

FEERING FALCONS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB.
MEETING of 22.01.2026
Venue : The Labour Club commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chairman	D Scott	Y	U7B	E Peters	N	U11B	M Bacon	Y
Secretary / Disciplinary	P Jenkins	Y	U7	J Francis	N	U11R	I Whittle	N
Treasurer / Club Dev	A. Booth	N	U8 Girls	L Herd M Wood	N Y	U12B	T Flint	N
Child Welfare	I Hayhoe	Y	U8B	R Shand	Y	U12R	K Rushen	N
Fix Sec	S Reed	N	U8R	R Moran	N	U13	S Gallagher	N
The Nest	A Howard	N	U9B	D Garrett		U14	P Nicholls	N
Grounds	N Wood	N	U9R	M Pipe	N			
Vice	J Valerkou	N	U10B	D Midwinter	Y			
Grounds	T Boughtwood	Y	U10R	A Cutting	N			

1 Minutes – Issues from last meeting

No issues

2 Five a side tournament

As discussed at the last meeting, we were waiting for the days when England were playing in the World Cup to make sure that 13 June would be OK. As there is no clash we can now confirm the date for 13th June 2026

Suggestions for:

- Review of the rules (not all referees are following and Derek will be looking at how we can strengthen the message to the refs). A suggestion was that normal Sunday rules should apply to some or all of the non-competitive age groups.
- How can we maximise playing time for players (what is the ideal group number so that games can be longer?) To be discussed with Andy to see if it is feasible
- Can we take less teams to maximise playing time but charge more money?
- Can we play a format of ‘everyone plays a final?’ e.g. 1 st v 1 st , 2 nd v 2 nd .

Flyer has been produced which Derek will send.

Consider changing the cost to £50.

Discuss the Tournify app with Andy and how it compares with our own app

3 Chairman – D Scott (chairman@feeringfalcons.com)

Low turn out of meeting – Would Mondays be better than Thursdays?

Next meeting will be booked for a Monday.

Thank you for Tom for fixing the locks.

Thank you to Buster for helping Ed also.

Thank you to Jimmy (parent) plumber has fixed pipes in the kitchen and the toilet.

Reminder – when locking turn the water off and drain all the taps/ flush all of the toilets.

Elm Farm update – Solicitor advised us to chase Nicholas Percivall. It is going through slowly and they will extend our Section 26. This means we have the power as the leaseholder so that we can stay there. We have a fairly large solicitor bill so we have asked for a

breakdown of that to see if Nicholas Percival delays have cost so much money. Planning to use this information when negotiating the lease.

Presentation night Friday 5th June. Two rooms booked – main room for introduction, individual presentation and then Players player in the main room.

First aid training. Red Cross – will run sessions between 6 and 12 people, £1200 plus would need to hire somewhere. Full day training. Need to give three dates.

FA First aid course build on the basic one £105 pp but you would book individually. All day. Did some visits to Elm Farm, one to thank Paul Nicholls and his assistant and Sam who has taken over the U13s.

At Elm Farm this weekend to support Richard's game.

Reminder that if you feel there will be tension at a game you can ask the chairman/secretary to attend a match.

4 Secretary – P Jenkins (secretary@feeringfalcons.com)

Reminder that if you want a team to waive the seven days notice on a transfer they need to return their kit to their old team and pay any outstanding fees.

Blackwater League SGM on 4.02.26 which Phil will go to.

In June there will be two Colchester meetings, a meeting to go to Wivenhoe to pick up the Colchester participation medals, a Blackwater meeting in Witham and a Girls League meeting in Chelmsford so Phil will be looking for some volunteers to attend some of these meetings as he is not going to all of them.

The league are doing checks of squad sheets so it is worth having these to hand.

Chat re 3v3 format for under 7s – watch this space.

Disciplinary – things have calmed down re fines. Big improvement. Reminder to keep concentrating please.

Michaela will send out challenging behaviours document.

Changing 'Clubman' to 'Falcon' of the year.

Michaela will update the managers guide.

5 Fixtures Secretary – S Reed

Blackwater league is quite last minute which is difficult to manage.

6 Treasurer – A Booth (treasurer@feeringfalcons.com)

Accounts have been sent out.

7 Child Welfare - I Hayhoe (childwelfare@feeringfalcons.com)

Karl Rushen – Safeguarding is up 27th Jan – he is aware

Asa's DBS expires 14th Feb, email has been sent to enable renewal.

Lyndsey Dunn – needs to renew safeguarding 11th Feb.

8 Club Development – S Reed

FA has been contacted about the funding for the new kitchen unit.

9 Ground Maintenance – S Reed

Feering Park is now set up, thanks to all those who helped set it up. We'll be using that for the majority of 7 a side games until the main car park is usable on.

It's fantastic to see kids playing games in the villages again.

We're trying to keep the parish council happy so everyone is on their best behaviour especially with making sure no rubbish is left.

We're trialing some new socketed corner flags at Feering Park. If all goes well we'll replace them at EF as we lost a lot of corner flags breaking their spikes at EF.

No news from Specsavers yet regarding new marker and paint.

We're going to be ordering new paint shortly for EF. Please let me know when we're down to our last 2 bottles.

Chalk room now has new number combination lock. Code is 1978.

10 Team updates

Fledglings	T Peters M Bacon	Going well – lots of numbers
U6		Absent
U7 B	E Peters	Absent
U7 R	J Francis	Absent
U8 Girls	M Wood	Going well, winning a lot of the games. Stepping up and playing a year above. Introduced a rota for the weekends to minimise on subs. Will need to split into two teams in September, U8 girls will need to move up. Will need someone to manage U8s team for next year as Liz and Mike's kids will be in U9s teams.
U8 B	R Shand	All going well, had close games – stayed in the same league but now moved up to the second league so will have some tough fixtures. Lost one player and not sure about another.
U8 R	R Moran	Absent
U9 B	D Garrat	Absent
U9 R	M Pipe	Absent
U10 B	D Midwinter	Playing great football. Last five games have been 'unbelievable'.
U10 R	A Cutting	Absent
U11 B	M Bacon	Playing well
U11 R	I Writtle	Absent
U12 B	T Flint	Absent
U12 R	K Rushen	Absent
U13	S Gallagher	Absent
U14	L Barnes	Absent

11 AOB

New paint machine: You must empty it and run it until you see water coming out.

Cars were driving across the field on Sunday – Tom has put cones and rope across to stop them.

Please remind all parents not to drive across the field.

Can we make sure we are closing the gates at the end of the game on Sunday. The manager of the last game needs to do a quick walk around to check that all the gates are shut otherwise the rabbits will get back in and ruin the pitches.

Pitches are very wet.

Chain post is bent over and won't push out with a digger. Will try a quick fix of padlocking the chain to extend it.

NEXT MEETING.

Monday 23rd February 2026.

Labour Club 7.30

Please make every effort to attend.