

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 1 August 2017  
at 3 Station Court at 7.30pm**

**Action by**

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

1. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 4 May 2017 were accepted as a true record
2. Will has now sprayed the court with mosskiller for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, he had also used a strimmer on the perimeter weeds. John Lince has also cut the growth from around the perimeter. Jeff pointed out that the screens at either end of the court were coming to the end of their life, but could probably hang on for another year. It was agreed that will should get some more Jeyes fluid (rather than use an alternative) to replenish what had been used. WJ
3. John has acquired trophies for the mixed doubles competition, both a shield for the competition and small individual shields which the winners can keep. The total cost for all of these was about £92. The main shield will last for many years. It was suggested that an entrance fee might be considered in subsequent years, possibly a smaller sum for members and a higher one for non member partners. JL
4. Sally wondered if any other participants were struggling to get their matches arranged. It was suggested that for subsequent years either smaller leagues or reverting to time limits for each round of matches set by the organiser should be considered. JL
5. Jeff did attend the Parish Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and presented an explanation of the committee's future plans for court fencing, and also presented a cheque to pay the donation which fully covers all the costs of the court resurfacing. He also presented the report (as approved by the committee on 4<sup>th</sup> May) to the Open Parish Council Meeting on 22 May 2017.
6. The Open Day is still scheduled for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm with the barbecue at 5pm at Jeff & Sue's house. Depending on the weather forecast later this week, and once we have a better idea of numbers attending, Jeff may ask some other committee members for some help with desserts and or salads. JK
7. The matter of notifying members of the next AGM and the fact that subscriptions may be increased and the reasons why, was then discussed. Jeff suggested two alternative styles of an Agenda and Chairman's Report for sending to all members. After some discussion it was decided to put forward a proposal at the AGM that the new membership subscriptions be increased to the following: Adult £20, Couple £40, Junior £7.50, Family £50, Guests £3 per guest per session or an annual fee of £20.
8. During these discussions Jeff pointed out that the current membership numbers were down to 41 member units and 76 (at least) individual players. It was suggested that all the committee should make efforts to communicate with all new arrivals to the village about the tennis club's facilities and activities. Jeff will endeavour to ensure that the Lode Star articles include items targeted at potential new members. ALL
9. Jeff also circulated a draft article for publicising the AGM (and the Safari Dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> October) in the next Lode Star which was approved after minor amendments.
10. It was agreed to leave all the contributions for the Safari Dinner at the same levels as last year. The desserts will be hosted by Denise, and the canapes will be hosted by Sally & Will. DB / SJ /  
WJ
11. It was suggested by Sally that the forthcoming AGM might be better attended if it were held

in a neutral venue rather than in someone's house. After some discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of both options it was decided not to use either of the Passage Hall or the Baptist Church for the next AGM, but Mo will investigate the costs of both of them for future reference. MB

12. Sally reported that the current bank balance was £835.63

13. The next meeting will be the AGM (followed by a committee meeting) which will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Jeff & Sue House at 7.30pm. JK

14. The meeting closed at 9.15pm with thanks everyone for their attendance.