

Elmwood LTC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 14th June 2022

Present: LB, HK, DH, RW, DL, VF, JS, DP, DF, JC

Apologies: MM, RO, FF, FS

	ITEM	ACTION
1	Previous minutes previously circulated were approved.	
2	Matters arising from previous minutes: Social sessions. After reviewing the extensive feedback from the membership, it was agreed to return the men's, and women's' drop-in sessions to Saturday mornings with equal times allocated to each group for 2 courts only. The weekend afternoon social sessions will also continue on both days for 3 courts. Member Jack Lott who is also one of the team captains has offered to be point of contact for the men's drop in. To fit in with court booking system the times will be men 830 – 1045 and women 1045 to 1.00pm.	
3	Safeguarding: Nothing new to report.	
4	Coaches Reports Next meeting	
5	Clubhouse Update LB has been liaising with our project manager Anna regarding the lease for the substation from UK Power networks. The lease is due to expire and the current building is restricting the options for the redevelopment of our clubhouse. As equipment required by UK Power networks is likely to be smaller the club will contact them to see if a smaller space can be considered. It has been quite a mammoth task finding out more about the substation lease and any regulations around this. Everyone thanked Louisa for continuing to follow this up. Clubhouse Refurbishment Valerie shared chair / sofa and table options and these will be ordered.	LB VF/HK

6	<p>Committee reports</p> <p>Secretary: MAST UPDATE: Latest correspondence below as per action point in May Meeting: Sent: 08 May 2022 - Subject: Re: CTIL 150123, TEF 72111 - Heads of Terms and Valuation of proposed Cornerstone and O2 site at Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club</p> <p>Dear Peter,</p> <p>We held a committee Meeting on the evening of Tuesday 3rd of May 2022. The committee and trustees would like me to find out why you can't explore any other sites and why Elmwood is the only possible location for this planned mast. An explanation would be helpful.</p> <p>Response from Waldon On 13 May 2022, Without Prejudice</p> <p>Dear Jackie,</p> <p>On a without prejudice basis, I have included the directed search area below. This search area is an internal document so please do not distribute this. The search area shows the approximate region that the network planner has calculated where a site would be able to fulfil the network deficit. The point in the centre of the circle is the optimal location from a technical standpoint, so the aim from a technical standpoint is to be located as close to this as possible. The green circles/slices represent existing active sites in the O2 network – the new site needs to be located to fit in with the existing network “jigsaw”, and not encroach too closely to the existing sites.</p> <p>Due to the dominant land use being densely-packed residential within this area of search, there are very few viable options when considering other feasibility aspects, such as visual impact, build feasibility etc. The footpaths in the area are considered to be too narrow to host a base station, as sufficient space is needed to allow for free pedestrian movement around the base station.</p> <p>Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club represents one of the few areas where a practically feasible base station could be considered, which is why this has been nominated as the most suitable location. The closest potential alternative would be the fringes of King Edward VII Park along Doyle Gardens, but in order to find a feasible location, this would need to be located near the junction of Furness Road, which has been deemed an inferior location for the network, due to its location away from the key coverage areas, including the railway to the south.</p> <p>I trust this provides some clarity on the site selection process?</p> <p>Sent: 16 May 2022 Subject: Re: CTIL 150123, TEF 72111 - Heads of Terms and Valuation of proposed Cornerstone and O2 site at Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club</p> <p>Dear Peter,</p> <p>Thank-you for this information it is really helpful.</p> <p>Could you find out if your client knows about the new mast which has literally just gone up by Roundwood Park near the main entrance at the end of Doyle Gardens and if they have explored network sharing arrangements with them?</p> <p>Response from Waldon on 24 May 2022</p> <p>Thank you for bringing this new mast to my attention.</p> <p>O2 require their own pole in order to provide the full range of technologies needed in this area, so will not be able to share the new pole at Doyle Gardens. For information, O2 and Vodafone often share sites, however these need to be of a larger scale and take up more footprint space to be able to support the additional equipment. During my initial approach, Vodafone and O2 both had a network requirement for a site in the area, however as Vodafone have since withdrawn their requirement, we are able to propose a slimmer pole which takes up less space, which is what the drawings provided to you show.</p> <p>The resurvey is required to try to relocate the slimmer pole to the periphery of the</p>	JS
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tennis club, in order to minimise it's impact on the ongoing operation of the site, and to locate it in a more secluded location to reduce its visual impact. In particular I believe space at the boundary with All Souls Avenue might be deemed more suitable, due to improved screening from the trees.

We can look to investigate the footpaths around the tennis club at the same time as the resurvey – if they are wide enough to accommodate a site whilst still allowing free passage of pedestrians (and if the ground is service-free and suitable), we can look to pursue this further instead.

