

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Emergency Committee Meeting held on Friday 21 August 2015
at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Present: Jeff Kempster Lesley Pulvertaft Maureen Brown
 Will Jaggard Sally Jaggard John Lince Denise Bardan

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1. Apologies received from Carole Faulkner.
2. Jeff Kempster outlined the current status of the grant application for £10,000 from the Amey Community fund including the requests for further information and his responses. In particular the Conflict of Interest Policy which he had compiled to be submitted with the initial grant application was explained and considered including the procedure for dealing with circumstances when all the committee members were compromised because they were themselves users of the court. The Conflict of Interest Policy as drafted by Jeff was ratified unanimously.
3. It was noted that an enormous amount of time and effort had been put into the Amey grant application already and that Jeff was extremely dubious about whether it was likely to proceed to a successful conclusion. As a result, and because there was a contingency plan for raising any additional funds required it was agreed that the grant should only be pursued further if it would not entail any significant further work.
4. Mo asked if there would be any opportunity to seek any financial assistance we would need from the fund that had arisen as a result of the sale of the Lode & Longmeadow Social Club, which she understood was to be used for community projects in Lode & Longmeadow. John said he would make enquiries of Charlie and / or Fran in this regard. JL
5. The results of the visit to try out the proposed new court surface ("Savanna") were discussed. All those who had gone on the trip to try out the court were very impressed with both the court and with Rory Shepherd's responses to the detailed questions that he had been asked.
6. Jeff and Lesley reported on the responses that had been obtained from various sources who had the Savanna surface installed. The feedback received had been universally positive. Jeff passed round the last filed accounts of En Tous Cas Tennis Courts Limited obtained from Companies House which showed a balance sheet worth almost £½ million.
7. A vote was taken on whether to proceed with the new savanna artificial grass surface to replace the existing tarmacadam ("Pladek) surface. It was unanimously agreed that the Savanna surface was superior and should be installed.
8. The proposed AGM Agenda / Chairman's Report / Briefing Note which had been prepared by Jeff for circulation to all members ahead of the AGM were considered and apart from minor corrections to errors in dates they were approved. Jeff will arrange for them to be emailed to all members on Monday 24/08/15. JPK
9. The wording of the draft loan agreement which would be used in the event that additional funds were required to pay for the new surface were explained and approved, subject to them being acceptable to the Parish Council. Jeff would run them past Arthur Tomlinson on his return from holiday, together with all the other notices to members regarding the court resurfacing.
10. A provisional date for the forthcoming safari dinner party was set as 31 October 2015, this will be confirmed at the meeting immediately following the AGM. All
11. The next meeting will be the AGM which will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 47 Mill Road.
12. There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm