Earl Shilton Camera Club

MINUTES – Committee Meeting

Held on – Monday 15th September 2025 @ 7.00pm

1.0 Present

Paul Steans: Chairman	PS
James Botterill: Secretary	JB
Ian Waite: Programme Secretary	IW
Steve Pears: incoming Treasurer	SP
Graham Townsend: Publicity Officer	GT
Alan Wardropper: Competitions Secretary	AW
Julie Holbeche-Maund	JHM
Phil Mallin	PM
Daniel Wood	DW
John Denny	JD

2.0 Apologies

None.

3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1 The minutes to the previous committee meeting held on 29th July 2025 were accepted as a true record by all members.

4.0 Matters arising from the last minutes.

4.1 All actions completed. No further matters arising.

5.0 Club financials and membership.

5.1 SP presented a balance sheet and an end of year forecast showing an estimated year end balance of £483.52.

5.2 The committee agreed that a new projector should be purchased at a cost of £1100.

5.3 The old projector will be advertised on an online market place, by **JB**.

5.4 SB reported that there are currently 42 paid up members, with a possibility of another 4 joining.

5.5 New members mentors:
Richard Danvers – Paul Steans.

Peter Richardson – Horace Goodenough (Secretary's note: This was later changed to Trevor England).
Nigel Matthews – Ian Waite.
Tony Cole – Nick Lees
AW offered to be a mentor if needed.

5.6 The one-to-one help list will be reviewed by **JB**.

6.0 Programme.

6.1 The first workshop on 24th September will include a number of workstations demonstrating post-processing. **JB** offered to bring in a couple of large monitors to enable better viewing experience. JHM, PM, IW, SP and AW all offered to lead sessions. **PS** to canvass requirements at the club meeting.

6.2 A future workshop could include a video by Iwona Podlasinska, which JB has subscribed to.

6.3 A 4-way interclub competition, this year hosted by Leicester Forest will take place on Oct 9th. IW and AW are sorting out entries: 7 of each print and pdi, with 1 per author.

6.4 IW confirmed the Cedars Challenge will be a 4-way competition, with 12 prints per club, 2 per author (although Hinckley will be given some latitude due to their low membership), max 3 nature.

6.5 On 12th November there will be a members' Show and Tell evening where some members will talk about images they like to take.

6.6 **SP** will arrange the Social Evening at the Red Lion, Huncote.

6.7 POTY2 review will be led by **JB** as PM and JHM are on holiday.

7.0 Annual Exhibition.

7.1 Andrjez Jablonski commented that the TV was in a good position as it didn't have a reflection from the windows on the other side of the gallery.

7.2 For the Wednesday open evening PS the Hansom Café did not leave out tea/coffee facilities, even though they had previously agreed to do so. Cakes were provided by JB's daughter, Iona, which were much appreciated. The committee agreed that we would arrange our own refreshments next year.

7.3 PM suggested that the competition winners' panel should be the first that people see, which has previously been used for the ESTC sponsorship and open competition winners. Committee agreed to PM suggestion.

7.4 Committee members will wear badges at next year's open evening.

8.0 Publicity.

8.1 GT reported that there has been good publicity leading up to the exhibition. There was also a good article included in the MCPF newsletter.

8.2 It was suggested that an article about our activities with Hinckley BID should be sent to be included in the MCPF newsletter. **GT**

8.3 An article about gaining new members following the exhibition is to be considered. **GT**

9.0 AOB.

9.1 AW reported that he has received 24 images so far for the Secretary's Challenge but more are expected. He has organised 30 images, of which 8 were newly submitted, for the Judging Masterclass.

9.2 POTY review evenings will follow a different format. The scores, excluding the top 10 images, will be presented at the beginning, and then the full set at the end. In the first part of the evening, 10 images from the lower scores will be reviewed with appropriate comments and suggested edits. In the second half of the evening the top 10 images will be presented and reviewed with emphasis on why these images have scored higher.

9.3 The members' gallery currently contains images of 5 members as all other galleries have been removed. Members will be asked to supply up to 12 images for inclusion if they want to have a personal gallery. **PS**

10.0 Date of next meeting.

10.1 The next meeting will be on Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.00pm, at the home of IW.