

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
SUB-COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018 AT 10.00AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins, Cllrs J Geldart, A Shopland
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

STC/18/194 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C Starr – out of Clevedon.

STC/18/195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Geldart declared a personal interest in items regarding coaching on Salthouse Fields as Mr Bannerman is her son's tennis coach.

STC/18/196 MINUTES

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 26th January 2018, previously circulated with the Town & Events & Amenities papers for 21st February 2018, were approved and signed.

STC/18/197 TO RECEIVE NOTES OF THE SITE MEETING WITH THE TENNIS COURTS RE-SURFACING CONTRACTOR HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

The Sub-Committee **ratified** the decisions made at the Site Visit as follows;

- colour to be used to coat the surface - Dark green playing courts and light green outer courts.
- width of baselines – 75 mm included in the quotation.
- new posts – To be as included in the quotation 80 mm square aluminium finished in green with external brass winding mechanism and galvanised sockets with hinged lids £295 plus VAT per set. (Aluminium best for seafront location and fairly vandalproof. Square posts recommended by Courtstall.)
- Information had been provided by the Contractor about the edging around the courts as the whacker plate could not be used in some areas due to the close proximity of the edge of the court and the fencing.

197.1 ACCESS - as requested by NSC at the Site Meeting the Contractor had provided a Traffic Management Plan, health and safety and risk assessments which were approved by NSC prior to the start on site on 26th February 2018.

197.2 PROVISION OF WATER ON THE SITE – The Contractor was unable to use the water tap on the tennis courts. The other tap on Salthouse Fields is being used.

- 197.3 NEW NETS – The Deputy Town Clerk had researched the cost of similar quality nets to those quoted by the Re-Surfacing Contractor. Most of the companies contacted charged more than £315 for the 3 nets. Only one company had quoted £294. These figures are excluding VAT.
RESOLVED: In view of the timescale for the delivery of these nets to accept the quotation from the Re-Surfacing Contractor in the sum of £315.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk
- 197.4 PUBLICITY – Sport England had confirmed that the publicity embargo is in place until the end of the works although it was reasonable for players or people accustomed to using the courts to be told they are temporarily unavailable'. No formal press statement can be made at this stage. With regard to organising an opening ceremony this could commence as long as it did not involve any premature publicity.
RESOLVED: To discuss arrangements for an opening ceremony and Mr Bannerman's request for an open day at the next meeting of the Committee when Mr Bannerman would be invited to attend.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk
- 197.5 REPORT ON WORKS TO DATE
 The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the surface had been cleaned, pierced and filled with dry stone and the new net post sockets cemented in. A dumper truck and roller were expected next week when, weather permitting, the new asphalt would be laid.

STC 18/198 PRESENTATION BY JAMES DEEM LTA REGIONAL TENNIS PARTICIPATION MANAGER ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

The following information had been circulated to all Councillors;

- Notes of the informal meeting together with a copy of the presentation slides.
- Future income/expenditure model for the tennis courts provided by LTA

Mr Bannerman had written giving his thoughts on the LTA presentation. The email was circulated to the Committee.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to inform the LTA that, although the figures for the access system were interesting, it was felt it was too soon to consider a charging system for the courts or indeed floodlighting. The use of the courts would however be monitored following the re-opening of the newly surfaced courts.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

STC/18/199 TO CONSIDER A REVISION OF THE ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The original terms of reference was drawn up in 2013 prior to taking over the tennis courts. Members considered the new draft terms of reference.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to accept the revised terms of reference subject to agreement from the Town Events & Amenities Committee.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

STC/18/200 ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS ARISING FROM THE TEA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

200.1 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH SOMERSET TENNIS ACADEMY

It was noted that the Tuesday session would now start at 4.00 pm not 5.00 pm. Members had some concern about the feasibility of running holiday tennis camps on just one court, especially as the summer is the busiest time for casual players using the courts.

RESOLVED: 1. The Town Council to investigate the cost of a notice indicating the times the courts will be used by North Somerset Tennis Academy and which courts are reserved for casual use. 2. To discuss the finer detail of the Service Level Agreement with Mr Bannerman at the next meeting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

STC/18/201 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 10.00 am.

The meeting finished at 11.10 am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: