

Farnham Common Tennis Club AGM

10th November 2022 8:00pm

DRAFT MINUTES – TO BE AGREED AT 2023 AGM

Attendees (26)

Margret Southerden	Victoria Spooner
Richard Spooner	Simon Bailey
Alan Polding	Rob Coull
Helen Sutton	Penny McPhillips
Alan Morgan (Hon Secretary Main Club)	Karen Coull
Kirstin Stephens	Judy D'Arcy
Aman Kohli	Tim Needham
Sue Salmon	Dave Barrell
Peter St Lawrence	Krysia Edwards
Andy Davidson	Glen Anstey
Gill Prout	Doug Adams
Bronwen Harding	Judy D'Arcy
Sandra Buckeldee	Andy North
Barry Bines	
Apologies	<i>Fi Tricker, Martin B, Lucinda Q, Stephen Wright, Lou Rankin, Carol Wilson</i>

Chair opening remarks

Alan Morgan opened up introducing himself as the Hon Secretary for the Main Sports Club, it's a requirement for an officer to attend the AGM's of individual sections. He commented that once again he was pleased to see such a great attendance at this AGM.

Richard Spooner chaired the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes from 2021 AGM

Approved, proposed by Alan Polding and Aman Kohli. No matters arising.

Committee report (Richard Spooner)

This year the committee has comprised of Sandra Buckeldee as Fixtures Secretary, Sue Salmon as Membership Officer, Alan Polding as Maintenance Officer, Kirstin Stephens as Welfare Officer, Aman Kohli as Juniors Co-ordinator, Andrew Davidson as Mens Captain, Maggie Southerden as Ladies Captain, Helen Sutton as Communications Officer, and me as Chair. I would like to thank the committee for giving up their time to run our tennis club. I will be stepping down from being Chair at this year's AGM. I think three years is long enough in this job and it is now someone else's turn!

Thank you for attending the Tennis Club AGM, the quorum is fifteen which thankfully has been exceeded.

The tennis club has had an excellent year with no interruptions from Covid. Inter club matches have had mixed results. We only fielded one men's team who came 5th out of 8 in division 6. The Ladies teams were much more successful. The ladies' first team are congratulated on winning division 7 and the second team achieved a respectable third place in division 8. The first Medley team came fifth in division 4 and the second Medley team came second in division 6. Both results showing an improvement on the previous year. The Farnham Common

winter League was carried over from the previous season and whilst the first team were unsuccessful in division 4, the second team managed a respectable third place in division 6.

This year singles ladder attracted a lot of entries and ran throughout the summer. It culminated with the top two men playing off against each other. Darren Lane was victorious defeating last year's champion Andy Davidson 6-4, 6-2. We also held two round robin social tournaments which were both well supported as were the drinks afterwards. For the first time for many years, we had the better juniors attending Ladies and Men's nights and some played in the Club championship. This was so nice to see and from my own experience all those many years ago, I am sure that it will improve their game and expand their confidence.

The Club championship was particularly successful with a strong and large field. We had a splendid finals day, warm and sunny, witnessed by many spectators who enjoyed not just the tennis but also the BBQ and some the beer! The men's singles were a good tussle with Simon White defeating Paul Passey in two closely contested sets, which had to be settled by a Championship tie break. The men's doubles were won by Simon and Connor Sheehan who beat Marc Weeks and Paul Passey 6-4 6-4. Victoria Spooner went one better than last year and won all three of her competitions. In the Ladies singles defeating Fiona Regan, in the Ladies doubles with her partner Maggie Southerden defeating Lucinda Quixley and Nerissa Saran and in the mixed with partner Doug Adams beating Alex Carson and Millie Sutton 7-6 6-3 in a closely fought contest. Congratulations to all the finalists including the various plate winners.

Membership continues to increase and now stands at an all-time high. Sue Salmon, our membership secretary, has compiled the following:

We now have 305 members of all ages across the tennis and all sports memberships compared with 298 at last year's AGM.

Adults have gone up from 140 to 155 members, an increase of 11%.

Family membership has remained steady at 38 memberships. This year we introduced a new membership category for couples which had 9 couples signing up.

Junior membership, having seen a significant increase in the two previous years, saw a small decline from 158 to 150 members.

This year we have had a number of new members signing up who were either new to the game or returning to the game after an absence. Our thanks go to Judy D'Arcy for making them all feel so welcome in her Rookie rackets group. This group welcomes new members and helps them improve their standard of play and progress to club sessions.

Our thanks go to our coaches, Stephen and Hugo, for encouraging their attendees to join the club and also for coaching members and the teams. Our thanks also to Richard Thomas for helping Sue to sort out the many membership queries.

Next year's main challenge will be finding the finance to resurface courts 5 and 6. Whilst we have a sinking fund to do this it is unlikely to be sufficient given the rate of inflation.

The committee has worked efficiently and harmoniously throughout the year with each volunteer playing his or her part. I would like to thank them all for their hard work without which a club like ours would not exist. Like last year, we would like to thank Simon Bailey who while not on the committee, has done a considerable amount of work for the club in keeping the website up to date and also in registering the club with the LTA.

Lastly, but not least, I would also like to thank the members of the Main Committee who do a huge amount of work to keep Farnham Common Sports Club up and running.

Welfare, Health and Safety (Kirstin Stephens)

As Welfare Officer for the tennis club I continue to be the first point of contact for members, coaches, children or parents if they have any concerns regarding welfare or health and safety at the club.

Any concerns are discussed confidentially, with the support of one or more members of the Committee or the LTA Safeguarding team as necessary.

In March I attended an online safeguarding refresher training course, which was very informative. A whole Committee overview session is also held every two years and therefore together with our Coaches we all work to ensure that we maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Thankfully there have been very few accidents or incidents reported this year, although I have liaised with the LTA safeguarding team regarding one or two issues; they were extremely helpful and the matters were resolved.

As we are now welcoming some of the more experienced junior members to Ladies and Mens' nights, we are also currently reviewing safeguarding guidance and best practice with reference to their participation in these sessions, their inclusion in the WhatsApp groups and parental responsibility for safe arrival and return home after the club sessions.

Lastly, we are in the process of finalising a Risk Assessment of the courts and Pavilion, according to LTA guidelines.

Mens Teams Report (Andy Davidson)

This year has been an interesting year for the men's section of the tennis club with on the one hand in the later part of the year us starting to see a number of teenagers and newer members that are both showing some fast improvement and also starting to show an interest in competitive tennis, but on the other hand in the early part of the year, us seeing many former stalwarts of the teams either having left the club or suffered from long term injury or illness. The former is very promising for the year or 2 ahead but the latter has meant we have often struggled with consistent availability for matches.

In the 2021/2022 winter season our over 45s team faced a truncated season as the league tried to finish off last year's Covid effected season. However, we managed to use our 3 games to blood a few previous "uncapped" players into team tennis, whilst maintaining competitiveness. Special stand out performance of the season went to the pairing of Conor Sheehan and Simon White who won all 4 of their sets against Chalfont to salvage a draw.

For the summer season we had decided to disband our former first team which had struggled in division 3 last summer and in essence amalgamated the 3 remaining players from that squad into the old second team squad which plays in Division 6. The team had a mixed season which was affected by several teams in the league struggling to fields team which led to either rearrangements for later in the summer or games not being played at all. We did manage a respectable 5th place out of 8th with the highlight being a strong 7-1 win over Halton. A special shout out should go to Rohit Solan who was not in the original team squad but stepped in once the season had began and with 4 games had the most appearances of the season and showed good improvement from game to game.

The summer men's second team was due to play in division 10, however, we did not have a dedicated team captain and that, coupled with my own conflicting commitments in being able to be at club sessions to round up newer players, we struggled with availability of players for this team. We lost our first game in April and were only able to send half a team to our second match, and accordingly when we struggled to field a side for the 3rd match - and our opponents refused to give us a postponement - we were withdrawn from the league under standard

rules and decided not to appeal. This was a big shame for many in the squad who had been keen for games when they were around but we are glad many of them got the chance to compete for the Medley 2s. I hope that with several of the newer and younger players we will be in a good position to enter a mens' 2nd team again next summer to be a mixture of a vets and a development team, although this will be greatly helped with a volunteer for team captain.

For the winter ahead we again have an over 45 two pair team and big thanks go to Peter St Lawrence for captaining the team for the season. In addition, we have also entered a team in the Bucks Singles League which is a "Davis Cup" style format and gives our players (including those under 45) the chance to play competitive inter club matches including singles, and we are very much looking forward to seeing how we do.

Whilst I have mentioned some of the struggles with Men's team tennis this past year, what is hugely encouraging is to see the number of different people that have both got involved in the IntraClub Singles Ladder and the Club Championships this summer (both of which I ran). We had what I believe was a record number of entries and many of the matches were highly competitive and entertaining and if we can continue this amount of involvement in these intra club competition, it gives people who wish to play more than socially the chance to do so and should hold us in good stead for both a vibrant club and also for team matches going forward.

Ladies' Captain's Report (Margaret Southerden)

It is really pleasing to report that ladies' tennis at FCSC has continued to go from strength to strength over the past year. We have a wonderful mix of ladies of different age, ability and experience. Ladies Monday evening practice sessions ran under floodlights throughout the winter with very few sessions cancelled due to bad weather. When the lighter evenings arrived we regularly had between 8 and 16 players attending. It was very exciting to welcome Millie Sutton and Amelia Adams to our Monday evening sessions; they are making an excellent transition from junior to senior tennis and tolerate us 'oldies' admirably! We have also welcomed several players who are making a return to tennis after a break. Many, many thanks go to Judy d'Arcy who coordinates the 'Rookie Racquets' group and guides players to join the Ladies Evening sessions when they have reached an appropriate level. Thank you to Sandra Buckeldee for the many hours she spends on arranging fixtures with great efficiency. Sandra, along with Martin behind the scenes, was a wonderful host for our end of season ladies get together in their lovely garden. Thank you from again from all of us.

Coaching: Several ladies showed an interest in group coaching over the year and we thank Dan and Stephen for their guidance and perseverance! We hope to put match play strategies into practice in the forthcoming matches.

Results: Last winter saw us completing the Vets' fixtures which had been postponed from the previous winter season. We had some very challenging fixtures and ended propping up the bottom of Division 5. With more ladies interested in match play, two ladies teams have been entered in the Winter Vets League for the current season and we shall hopefully meet with more success than last year.

We entered two teams in the Bucks Summer Shield, competing in Divisions 8 and 9. Our 2s finished a creditable 3rd out of seven teams in Division 9. They won three matches and lost three. The target for next summer is to gain promotion. Special thanks goes to Gill Prout for helping out as match captain for the 2s on several occasions.

Our 1s had an extremely successful season. Four of their matches were 8-0 wins! Walking onto court for their final match, they were in equal first place in the league with their opponents, David Lloyd Beaconsfield. Neither team had lost a match. The result of the head to head was a hard-fought draw but Farnham Common finished on top of the Division having won more sets and games throughout the season. We have not had confirmation from the League organisers but we expect to be promoted.

Thank you to every single one of the twenty ladies who played or agreed to stand by as reserve for the first or second teams. Your commitment and enthusiasm was superb. We look forward to seeing the ladies' section continue to flourish in the year ahead, both socially and competitively.

Head Coach and Junior's Report (Stephen Wright – read out by Richard Spooner)

Stephen had unfortunately sent his apologies due to an injury. Richard also shared with the members present that Stephen's coaching contract for 2023 is currently in negotiation.

Richard then read out the following report prepared in advance by Stephen.

Numbers and Participation rates:

- 128 players attend coaching every week at the club and at schools compared with 117 this time last year.
- Our classes are mostly fully subscribed with around an 88% occupancy rate. In the Summer months this figure is slightly higher between 90-95%.
- We have been coaching at FCTC for 10 years now, and in this time, hundreds of players have been taught. We have not had a single major welfare concern in this time. All coaches and assistants are qualified and have the necessary first aid and insurance to do what they do. Everything that we do on court falls in line with the LTA and Ofsted regulations and guidelines.
- We offered free coaching to Ukrainian children over the Summer holidays and were pleased to see half a dozen children from Ukraine attend our camps.

Teenagers tennis, County and Regional Tennis:

- We have evolved away from the Aspirantes programme we use to run at the club which focused on the 5-8yr olds. We now are focusing more on the older junior players between 13-18yrs. The reason for this is that the club would like to see more juniors making the transition from junior to adult tennis. We have several juniors who now attends adult club night sessions, entered the clubs Summer championships and/or have represented the club in adult league matches. The players are:
 - Nikash
 - Alex Carson
 - Alex Amosov
 - Nerissa
 - Millie
 - Amelia

We are going to continue focusing on the teenagers at the club with the view of improving the standard of our players and pointing them towards the adult club and competitive opportunities.

Junior Leagues, Match Plays & Parent/Child Tournaments:

- We entered 4 teams into the Summer Leagues this year: we entered a 12/U boys team, a 12/U girls team, a 16/U boys, a 18/U girls team. It was a difficult year in terms of getting matches played. Everyone was very busy and this was noted by the league organiser and seemed to be a trend across the board. We did very well and showed a great attitude and fighting spirit. Our 18/U girls team won their league having played 3 matches out of the 4 they were due to play.
- Our Sunday match plays were back up and running again this year. We restricted our match plays to players from FCTC, CSPTC and SPLTC only. We ran match plays for 8/u, 10/u, 12/u, 14/u and 16/u and 18/u age groups.

- Parent/Child Tournaments – we ran another two generation tournament this year. It ran on the same weekend as the Queens funeral which most likely affected numbers however the players that did enter enjoyed the fun event.

