

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 3 October 2023
at 19 Abbey Lane 7.30pm**

**Action
by**

Present:	Jeff Kempster Will Jaggard	Sally Jaggard Gill Thurlby	Vishal Gokool Mark Crawford	Denise Bardan Lesley Pulvertaft	
1.	Apologies received from Nick Whitehead.				
2.	The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 6 June 2023 were accepted as a true record.				
3.	Sally has now contacted the next applicants on the waiting list and Emily from Quy has taken up the last available non-resident in Lode membership place.				
4.	Vish confirmed that he would still be available next year for private coaching if there were any enquiries.				VG
5.	The competitions have nearly completed for this year, with just the mens doubles final to be played in two weeks time. Gill will follow up on the one outstanding non-member entrant's fee. It was agreed by everyone that the competition had been a great success, and a vote of thanks was passed for Gill for all of her excellent organisation. Gill indicated that she would be prepared to continue with organising the competitions next year.				
6.	Mark reported that ongoing court spraying with mosskiller was in hand. Lesley had been applying weed killer around the edges of the court at intervals during the summer. It was agreed that the state of the court would be monitored to determine whether a work party is required for weed clearance and/or court sweeping.				MC/WJ All
7.	Jeff has sewn up the holes/gaps between the tennis net and the tape, with a strong cord, and that seems to be holding at the moment. He also reported that there were two spare nets in storage which could be checked over before a replacement net is purchased.				
8.	Forthcoming Curry Night on 25 th November at Jeff & Sue's house. Four people had booked places already (two of them have paid). Sally and Lesley both offered to prepare a curry for the evening.				JK/SJ/LP
9.	The installation of a bench in memory of Charlie Platten has been approved by the National Trust ("NT"), but the order for the new bench by Lode Parish Council ("LPC") has not been placed yet because of the administrative issues caused by the absence of an effective Clerk. It will hopefully proceed soon.				JK
10.	Following news that the NT were seeking to formalise the arrangements regarding the use of the tennis court Gill and Jeff had met with Rob Small (chairman of LPC) to explain the history of the court, and the letter from Lord Fairhaven regarding its use. Rob was in agreement that the tennis court was a significant asset of the village which should be preserved and he promised to discuss the matter with NT and ensure that any formalisation of the arrangements would adhere to the terms set out in Lord Fairhaven's letter. Gill had subsequently attended the next LPC meeting and she reported that Rob had indeed recorded that Lord Fairhaven had granted LPC the use of the court in perpetuity.				
11.	Denise lamented that the Club Nights were so poorly attended. She was encouraged to use the website notice board because that might encourage more people to show up.				DB
12.	A decision regarding a further donation of £200 to Lode Star magazine was deferred to the next meeting when the future circumstances of Lode Star might be better known.				
13.	Denise asked if the tennis club could send a letter of condolence to Brian Brown following the news that Mo Brown had passed away last week. Jeff and Denise will liaise to formulate the wording.				JK/DB
14.	The date of the next committee meeting was set as 9 th January 2024 at 7.30pm and will be held Denise's house.				
15.	The meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.				