

Stewkley Tennis Club Committee

Minutes

April 18, 2023

Attendees: George Gater, Jeremy Gibbs, Neil Shefferd, Rob Owen, Phil Whitecross

Guests: Janette Eustace, Steve Morris

Apologies: Matt Evans.

1. Update from the Rec Committee (Janette) – potential plans for new all-weather facilities / hardcourt area where the basketball court currently sits

Committee response:

We talked through the idea of a new hardcourt area and were supportive of the idea overall - it would make a big difference to uptake of sports, help the school play more football and other sports matches, and would be a benefit to the community. We'd also welcome the opportunity for more youngsters to get exposure to tennis and the tennis club.

That said, we would definitely appreciate some form of separation for the tennis courts.

We remain very keen to find ways to work together with the Rec Committee and other clubs, be that on shared investments or partnering so we all benefit from economies of scale on the purchase of equipment or infrastructure. The project is highly likely present such opportunities.

Once again, a big thank you on behalf of the tennis club committee - we were very grateful for you giving up your time to involve us at search an early stage and asking our thoughts about a good idea to make an already great village asset even greater.

2. Resurfacing proposals (Steve)

Discussed the two quotes – committee agreed that Tiger Turf is the choice and

SM asking further questions.

JG to add in cost of new nets and posts as part of the project.

PW to look into potential grants.

JG to prepare an EGM once the above is settled.

ME to offer a trip to a Tiger Turf court for teams at one of his club contacts (note for members: it typically takes an hour to get used to playing on the court coming from tarmac).

PW to ask Geoff Stott about paying through the Parish Council to avoid VAT.

3. Minutes of previous meeting approved (AGM, Nov. 30, 2022)

4. Correspondence:

- Invitation to participate in the Coronation Celebrations

Lacking critical mass of committee members around at the weekend and those that are have volunteered time under different guises

5. Finances & subs

The club remains in a healthy position.

6. Welfare

No issues to report regarding club members between the AGM and this meeting.

7. Events

Potential tournament first week of September. Update (June 12): Sally, Penny and Becs discussing commemorative event for club luminary Kris Pratt who sadly passed away last week.

8. Maintenance

- Tidy around courts – planned for Sunday, April 23.
- Hut interior – help required during court tidy to hang up notice boards (didn't happen).

9. Next meeting

EGM for court – dependent on actions on point 2.

10. Any other business

No.

Jeremy Gibbs

June 12, 2023