

## **Introduction**

The Court was given to the Parish Council by Lord Fairhaven for the use of the village. The Parish Council agreed that the custody, maintenance and control of the court should be placed in the hands of the Tennis Club through a committee which is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to which club members are invited. It should be remembered that use of the court is a privilege and because of this should be treated with respect. Regrettably we have found that from time to time a limited number of members have abused this privilege and as a result it is necessary to highlight those things which are not allowed. As part of the agreement entered into with the Parish Council (see below), infringement of the rules will be considered by the committee and members who are found guilty of breaking the rules can be suspended or expelled from membership of the club.

### **Members should not:-**

loan out their key to non members. Junior members are allowed to play with non-members during off peak times, but they must be present to ensure the game is played sensibly.

book more than 2 separate one hour sessions in advance. Play, however, can continue after the end of the booked session if no-one arrives to commence a subsequent booking.

play in back to back sessions even though bookings may have been made in different members' names, (unless no other member turns up).

deliberately knock tennis balls, out of the court. Any balls which are knocked out accidentally should be retrieved if possible.

use the court for any other game, especially football.

ride cycles on the playing surface.

allow dogs to run around on the playing surface.

leave litter on the court.

### **Members should:-**

lower the net after the playing session is over, unless other players are waiting to play.

wear suitable footwear.

report any problem with the playing surface or the court surrounds to the either the chairman of the Tennis Club - currently Jeff Kempster 01223 812194 or the Parish Clerk. (His telephone number can be found in the Lode Star).

## **Tennis Court Agreement**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This is an agreement entered into between the Lode Parish Council, hereafter known as the Council, and the Lode Tennis Club, hereafter known as the Club.
- 1.2 All parties to this agreement acknowledge that the Tennis Court is owned by the Parish through the Council and administered on its behalf by the Club.
- 1.3 Following agreement between the two parties, the Council will allow any improvement to the Court to be made by the Club at its own expense.

### **2 The Council agrees to:-**

- 2.1 Provide, annually, funds for the insurance of the Court.
- 2.2 Allow the Club to levy an annual membership fee to cover the costs of refurbishment etc.
- 2.3 The Club will have use of the Court without charge.

### **3 The Club agrees to:-**

- 3.1 Levy an annual subscription, to be decided at the each Annual General meeting, to ensure that the Court is maintained in an optimum condition at no cost to the Council.
- 3.2 Discuss with the Council any improvements it wishes to carry out to the Court.
- 3.3 Pay any Utility account raised for the use of the water required to clean the Court.
- 3.4 Apply no bar to any parishioner who, upon the payment of the annual fee, wishes to become a member of the Club.
- 3.5 Put into place a disciplinary code which will ensure that the facility is not abused and if necessary withdraw membership from any member who continually abuses the code. In the event of suspension or expulsion of a member the final appeal can be made to the Council.