Can you please review and confirm if this approach is agreeable

8th June 2022

It has come to my attention that another mast has been erected in fairly close proximity to the previous mast I pointed out to you, also around Doyle Gardens. We are still unsure as to why Elmwood Lawn Tennis Club is still a main candidate for a mast when it appears that other providers have been able to situate their masts on the public pavements around Doyle Gardens.

Has Waldon, since the withdrawal of Vodafone's network requirements in the area, redone their technical review to see if a smaller mast around the NW10 area would provide sufficient coverage for the network deficit? If not, we would strongly encourage this – rather than resurveying our club to install a smaller mast.

New tennis coach

Deadline is 19th June

Men's captain

Mid-season, all 3 teams are playing their matches.

Women's Captain

Mid-season, both teams playing their matches.

Membership Report.

Court Bookings

Membership

All the full membership places have been taken and membership is now closed until 2023.

We have virtually the same number of adult players (family, couple, adult, concession & country) (365) as last year (364) with the addition of 12 near-neighbours.

Off-Peak membership has been offered to the top 100 on the waiting list in batches. Limited take up so far.

Membership stands at 697 members (377 playing adults & 460 including Off-Peak) and £82,097 membership fees.

Total for 2021/22 689 members (364 playing adults & 551 including Off-Peak) and £68,688. 2020/21 414 members (300 playing adults) and £57,204.

2019/20 313 members (231 playing adults) and £38,550.

The Waiting List stands at 243 entries (representing 330 adults). The Waiting List increased by 10 entries (14 Adults) since 2-May-22.

It was recognised by all present that the admin and club responsibility of running a club on behalf of this, larger than we have ever had, group of members has been taking a lot more time. As a volunteer committee we should concentrate on listening to the members new and old to grow participation and encourage more support from within the membership for future projects too.

Court Maintenance

The maintenance contractor SSP came back on the 25-May-22 to re-do the new clay spreading as it had not been done properly on the initial visit of 28-April-22.

No extra charge.

Thanks to Rosette for opening/closing gates & Hak for inspection.

TREASURER

Income from bar is picking up as we have a food offering and number of attendees

	<p>is increasing. Awaiting summer camp hire payment. Bank holiday tournament was oversubscribed. Great day fantastic BBQ by Faraz. A great time was had by all. For the first time there was a four-way tie between Will, Jason, Rosette and Kaya, with Will Jenkins winning the playoff. Bar stocked as best I could with German Pils, diet and normal lemonade, full fat coke, tropical juice, bottled water and Pernod (as requested by French family). SOCIAL SECRETARY Next meeting Bar Steward Rocky will continue to be the licensee now that Mindy has resigned and options for recruiting help will be explored. Grounds Liaison Change of plan re the trench by courts 1-3: weed membrane and bark chips, which are free, and green netting 50 cm high inside courts to prevent bark chips blowing onto the courts. So far, one third done with help from member Bryce. Japanese knotweed has returned in the hedge behind court 6. The company who dealt with this previously will be contacted. Four cherry saplings have been dug out & donated to a member.</p> <p>Coach Liaison Nothing to report Junior Parent Liaison – nothing to report</p> <p>Social Media Secretary Newly appointed Social Media secretary Danielle will be building up our presence as a business and brand on Social Media pulling together content in a professional and safe way to keep our members informed about tennis events and activities for members as well as those which are open to the community. Preliminary analytics have shown a steady rise in our FB and Instagram platforms with a ‘reach’ of up to 3,642 accounts on some posts. The aim is to continue to maintain and build on this momentum with a minimum of 3 – 6 posts per month. In order to do this we do all need (committee members) to pull together and grab as much photographic/video content as possible whenever we can so our feed can reflect all areas of club life including tournaments/league games/ juniors/events /activities /club grounds and any other interesting bits and pieces we think the wider community and members would be interested in. Moving forward and time permitting Danielle will look at engagement with relevant community bodies etc on Social Media making us more visible and seen as active participants as a club in our community.</p>	RW
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Ball Machine Some discussion took place regarding access to the ball machine now that it is working. The option chosen was a ‘stakeholder’ option where members would pay a yearly fee as this would be the simplest to manage. Fee suggested was £60 per year. A booking system can be set up ‘court 8’. Dirk and Hak will follow up.</p> <p>Branded clothing Coach Daniele will be point of contact for Elmwood hoodies. Flavia’s leaving party- plans in place and invite and details will be sent to members.</p>	DL/HK

	NEXT MEETING JULY 12TH 730PM	
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