

Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting

held on zoom Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 4.30 pm.

Attendees: Stephen Nardelli, Bob Taylor, Martin Hearn, Peter Hilton, Nigel Hutchins, Tsvetlina Dimitrova, Sarah Luther

1. Apologies: Martin Zinkin, Charles Logan, Michael O'Callaghan.
Paul Adderley (no apology)
2. Previous minutes: Agreed
3. General Manager report
 - Courtyard development
 - Tier 3 plans

SL confirmed the first phase of the Courtyard development was very close to completion, the earth and multiple plants and hedges would be delivered and planted on Tuesday 26th January and a working team including Celine David, the landscape architect, had been arranged for this purpose.

There was decision to consider the next phase, it could be a temporary solution suggested by Adam de Winter who has been advising Sarah on aspects of the project. It was agreed that all future works will be subject to 2 quotes, this being a principle for all significant works the club undertakes going forward.

The steps leading to the upper tennis courts were in serious disrepair and it was agreed that they be replaced immediately taking advantage of the current lockdown closure of the club. The price for this work is £3,500 plus VAT.

Sarah reported that in the recent very high winds the gazebo had been blown over the clubhouse and into the carpark luckily without causing any injury or damage except to the gazebo itself that was written off.

The hiring of the clubhouse to a television film company for two days had been successful.

SN commended Sarah for the work she had done delivering the Courtyard and within budget.

4. Fixing a date for the AGM, there is a feeling that it should be delayed
Until late April/May

The members discussed the timing of the 2021 AGM taking account the impact of the pandemic over the past year and the advantage of continuity of the current GMC in managing the difficult few months ahead.

It was agreed to delay the AGM for a date to be discussed, the latest allowed in the Constitution being 16th June. The membership was immediately informed of this decision.

5. Finance

BT confirmed our continued strong financial position, although concerns were expressed from MH and PH about the impact of the club closure credits that will affect the cash flow for the coming year.

6. Tennis

The Tennis Committee had recently circulated to members very detailed information regarding membership structure, pricing and policy including the closure credits options. MH confirmed that more than 20 members had already expressed their wish to dispense of the credit in support of the Club.

7. Squash

PH confirmed that similar information sent by the tennis committee was being prepared for squash members, squash facing more uncertain times for the foreseeable future, the likelihood of an early redemption from the pandemic not likely.

SN commended both the Tennis and Squash Committees on the way they had, and continue, to deal with the issues and difficulties created by the pandemic.

8. AOB

It was agreed that SN and BT in consultation with SL would prepare an overview of the finances for the last trading year for members to be informed of the costs and expenses and ongoing impact of the pandemic.

9. Date of next meeting

2nd February 2021 at 4.30pm

The meeting ended at 5.45pm