

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Thursday 2 March 2016  
at 22 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

**Action by**

Present: Jeff Kempster      John Lince      Will Jaggard  
          Sally Jaggard      Mo Brown      Lesley Pulvertaft

1. Apologies from Denise Bardan - away in Burma.
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 8 December 2016 were accepted as a true record.
3. Will was waiting for better weather before spraying the court again. Also the recent strong winds had blown a lot of debris on the court. He will liaise with Jeff about when he will spray, and Jeff will send out emails to organise another court sweeping work party. It was suggested this might be early April. WJ/JK
4. Jeff Kempster will be making progress with the grant application to the Amey Community Fund, but did not want to submit a formal Expression of Interest yet (which is the first part of the grant application process) because the club would have to demonstrate that it had 10% of the grant applied for on hand in its bank account. John Lince mentioned that the Parish Council had received certain grant funds from ECDC which might be available for the Tennis Club. He will ask Arthur Tomlinson about this before the end of the month when Arthur will be retiring from Parish Council. JK  
JL
5. John Lince had spoken to Charlie Platten about the Lode Social Club charity, but was still waiting for Charlie to get back to him about the possibility of a grant from that charity. JL
6. John Lince has publicised the 2017 mixed doubles competition and was hoping to have enough applicants to organise 3 mini leagues with a semi final round between the winners of each and the closest runner up, followed by a final. All the matches to take place between April and the start of September, with the semi's and the final by the end of September. The topic of trophies should be discussed at the next meeting. JL
7. Everyone agreed that the Quiz Night had been a great success and there was a vote of thanks for both Sally and Lesley for all their hard work in garnering support and in organising the food. Also thanks to the Buchanan's and to the Faulkners for their roles as scorers and quizmasters respectively. Lesley and Jeff will send e-mails to convey this. Sally reported that the event had raised just short of £400 towards club funds. Suggestions for any future similar events were - possibly to increase the ticket price to £8 and to consider holding it in January rather than February. LP / JK
8. Sally reported that a further £1,000 had been paid to the Parish Council and that the bank balance currently stood at £702.69. A further £1,300 is required for the club to have fully matched its donations to Parish Council with the Council's expenditure on the courts surface at the end of 2015. Although this might be possible once the new year (17/18) subscriptions had been received, the club needs to retain some funds in connection with the grant application mentioned above.
9. Jeff had prepared a draft membership renewal letter and 17/18 subscription form for approval, and also a draft Lodestar article. He will print these off and Sally will organise the distribution. Jeff will also send an email from the website to all members. JK / SJ
10. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 at Lesley and Roger's house.
11. The meeting closed at 8.45pm with thanks to the attendees for their attendance.