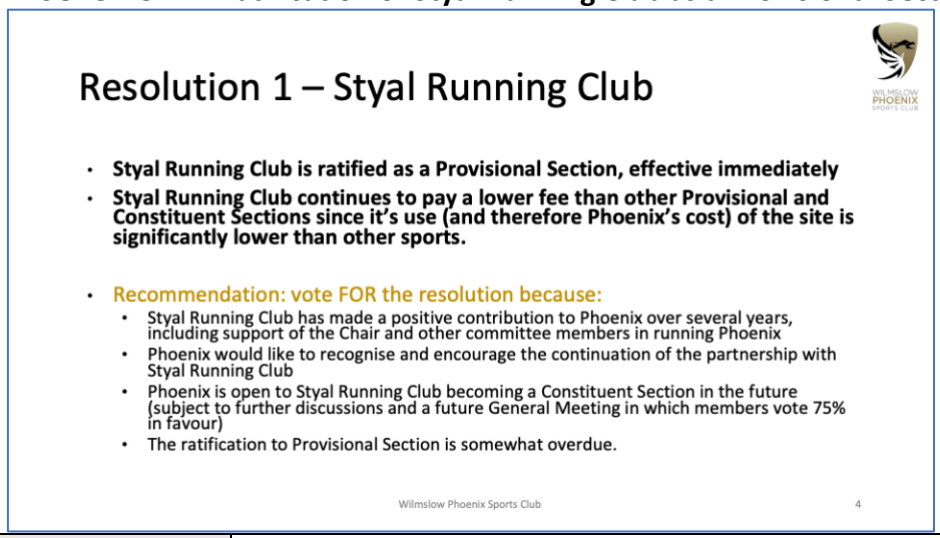
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| TYPE OF MEETING | Special General Meeting |
| CHAIR | David Clark |
| MINUTE TAKER | Jim Garside |
| APOLOGIES | - |
| ATTENDEES | In person: David Clark, Jim Garside, Rachel Payne, Noelle Hankinson, Alan Murdoch, Steve Kinsella, Colin Birtles, Chris Hunter, Rachel Chapman, Stuart Redgard<br>Online: Sarah Brickhill, Penny Sparrow, Neil Shirley, Louise Broome, Hilary Markwick, Jenn Haynes |
| ATTENDEES (Voting) | 128 members invited to vote (94 Hockey, 32 Lacrosse, 2 Phoenix Social) – being adult, paid-up members of each group.<br>Of these, 66 members voted using ChoiceVoting online system, a turnout of 51.5% (well in excess of the 30% quorum required). |

## 0. WELCOME

| DISCUSSION | |
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- DC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
- DC highlighted that Phoenix has lost money in each of the last 3 years and needs to seek new income to support the club. For example, the recent tree survey (triggered by a safety complaint via CEC) has an estimated cost of £4,500 (almost a full annual membership fee)
- DC explained that, as per the invitation and communications, all voting for this SGM is online. This approach has been used to allow more members to participate at their own convenience.

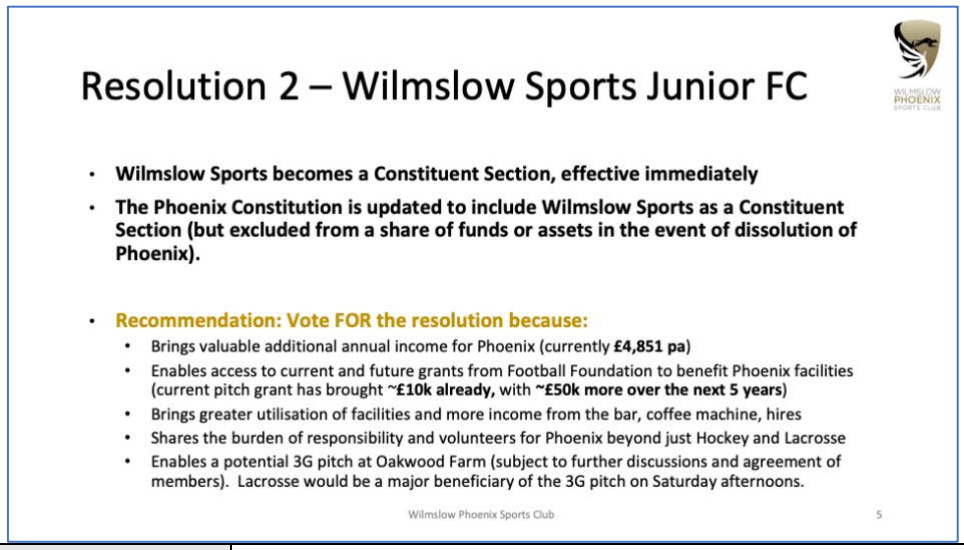
## 1. RESOLUTION 1: Ratification of Styal Running Club as a Provisional Section




| DISCUSSION | |
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- DC presented the resolution above and noted that there would be another resolution and vote before SRC could become a Constituent Section. SRC currently pays ~£1,800pa membership. This may increase if/when SRC becomes a Constituent Section, but not by much since SRC only use the car park and clubhouse.
- JG highlighted the strong contribution SRC are already making at the club, not least the contribution from DC as Chair of Phoenix and Ian Morton (Chair of SRC).

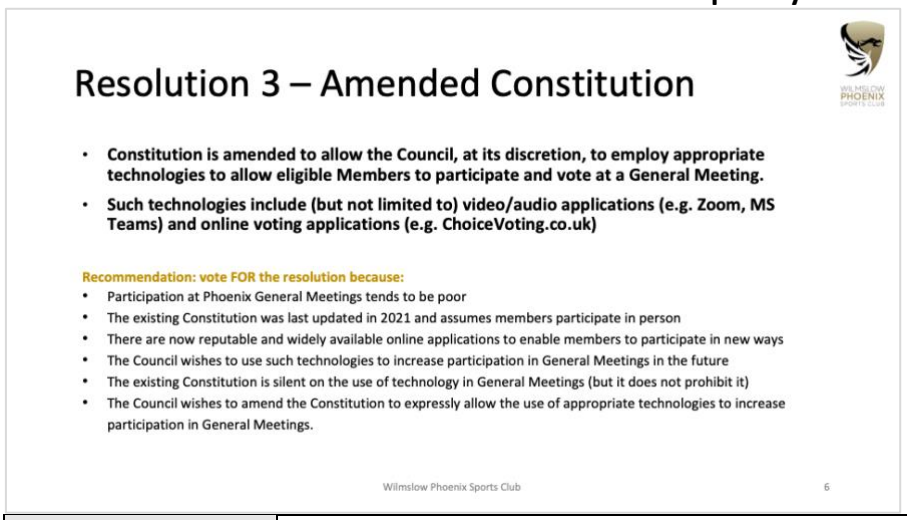
## 2. RESOLUTION 2: Introduction of Wilmslow Sports Junior Football Club as a Constituent Section




| DISCUSSION | |
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- DC presented the resolution above. SK asked if WS would take part in full in the running of the club if the resolution is passed e.g. volunteering on the Phoenix Council, doing jobs at the club, marshalling etc. DC replied – yes – they would.
- CB asked how the Padel opportunity was progressing. JG answered that Destination Padel has submitted a Planning Application which was in its consultation period. Destination Padel members would not automatically become Phoenix members – instead Destination Padel would have a sub-lease and pay fees to Phoenix similar to Wilmslow Phoenix Astroturf Limited.
- DC highlighted that WS is primarily a junior football club with around 400 junior members. It is not clear to Phoenix if or how many adult members there are in WS. Only adult members are eligible to vote at Phoenix General Meetings. We have agreed with WS that, for voting purposes, the number of WS adult members will be capped at the same number as the largest Constituent Section (currently hockey).

