

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 10 December 2014  
at 47 Mill Road at 7.30pm**

Present:      Jeff Kempster      John Lince      Denise Bardan  
                 Will Jaggard      Sally Jaggard

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| 1. | Apologies received from Mo Brown and Lesley Pulvertaft.   |                  |
| 2. | The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2014 were accepted as a true record.  |                  |
| 3. | Will and John had applied the remaining stock of moss killer. It appears to have had the desired effect.  | JL / WJ          |
| 4. | The net winding mechanism has still not been corrected because of difficulties in finding a period when the court was not booked for play. Jeff (or Will) will try and make the repair when the bookings had died down.   | JK / WJ          |
| 5. | The discussion of pricing for coaching arrangements next year would be discussed at the next meeting when the costs for the coach would be known.   | ALL              |
| 6. | The date for the next social evening - a bring and share Curry Evening, was changed to 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 to avoid a clash with a Quiz night being run by the Lode fete committee. Sally said that she would make all the arrangements and would call on other committee members for help if it was required. The details for Jeff to put into the Lode Star article were as follows - Venue will be Sally and Will's house, start time 7.30pm bring your own bottle, and a contribution towards costs of £5. Jeff will also send a notice (with some reminders nearer the time) from the website email system. | SJ<br>JK         |
| 7. | Jeff read out a letter of thanks from Arthur for his present and the lifetime membership. Jeff was asked to convey a vote of thanks to Anne for her 6 years on the committee.   | JK               |
| 8. | There was a long discussion concerning the details of the quotations obtained for the court resurfacing, and of the possible grants that were available. The most salient points were as follows:   |                  |
|    | a. The quotations from En Tous Cas showed the cost of two alternatives - a PLADEK macadam surface with edging for £10,588 or a SPORTURF carpet surface for £13,320  |                  |
|    | b. Arthur had obtained details of two grants that may be applied for from ECDC, the first (Public Open Space s106 funding - £2,996.98) was one that had been allocated by ECDC to Lode, and Lode Parish Council had indicated its support for this to be allocated to the Tennis Club for the resurfacing project. The second was for £5,000 "Small Villages allocation". ECDC had indicated that both should be applied for together.  |                  |
|    | c. Jeff had some questions arising from the application forms (and Arthur's e mails) which he was hoping to get answers for, from ECDC. These were principally whether either or both of these grants were contingent on the decision on which surface was chosen, and whether the club's condition that the court was for the parishioners of Lode and Longmeadow would be seen as a problem in the context of eligibility for these grants.   |                  |

- d. A less than glowing reference had been provided by Cambridge LTC for the carpet surface, who had had this surface installed on some of there courts by this company some 10 years ago. They still had two courts laid with this surface, but suggested that other surfaces (and contractors) should be considered, as there were many other types of artificial surface, for example a tiger turf, which could be laid to simulate either astro turf or artificial clay court.
  - e. Sally had asked Arthur about the urgency relating to the grant applications and had been told that while there was no specific deadline, that currently there were no other candidates for the Public Open Spaces Grant for £2,996.98 in the village. If that were to change and the Tennis Club had not sorted out its application, then the Parish Council decision to support the Lode Tennis Club application may have to be reviewed
9. It was unanimously decided that the macadam option would be preferable to the carpet option, even if it transpired that the £5,000 grant would not be available if this option was selected. The following actions were determined:
- a. Jeff would resolve the outstanding questions regarding the grants available from ECDC. JK
  - b. Sally would talk to Alan Lamb to ask his advice about the grant applications SJ
  - c. Sally would fill out the appropriate forms to make the application for the grants SJ
  - d. Depending upon the outcomes of those actions, En Tous Cas would be asked about the timing of any macadam resurfacing project with a view to provisionally booking them to do the work in the spring of 2015. JK
10. It was decided that prices should be obtained for some professional spraying equipment to facilitate the application of mosskiller and weedkiller in the future. Will was asked if he could obtain these. WJ
11. The next meeting will be held at Mo and Brian's house on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm (or failing that at Denise's house).
12. There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.