

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 5 March 2019  
at 33 Mill Road at 7.30pm**

**Action by**

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

1. Apologies for absence received from Lesley Pulvertaft.
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 29 November 2018 were accepted as a true record after some minor typing corrections of dates.
3. Jeff has drawn up a draft Privacy Statement for Lode Tennis Club which was distributed. This is subject to agreement from Nick Whitehead who assists us with the club's website. If this can be finalised it can then be made available to all members. In addition there will be some minor changes required to the annual membership renewal forms so that members can consent to receiving information about social and other events. Jeff Kempster was appointed Data Protection Officer for the club, and authorised to finalise the Privacy Statement and arrange for the necessary changes to the website and forms. JK
4. Jeff has drafted subscription renewal letters to be delivered to members, and notices to be posted on the website and sent via emails to members. After discussion the Club Night arrangements were changed to be Tuesday evenings 6pm to 7pm, Jeff will make amendments to the notices, and when the Privacy Statement is finalised these can be issued. Sally said she will deliver the letters when they are finished. JK  
SJ
5. Will had found a supplier for the replacement wire required to repair the top of the fence, but was concerned it may not be thick enough. Will, Jeff and John will arrange a date when they can all go and inspect the fence in more detail to see what will be needed. Will also mentioned the possibility of repairing the footings on a couple of the posts. WJ / JK/ JL
6. Sally reported that the current bank balance (including £165 about to be deposited) was £2,968.99. In the next few months there should be subscription income of more than £1,000.
7. John reported the results of his conversation with Charlie Platten concerning the Lode with Longmeadow Village Trust and a possible grant. John has asked Charlie to put Lode Tennis Club onto the Trust's list of "recognised village organisations". Although Charlie had confirmed to John that matching funding would help with a positive outcome to a grant application, the application evaluation form that the Trustees use to "score" an application appeared to indicate that full matching is not an absolute requirement. It appeared that we might be able to apply a bit sooner than was originally anticipated. John will go back to Charlie to clarify this, and in particular whether complete matching was an absolute requirement or not, and also for advice on how to complete an application. Jeff will ask En Tout Cas for an up to date quotation for the fencing. Will will endeavour to find suppliers to provide alternative quotes. JL  
JK  
WJ
8. John is currently taking applications from entrants for the 2019 competitions. These have now evolved into the following arrangements - a mixed doubles competition with randomly drawn partners, a womens' doubles competition, and a singles competition in which both men and women can compete. Depending on the numbers of entrants it was hoped that there would be just two leagues in the mixed doubles competition so there would be more games, and there will be a rota / schedule system to try and avoid backlogs. Jeff & John are investigating other scoring mechanisms to deal with fixtures which do not take place, for whatever reason. Jeff will post a news item on the website and send round an email to all members. The draws will be held in The Shed on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. JK / JL  
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9. The following dates were set for social events this year:
- a. Curry Night - 4<sup>th</sup> May - at Jeff & Sue's house - contributions £10 each JK
  - b. Safari Dinner - 6<sup>th</sup> July - venues to be arranged - contributions same as last year DB / MB
  - c. Open Day - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August (provisional) - BBQ to follow at Sally & Will's SJ
  - d. Quiz Night - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September (provisional) - Sally to check with Bottisham Social & Sports Club. SJ
10. The timings for different meal courses at the Safari Dinner were discussed and the following agreed upon:
- a. Meet & Greet with Nibbles 6:30pm to 7:00pm
  - b. Starters 7:00pm to 7:45pm
  - c. Main Course 7:45pm to 9:00pm
  - d. Desserts 9:00pm
11. Jeff reported that Tony Shepherd of En Tout Cas had phoned up to see how we were getting on with the court and if we needed any maintenance work from them. He suggested that a brushup / freshen up would cost around £600 and a full deep clean would cost in the region of £1500. Jeff told him that we would make a note of those, but that we were OK for the time being.
12. Will reported that there was a bit of moss in some areas of the court, and a few weeds. The weeds could be spayed a bit later in spring. He will get some more fluid to treat the moss. WJ
13. Mo told the committee that she wanted to resign from the committee and from her membership of the club (with effect from the next committee meeting) as she and Brian were not able to play any more because of various long term injuries. She said that she would be very happy to still be involved with helping out with the various social activities. Everyone was sad to see Mo leave but reluctantly, her resignation was accepted. Jeff thanked her for all her help during the time she had been a member and for her time on the committee.
14. It was suggested that consideration might be given at the next AGM to introducing a new club membership status of social member. The attributes for which would not include any use of the court, but would allow the social member to retain contact with the club, and access to attend the social activities. All
15. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019, provisionally at Mo & Brian's house at 7.45pm. MB
16. The meeting closed at 9.45pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.