

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 10 March 2015  
at 27 Station Road at 7.30pm**

Present:      Jeff Kempster      Mo Brown      Denise Bardan  
                 Will Jaggard      Sally Jaggard      Lesley Pulvertaft

**Action by**

1. Apologies received from John Lince.
2. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2014 were accepted as a true record.
3. Will had obtained prices for a back pack spraying unit between £40 and £50. He will get the recipe for the alternative moss killer and he and Jeff will arrange to spray the court in spring. He had also obtained details of another proprietary moss killer that was much less expensive than the one we had used previously, which we can consider using if the 'home made' one did not prove effective. JK / WJ
4. Mo asked if there was any way they and others could help with this as it always seemed to be Will, John or Jeff that were working on the court. Jeff pointed out that the surround for the court was going to need attention again before the summer, and that another work party would have to be organised. It was agreed that the weeds around the court should be sprayed with weed killer first, and shortly after, once that had taken effect another session of weed clearance could be undertaken. Jeff said he would sort out the weedkiller and application. JK
5. The net winding mechanism has still not been corrected because of difficulties in finding a period when the court was not booked for play. It will either be sorted out in the next few weeks, or deferred, depending upon the timing of the court resurfacing work. JK / WJ
6. Jeff had contacted the coach, David Nation and he was keen to do the coaching again, the cost was the same, but he could only manage 2pm onwards on Sundays. After some discussion it was decided that Jeff should proceed with publicising 4 sessions as before, but that (given that Sunday afternoons are a prime time for bookings) if there was not enough interest we would only take up 3 sessions instead of 4. The prices were set as £4 for Juniors and £7.50 for adults. Jeff was authorised to deal with David and prospective candidates as appropriate and communicate with the committee as he deemed necessary. The purchase of 50% of a set of training balls was authorised. JK
7. Jeff circulated the proposed email to members, the proposed Lode Star article, the members renewal pack letter, and the coaching poster/letter. Apart from the changes required as a result of the decisions just made it was agreed that these should be prepared by Jeff. Mo and Lesley will arrange for the members renewal packs to be delivered to all members. JK  
MB / LP
8. Sally was thanked for all her hard work in organising the very successful social evening which had been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.
9. Jeff reported that ECDC had confirmed that the restriction of membership to parishioners of Lode and Longmeadow would not preclude us from obtaining a grant for the court resurfacing. They also confirmed that neither of the grants were dependent upon choosing the carpet surface instead of the tarmacadam surface. However it was pointed out that the "Small Villages allocation" grant was allocated strictly on a first come first served basis, that only £3,000 was currently still available, and a large application for this grant was imminent, so the chances of any of that grant being available were negligible. Jeff had passed this information on to Sally.

10. Sally had approached Alan Lamb for advice about the grant application. However it still required two alternative quotes to be submitted with the application and she had not yet been able to get these arranged. Jeff had now provided the contact at Cambridge LTC who may be able to suggest other companies. Lesley said she could find out contacts from Exning and Newmarket who could provide this information too and will pass that on to Sally. SJ  
LP
11. In the meantime Jeff said he would contact En Tous Cas to establish what sort of lead times they currently require between placement of order and doing the work. JK
12. The next Open Day date was set as Sunday 02/08/2015 and would be followed by a barbecue at Sally and Will's House. Jeff will publicise this nearer the time. SJ  
JK
13. It was decided not to have a summer social this year apart from the Open Day, and a social event might be planned later in the year to be held in the Autumn.
14. The next meeting will be held at Denise's house on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. DB
15. There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.45pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.