

Girton Tennis Club Committee Meeting (18th May 2020)

Via Zoom at 19.30

1. Members present

Andy Luff, Mark Lawton, John Irwin, Victor Travieso, Alan Richardson, Bruce Parker, Kevin Keeves Mathew Boucher.

Apologies: Alan Franklin, James Page

2. Introduction

JI call the meeting to discuss the objections raised by Girton Parish Council to re-starting tennis following a suspension due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic.

3. Latest concerns raised by Council and Council comments (Blue)

Some people, including those aged 70 and over, those with specific chronic pre-existing conditions and pregnant women, are clinically vulnerable, meaning they are at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus'. As we begin to ease restrictions, this group who are clinically vulnerable – see section 8 – should continue to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside their household

Our view would be that all such individuals should not play tennis.

Members should also be warned that NHS advice remains:

Supply of hand gel at court entrance

We unfortunately have as yet not been able to get supplies of hand gel so please advise your users to bring their own. We will try and get a dispenser and gel which can be located at the court entrance.

Use of both courts at the same time

It is also unclear whether you had planned to use both courts simultaneously. In the light of Cottenham's restriction to just one court at a time I think it would be wise to adhere to that too.

Existing restrictions for other recreational equipment

We would also ask that if any players see anyone using the play equipment they let the PC know so that we can take further steps to discourage such use.

4. Tennis club views

Guidance will be sent to all members and include warnings of vulnerable people but it is their choice.

It will be recommended that players bring their own hand gel.

We will commence only using one court but as recommended by the LTA if needed both courts can be in used.

We do not feel it is up to us to police other play and sporting equipment but will not mention this at present

5. Actions

AL to reply and agree with recommendations

6. Summary

The tennis club will assume we have complied and tennis can commence.

If this does not get agreement then JL will talk to Parish Council as a last hope.

7. Next Meetings No dates were set but may be called as required.