

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL SUB- COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS
 REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON
 FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2019 AT 9.30AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE 44 OLD STREET.

PRESENT: Committee Chairman – Cllr J Geldart
 Cllrs A Shopland & Cllr J West
 Mrs S Howard – Committee Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Bannerman, Head Coach, North Somerset Tennis Academy, (NSTA).
 Mr A Summerell, Safeguarding Officer, NSTA

9.30AM INFORMAL BUSINESS -

NSTA advised that the coaching sessions are being run as per the Service Level Agreement, (SLA) and class numbers are increasing each quarter.

NSTA asked the Committee if the foliage growing into Court 2 could be cut back or completely removed as it is causing issues on the courts surface. (Photos provided by NSTA at the meeting)

NSTA is providing details to the Council on a weekly basis of issues on the courts relating to rubbish, court damage and verbal abuse by the public. NSTA has been advised by the Police not to take photos or videos of any verbal abuse as it will put him in a difficult position that could lead to further actions by the abusers.

The misuse of the courts is mainly the use of footballs against the nets, and other sports, i.e. cricket, scooters and bikes. Groups of older children and adults congregate on the courts when the courts are not in use and drink, smoke and drug use too with litter etc., being left on the courts.

NSTA enquired as to whether the Council would reconsider installing floodlights at the courts, the lighting could be incorporated with the skate park/pump track and multi-use games area. Committee members advised that they would enquire with the TEA Committee as to whether this would be considered.

9.45AM FORMAL BUSINESS –

STC/19/251 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and AGREED from Cllr Young

STC/19/252 TO ELECT A SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

The Committee PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to elect Cllr J Geldart as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee Salthouse Fields Tennis Courts Committee for 2019/20.

STC/19/253 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

STC/19/254 MINUTES

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 15th March 2019 and the informal meeting on the 1st July 2019, were approved and signed, by the Sub-Committee Chairman, as a true record

STC/19/255 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS

255.1 TO RECEIVE THE FIRST AID AND DISCLOSURE AND BARRING ENHANCED CERTIFICATES FROM NSTA

NSTA advised he had spoken to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) who hold the First Aid and Disclosure and Barring Certificates. To obtain a copy of the First Aid Certificate the Council need to contact the LTA to request a copy, as NSTA are not provided with one.

ACTION – Committee Clerk

The Disclosure and Barring Certificate, (DBC) expires in February 2020. The LTA have advised that there is no requirement to replace the document with NSTA's new address details and the document is still valid.

The Safeguarding Officer for NSTA provided copies for the Committee of his DBC and Safeguarding and Protection in Tennis Accreditation to be retained on the Council's file.

255.2 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM NSTA TO RECONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF CODED GATES LOCKS ON THE COURTS

Committee members received and noted the log of issues raised by NSTA. Also, the report from the informal meeting held between the LTA and the Committee Clerk on the 8 August 2019.

NSTA advised members of a 'key fob facility', at a cost of approximately £600.00. This device would mean the courts would be locked and only accessed via the key fob which members of the public obtain from the Council Offices. Members **AGREED** that the public would be restricted by the Council Offices opening hours during the week and no access at all on the weekend. Committee Members also do not wish to add additional administration duties to the Council staff.

The Borg keypad system that was previously suggested, is open to misuse of the code being obtained quite easily by non-tennis players.

Members **AGREED** that the keypad entry system discussed with the LTA is very costly and involves on on-line booking system and additional administration duties by Council staff.

NSTA advised that unnecessary damage is occurring on the courts and if the Council wishes to preserve the longevity of the tennis courts, then it must consider some form of keypad entry system.

The Committee reiterated that it still wishes to retain a 'free to play' facility on the courts.

ACTION: Committee members **AGREED** to include this item on the next TEA Committee agenda for the meeting on the 18th September 2019. The Sub-Committee wish to discuss the options in more detail with this Committee to be able to make an informed decision as to whether to purchase coded gate locks and any possible floodlighting.

255.3 INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR THE COURTS FROM BRUNEL ENGRAVING AND SPORT ENGLAND

NSTA advised that the new notices from Brunel Engraving have been installed at the tennis courts.

The Committee Clerk is in receipt of the signage from Sport England. The fitting of the sign will be for the new caretaker to install.

255.4 TO DISCUSS REPORTS FROM NSTA REGARDING VERBAL ABUSE THREATS AND MISUSE OF THE COURTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Committee members acknowledged the recorded comments on the log provided by NSTA and asked that he continues to feedback issues to the Committee Clerk so a full record can be maintained.

STC/19/256 – MAINTENANCE WORKS

256.1 REPAIRS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS REQUIRED TO COURTS SURFACE

[Minute no. STC/19/248.4] – Courtstall have quoted a price of £150.00 to repair the divots previously reported on the courts.

The new caretaker to remove the chewing gum on the courts before Courtstall can carry out the repairs to the divots.

Members **AGREED** to write to the owner of the land outside the tennis courts to ask for the removal of the overgrown foliage so that it is removed from inside the courts.

Action – Committee Clerk

STC/19/257 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Friday 13 September 2019 at 9.30am

The meeting finished at 10.32am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: