LODE WITH LONGMEADOW VILLAGE TRUST

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Minutes of Charity Committee Monday 22 July 2019

Present: T Crickmar, A Hall, C Hatley, L Johnson, C Platten, C Rickard

Plus Tennis Club reps: JohnLince, Lesley Pulvertaft and Will Jaggard

		Action
1	Apologies B Hall, P Holmes, J Howard and R Small.	
2	Tennis Club Presentation The representatives of the Tennis Club were asked to present their answers to the questions raised at the last meeting of the charity. The response prepared by the Tennis Club is attached (tennis attachments 1,2) and the main points raised are summarised below: The existing fence is 23 years old. It has been damaged by vandalism, some stanchions are loose and it is reaching the end of its useful life. To repair it as a short-term fix would cost £3-4,000. Replacement (like-for-like replacement.	
	Only one company (En tout cas) can provide the new fence with the practice wall incorporated into it. Club officials have looked at the system and were impressed. It is "guaranteed" to last a minimum of 25 years. Steel is galvanised and the wire is plastic coated. All the old fence will be removed from the site by the contractor. The work will be carried out over the winter.	
	The Club fully expects the new fence and practice net to improve player experience and enjoyment, and may well lead to greater use and an increase in membership.	
	The total cost is £11,290 excluding VAT (which the Parish Council can recover). This is based on a firm quote. The Club confirmed that they do now have 50% of the funds required and are seeking an LLVT grant of £5,645.00.	
	CP thanked the Club representatives for their presentation, the Club members then departed.	

The case was then discussed by the Trustees and committee members present and it was agreed that funding 50% of the cost would be a good use of charity funds. CP confirmed that those not present would also vote in favour if this was the consensus view. CP was therefore authorised to inform the Club of the positive decision and LJ would arrange the transfer of the 50%.

LJ

3 Other business

- CP confirmed that there would be an article about the trustee vacancy in the next issue of the Lode Star magazine.
- CP then raised the issue of the lease agreement for the Fassage Green. The lease agreement is required between the "Owners" (the charity [80%] and the PC [20%]) and the maintainers (the PC). The question of a "break" clause in the agreement is delaying the final legal arrangements but should be resolved soon. With regards to maintenance, it is envisaged that there will be an entity set up by the PC to look after the Fassage Green on its behalf (a sub-committee or similar). CP asked if the charity's share of the purchase price should be transferred to the solicitors at this stage. It was agreed that we should wait until LJ has spoken to the Parish Clerk about the remaining unresolved issues.

TC asked about insurance for the picnic. She had emailed CP and LJ quotes earlier in the month and was awaiting a response. CP and LJ apologised for not responding. The issue was discussed and, in particular, whether an annual insurance could be obtained (for say five events per year) instead of organising a one-off for each event. TC will look into this.

TC

LJ

4 Date of next meeting

Next meeting confirmed for Monday 16 September, 8 pm at the Church.