

**MINUTES OF THE COURTS WORKING GROUP
HELD ON FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023
AT 10AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE, TROTTISCLIFFE TENNIS CLUB**

PRESENT:

Trottscliffe Parish Council Attendees:

David Goodworth (DGG), Alison Prountzos (AP), Richard Vallance (RV).

Trottscliffe Tennis Club Attendees:

Tony Piper (TP).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Louise Goldsmith (Clerk), 1 member of the public

28/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Dave Gaunt (DG), Louise Leyden (LL), Ian Mills (IM) and Lucy Henderson (LH) and their reasons for absence were accepted.

29/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

30/22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was resolved that DGG sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 19 October 2022 as a true and accurate record.

31/22 OPEN SESSION

No comments.

32/22 SCHOOL USE OF THE COURTS

TP explained that one of the goals is to encourage Junior participation and that the Tennis Club Committee has set an action to target families/parents in the area to expand the Junior membership. As discussed at the last meeting it was agreed that it would be helpful to put in place an arrangement for school children playing tennis after school to become members of the tennis club. The tennis club coach has availability to run the after-school sessions and already coaches some of the school children.

Recommendation: To arrange a meeting with LH to explore the option for school children attending after school tennis at the courts to become members of the tennis club and for the school to use the tennis club coach.

33/22 TENNIS CLUB

TP advised that the Tennis Club Committee is forecasting a small drop in membership when the renewals are due. TP reiterated that the Tennis Club Committee is keen to increase the Junior Membership which in turn would enable the Club to hold more Junior events/tournaments and activities. The Tennis Club Committee plan to reach out to both Offham and Ryarsh Schools to hopefully increase the Junior membership. TP reported that the electricity meter for the courts, which is housed in the village hall, has been converted to a smart meter. TP advised that a Club quiz night is due to be held on the 21 January 2023. The Tennis Club Committee would be willing to support any village events being held for the Coronation. TP agreed that a copy of the accounts and an annual report will be presented at the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting.

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34/22 PUBLIC USE OF THE COURTS

It was noted that since the last meeting the Tennis Club Committee has reduced the public hire charge to £10.00 per hour per court. The Clerk placed information about the new hire charges and on how the public can book a court in the Trottscliffe Tatler. TP reported that there has been no public use of the courts since the last meeting.

35/22 NETBALL

There was no official update.

36/22 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A MUGA ON THE RECREATION GROUND

DGG was delighted to announce that the Board of Directors of FCC Communities Foundation have allocated a grant of up to £95,995.00 to Trottscliffe Parish Council towards the eligible costs of installing a MUGA on the recreation ground with the preferred contractor. The FCC has agreed to extend the deadline to submit the final specification for approval to the 8 February 2023 so that the final design can be shared with the community at the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk has consulted with the netball club about the size of the proposed MUGA and has also sought advice from the Kent County Netball Club. A final specification for the MUGA is to be presented at the next Full Council meeting due to be held on the 7 February 2023. DGG explained that there is no funding available for floodlights. The installation of floodlights could be considered in the future but full planning permission and a consultation exercise would be required.

37/22 MAINTENANCE OF THE COURTS

The Committee considered quotes obtained for remedial works required to the concrete path by the courts. TP advised that the Tennis Club Committee could contribute £1,000.00 to the total cost. TP mentioned that it would be helpful if two trees adjacent to the courts could be trimmed to hedge height. It was agreed to review this request when the MUGA is installed. TP advised that the tennis courts will be power brushed next week and will then be re-dressed. **Recommendation: Full Council to approve a quote of £1,260.00 (excluding VAT) for the remedial works to the path and to place the order and agree a contribution of £260.00.**

38/22 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Insurance Cover - the Clerk will circulate the current schedule.

39/22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 10am in the club house.

There being no further business the meeting closed 10.58am

Signed: Date:

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