

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Thursday 8 December 2011
at The White House, Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Present:	Jeff Kempster	Arthur Tomlinson	Ann Tomlinson
	Sally Jaggard	Will Jaggard	Denise Bardan
	Maureen Brown	Lesley Pulvertaft	

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1. Apologies received from Carole Faulkner and John Lince.
2. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 22 September 2011 were accepted as a true record without amendment.
3. Arthur had dug up all the really persistent weeds and couch grass around the perimeter of the court and suggested that a treatment of weed killer would be advisable now because the weeds were already starting to grow again. He also suggested that a regular series of treatments now to blitz the weeds and prevent them from regrowing would pay dividends later. Jeff would ask John to liaise with Arthur about what weed killer had been purchased and about further applications of it. JK / JL
4. Jeff had written to ECDC with receipts for the coaching expenditure, but as yet the grant of £450 had not yet been paid by them. Jeff would apply for the grant for next year as soon as this year's grant had been paid. JK
5. The success of the coaching was discussed, and Jeff read out the e-mails that had been sent to ECDC to demonstrate this success. The committee were reminded that the cost to the club of the coaching (after the receipt of grant) was negligible, and it had been very effective in reducing vandalism at the court. Jeff had contacted David Nation who would be happy to do a similar course of coaching for Juniors in spring next year. They would start making detailed arrangements next year. It was agreed that any extra coaching activities at the court should continue to be monitored closely next year to ensure that the balance between members wishes for coaching activities, and other members ability to freely book the court, is maintained. JK
6. The Pot Luck Supper originally planned for Saturday 3 December 2011 and postponed until 10 December 2011 has now been cancelled as there had been no take up by members (or others). It was suggested (and now agreed) that it will be held instead on 11 February 2012 [this was originally set as a January date but has been amended after the meeting], still at Denise Bardan's house starting at 7.30pm. Jeff said he would arrange for it to be publicised in the next Lode Star, and from the web site. He would also make another poster for the Post Office. Denise asked that everyone make an effort to drum up support for the evening. JK
7. Lesley asked if she could propose a member from outside the village. After checking the membership records it was established that there was one more place available (of the maximum 10 permitted) so it was agreed that Katie could be accepted as a member. Lesley was told to arrange for her to complete a membership form which could be downloaded from the website. LP
8. Jeff reported that he had been asked if the committee could consider whether the current booking arrangements of periods of one hour might be changed to periods of 1½ hours (because 1 hour was not usually enough time to complete a doubles match). Jeff suggested that the committee members should consider this between now and the next meeting. Then any proposal for change could be put to the membership as a whole, and opinions canvassed before any implementation which might take place next year. There were various opinions expressed both in favour and expressing concerns, before the subject was left to the next meeting. All
9. Arthur raised the issue of the number of committee members and wondered if the meetings should now be held at the social club. It was felt that the social club as a venue would probably cause more issues than the current arrangements.
10. The next meeting date was scheduled for Thursday 6 March 2012, and will be held at Jeff and Sue's house, 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm
11. There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.