

Girton Tennis Club Committee Meeting (17th March 2021)

Via Zoom at 7.00pm

1. Members present

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

2. Introduction

The Parish Council has published plans that show the Tennis Club room not being affected by the proposed upgrade and expansion of the Pavilion. AR reports that the PC Chairman met him on the 11th March and stated that storage space will become a problem and the tennis club will no longer have their room. A 'locker' was proposed and also the smaller room currently used by Groundsman Chris. Neither would currently appear to be acceptable. The meeting was called to discuss the impact of the proposed Pavilion upgrade.

3. Tennis Club Pavilion Use

KK has checked what is stored in our current room. This includes racquets, balls and the ball machine. Nets and posts also are stored when not in use. Changing rooms and toilets may be used when matches are played. The court lighting switch in the corridor is also currently used.

During the proposed building work there will be no access to the Pavilion but the PC plans to provide a container at the rear of the Pavilion to store tennis club items (with others). No changing or toilet facilities are likely to be available.

After much discussion, it was agreed that it was important that mains power and control of the court lighting should be available throughout the works and that toilet facilities would be very useful. The club requires ongoing storage for several items and it was agreed that AR, KK and BP would act as a Club Sub-Committee to discuss and agree tennis club provisions with the PC.

4. Court Lighting Control

AR has offered to fit a lockable external housing that will allow court lights to be turned ON by club members (internal timer turns them off in late evening). The PC has asked that MUGA lighting should be similarly switched. AR has agreed to do this work when the PC has formally agreed to our proposal.

5. AOB

JI thanked VT for his work on the revised website. Some recent changes by KK have been removed but VT agreed to see if he could copy these into the new version of the website. VT will set a new password for Court Bookings and this will be given to all members when they join or re-join. The old password will also work for a few weeks but will then be removed. It was agreed that KK should not change the court padlock/keys at the moment.

AL confirmed that the PC has agreed to not charge the club for the courts during Jan, Feb or March (closed by Covid lockdown). Our membership fee calculation for 2021 therefore stands.

AR has been in discussion with Laura (PC bookings clerk) about Friday night usage of the MUGA. The club needs this from mid-April to the end of October to run junior supervised

sessions. AR aims to get a firm commitment from the PC by 22nd March and will make sure Laura is aware of how the club has contributed to the ongoing MUGA costs. Our donation is typically made during April so will be reviewed once we have our reservation secured.

VT asked AR to also make Laura aware of the online club court booking system and ask her to make sure that VT is informed whenever the PC rent the courts to other users (eg Netball or Gretton school). This allows our website to be updated and avoid booking conflicts.

AF was thanked for his AGM minutes and it was agreed that these could now be published on the website. VT / KK to action.

6. Next Meetings

No dates fixed.