

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2024
at 20 Mill Road 7.30pm**

**Action
by**

Present: Jeff Kempster Denise Bardan Lesley Pulvertaft
 Will Jaggard Gill Thurlby

1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead, Sally Jaggard, Mark Crawford and Vish Gokool.
2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 3 October 2023 were accepted as a true record.
3. The condition of the court currently was felt to be quite good, but this will be monitored in the spring and a moss treatment (and possibly a court weeding session) will be considered then. All
4. Likewise, the condition of the net will be reviewed in spring and consideration given to whether further repairs or a replacement net will be required. All
5. The Curry Night last November had been a great success and had been profitable.
6. Will delivered the Treasurer's report in Sally's absence. The total bank balances are currently £5,091.51 and the Curry Night had created a profit of £233.00.
7. The competitions for 2024 were discussed. Gill and Jeff will liaise in February about the content of an invitation to participate, which will be sent initially to all club members. Gill will seek to book the Passage Hall for a date towards the end of March when the mixed doubles draw will be held. When more is known about the take up of places in the competition, consideration will be given (possibly by polling participants) to whether the doubles competition partnerships will be drawn at random in the same way as the mixed doubles. If necessary, invitations may be sent to past participants to boost numbers. JK/GT
GT
8. Jeff had not yet chased up the Parish Council in connection with the acquisition of another bench dedicated to the memory of Charlie Platten. He will do so as soon as he can determine the name of the new Parish Clerk. He will also make enquiries about what risks are covered by the insurance policy in connection with the court. JK
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9. As the future of the Lode Star was now looking slightly more assured, it was decided that a donation of £200 should be made (as had been discussed last year). Jeff will ask Sally to arrange this. SJ
10. The date of the next committee meeting was set (during the meeting as 5th January 2024, but this was changed after the meeting) as 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm and will be held at Lesley's house.
11. The meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.