## 3. RESOLUTION 3: Amendment of Constitution to expressly allow for online technologies




| DISCUSSION | |
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| • JG presented the resolution above. There were no questions. | |

## 4. RESULTS

| DISCUSSION | |
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| • DC paused the meeting for 10 minutes to allow any final votes to be cast online.<br>• At 1815 voting was closed and the results presented as follows.<br>• See **Appendix 1** for the results report from ChoiceVoting. | |

| **Resolution:** | **For** | **Against** | **Abstain** | **Threshold** | **Result** |
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| **1 Styal Running Club** | 64 (97%) | 0 (0%) | 2 (3%) | 50% | PASSED |
| **2 Wilmslow Sports** | 54 (82%) | 8 (12%) | 4 (6%) | 75% | PASSED |
| **3 Constitution** | 65 (98.5%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1.5%) | 75% | PASSED |

| | **Hockey** | **Lacrosse** | **Phoenix** | **Total** |
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| **Eligible voters** | **94** | **32** | **2** | **128** |
| **Actual voters** | **53** | **11** | **2** | **66** |
| **Turnout** | **56%** | **34%** | **100%** | **51.5%** |

Total turnout of 51.5% exceeds the quorum of 30%.

**DC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 18:30**

**Appendix 1 – Results from Choice Voting**

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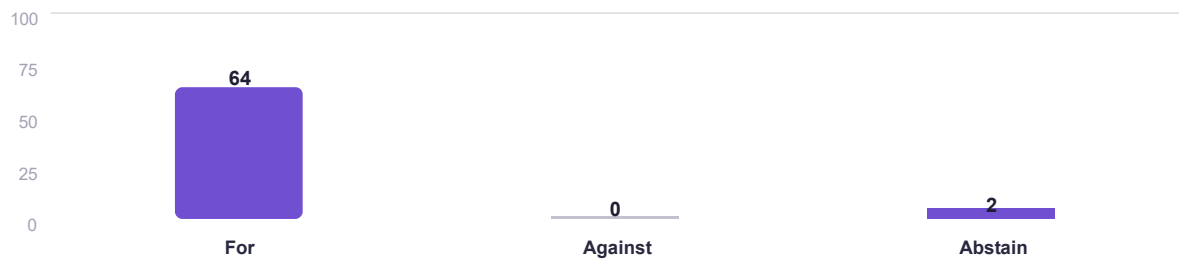
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## RESOLUTION 1: Ratify Styal Running Club as a Provisional Section of Phoenix (requires 50% majority)

| 51.56% Turnout of eligible voters | 128 Total Eligible Voters | 66 Votes Received | 62 Did Not Vote |
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**Winner: For**

### Vote Distribution




### Voting Breakdown

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|---|---|
| For | 64 (96.97%) |
| Against | 0 (0%) |
| Abstain | 2 (3.03%) |

**RESOLUTION 2: Introduction of Wilmslow Sports Junior Football Club as a Constituent Section of Phoenix (requires 75% majority)**

| 51.56% Turnout of eligible voters | 128 Total Eligible Voters | 66 Votes Received | 62 Did Not Vote |
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+ **Winner: For**

## Vote Distribution




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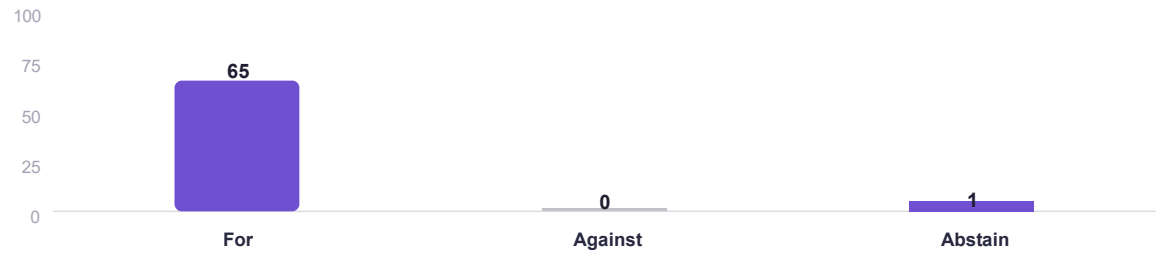
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| For | 54 (81.82%) |
| Against | 8 (12.12%) |
| Abstain | 4 (6.06%) |

**RESOLUTION 3: Amendment of Constitution to expressly allow for online technologies in future General Meetings (requires 75% majority)**

| 51.56% Turnout of eligible voters | 128 Total Eligible Voters | 66 Votes Received | 62 Did Not Vote |
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+ **Winner: For**

## Vote Distribution




## Voting Breakdown

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|---|---|
| For | 65 (98.48%) |
| Against | 0 (0%) |
| Abstain | 1 (1.52%) |