

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 23 September 2025  
at 19 Abbey Lane 8.00pm**

**Action  
by**

Present: Jeff Kempster Sally Jaggard Will Jaggard Mark Crawford

1. Apologies received from Denise Bardan, Gill Thurlby, Lesley Pulvertaft, Vishal Gokool and Nick Whitehead.
2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 01 July 2025 were accepted as a true record.
3. The current net is still looking pretty good, the repairs appear to be holding up OK. The new net is still in Jeff's garage ready to be deployed if the existing net deteriorates.
4. Although there were a few weeds around the court, it was still looking pretty good. Will suggested that, when the next sweeping activity takes place the areas around the very outside extremity of the court should be concentrated on. He explained that dirt can accumulate under the artificial grass 'mat' and that can lead to weed growth, so the edges of the mat surface should be lifted and any accumulated dirt swept away. All LP
5. The competitions are approaching the finals stages, the ladies doubles final had already been played, and the other three finals were scheduled for week commencing 29/09/2025. JK
6. The Open Day had been a success and had been enjoyed by everyone who attended.
7. The Curry Night will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Jeff & Sue's house starting at 7pm. Contributions had been previously set as £12.50 per person. Jeff will include this in the next two editions of Lode Star.
8. Sally reported that Santander had decided to introduce monthly bank charges of £5. She had investigated and found that Nationwide offered a business bank account suitable for clubs like ours (via their recently acquired Virgin Money arm) with no charges.. She will investigate further and if it still appears to be feasible she will make arrangements to open new accounts with them and close the Santander accounts. SJ/WJ/JK
9. It was decided to make another donation of £200 to Lode Star (Jeff excluded himself from this decision in view of his involvement with the management of Lode Star). JK
10. There being no other business the date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Sally & Will's house at 7.30pm. LP
11. The meeting closed at 8.30pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.