7 March GMC Minutes

Attending: SN, JS, BT, CL, AdeW, WM, MZ, PH, SL

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 15 February were approved.

Matters arising:

Sarah and WM have followed up the items of concern to neighbours.

Data protection: Sarah and Anthony are undergoing data protection training.

Tennis Committee Update:

The programme of court re-surfacing works is on target to commence on 21 March. The courts are being well used. The Tennis Committee has plans for a celebration day in early May for the opening of the new court surfaces.

The proposed monthly payment system for renewals was discussed, considering the benefits of also introducing this for squash membership. BT would discuss with the TC and SC secretaries. It was noted that some tennis court booking rules were not being observed, with booked courts lying empty. Proposals to introduce a QR Code recognition system, linked to Club Solutions, would be an option that would be explored.

Squash Committee Update

The tournament held the previous day had been successful, with the bar busy.

General Manager’s Update

Maintenance items in process of being organised included:

Replacement of 1No: Velux to clubhouse

Redecoration works, external and internal clubhouse/various

Upgrading men’s entrance toilet facility

Upgrading to gym corridor area.

Enhancing seating provision by the upper courts: a second seating unit was currently on order.

Replacement of clubhouse door to patio area

Energy contract/consumption. We are on good electricity contracts thanks to our brokers. However we should be improving energy consumption controls and AdeW would meet with SL.

Social: Four members had come forward with offers to organise a quiz, (April), a fun tennis adult event (May), music evening (May). Email to be sent out asking for other volunteer social organisers.

Rear entry gates and land

Plans for how this area could be enhanced and developed were discussed. The various elements (gate renewal providing vehicular and individual access separately, surfaces, provision of cycle storage, leisure/seating area) should be seen together as constituting a discrete project for design and costing. AdeW agreed to lead the project. He would consult Gerald Barrett. The future of the access by the owner of 7 Coolhurst Road to be considered.

Groundsman’s hut

This was now in a dangerous condition. AdeW would discuss requirements for a replacement with RV. The Committee agreed that this work should go ahead as a matter of urgency.

Upgrading of clubhouse internal environment

SL outlined her thoughts on the different aspects and uses at different times of day that needed to be incorporated in any new designs for the interior. The office area, including the racket stringing facility, worked well providing a visible management presence for members and visitors. Tables and chairs were needed for the successful food service operation. Low level sofa seating with coffee tables was an uneconomical use of space. SN would introduce to SL a contact of his who would be helpful in clarifying options. In the meantime it was clear that the sofas currently in storage, which were no longer in good condition, would no longer be required and should be released to a suitable home.

Finance: 2021 accounts/audit; 2022 budget

The audit of the 2021 accounts was nearing completion. BT agreed to provide an outline of the 2022 budget that would allow decisions to be made on future project expenditure and loan repayment.

Consultancy review of bar management and procedures

The Committee welcomed an offer by Venners, the club’s stock-taking provider, to discuss carrying out this project. MZ agreed to draft terms of reference.

Balloon storm risk management

It would be wise to discuss with our insurance brokers the current insurance condition in our policy to deflate the balloon in the event of a red weather warning. Deflation could not be carried out in the time necessary.

Staff sub-committee

A meeting would be arranged to take place after MZ’s return from abroad.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 March at 5.30