Coaching Team & Assistants

- A lot of work goes into making sure the coaching team assistants meet all the necessary LTA guidelines in order to coach at our club. We have a loyal team of assistants who have been with us for a number of years now:

Erin has been coaching with us for 3 years

Sebastian has been coaching with us for 2 years

Lisa has been coaching with us for 2 years

Hugo has been coaching with us for 5 years

While Erin, Sebastian and Lisa have now all gone to University and can only help with camps in the holiday periods, Nerissa, Amelia, Alex and Nikash are all very interested in assisting with coaching at the club.

Allowing teenagers to assist keeps them in the game for longer and is a route the LTA encourage.

- FCTC has continued to grow each year for 6 years despite the turbulent world we now seem to live in. I am pleased to see consistent growth at the club.

Junior of the Year Award – Astrid Anderson

- Astrid has been having lessons at Farnham Common Tennis Club since she was 4 years old. Her first sessions was one of our holiday camps. It was Winter and it was cold and damp on court! Astrid showed a great attitude during her first experience of tennis with us has continued to show a positive attitude ever since. Astrid is now 10 years old and has been selected to represent the 12/U Bucks County Team and the regional team. Astrid never gives up and pushes herself every session. Well done Astrid for your hard work and determination over the last 6 years.

Maintenance Officer's Report (Alan Polding)

2021/2022 Maintenance Summary

24 Maintenance jobs completed (1 Contractor, 2 Working Party, 21 General)

Maintenance spend £1,200 down from £6,029 in previous year

Court locks changed from key to combination padlocks

Grant application to construct path between courts (cost £7,300) was unsuccessful

Ball machine currently out of action due to technical issue

550 Tennis Ball recycled

Courts 5&6 re-surface due in 2023, £22k accrued, £33k quotation received (inc vat). Courts 5&6 re-surface due in 2023, £22k accrued, £33k quotation received (inc vat). Alan noted that represented a £10k shortfall in funding. If the funding is not forthcoming in time then the use of these courts is might need to be restricted as there are cracks to the surface of the court

Maintenance Activity 2021/2022

Jobs Completed	24		Cost
Jobs Completed by Contractors	1	Power brush courts 1&2	£816
General Maintenance	21		£384
Jobs completed by Working Parties	2		
Total Maintenance Spend			£1,200
Jobs carried forward to 2022/2023	2		

2023 Planned Maintenance

Description	Cost	Notes
Courts 1 & 2		
Power Brushing	£900	Early spring 2023
Moss treatment	£100	Complete as required
Ball Machine spare parts	£500	
Courts 3 & 4		
Moss treatment	£100	Complete as required
Courts 5 & 6		
Re-surface and repaint	£27,792	Cost excludes VAT. Total inc VAT = £33,350. £22,330 in sinking fund
Pavilion		
Repaint Pavilion	£200	Working party
Annual Total	£29,592	

Prizes and Awards

Mens Singles: Simon White

Ladies Singles: Vicky Spooner

Mens Doubles: Simon White and Conor Sheehan

Ladies Doubles: Maggie Southerden and Vicky Spooner

Mixed Doubles: Doug Adams and Vicky Spooner

Player of the Year: Vicky Spooner

Junior Player of the Year: Astrid Anderson

Neil Hutton Trophy for Most Improved Player: Marc Weeks

Captains Cup: Alan Polding

Special mention to Krysia Edwards for running the FCWL for 18 years. Krysia was presented with flowers by Maggie on behalf of the committee as thank you.

Election of Officers

At the opening of this session Richard Spooner resigned as Chair of the club. Aman Kohli presented Richard with a gift as a token of the committee's appreciation of his period as Chair, in particular during the difficult period of Covid.

The following officers were elected with no objections.

Election of Officers – Farnham Common Tennis Club AGM 2022

Role	Proposed	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman/Secretary	Peter St Lawrence	Richard Spooner	Aman Kohli
Communications Officer	Helen Sutton	Andy Davidson	Maggie Southerden
Fixtures Secretary	Sandra Buckeldee	Helen Sutton	Alan Polding
Maintenance Officer	Alan Polding	Richard Spooner	Maggie Southerden
Welfare Officer	Kirstin Stephens	Aman Kohli	Sue Salmon
Junior Co-ordinator	Aman Kohli	Andy Davidson	Helen Sutton
Youth Representative(s)			
Membership Officer	Sue Salmon	Richard Spooner	Kirsten Stephens
Ladies Captain	Maggie Southerden	Kirsten Stephens	Sandra Buckeldee
Men's Captain	Andy Davidson	Richard Spooner	Aman Kohli
Events Organiser	New volunteer group for social events will be created. Karen Coull, Penny McPhilips. Judy D'Arcy, Fi Tricker.	Nominations and seconders not required as this is a volunteer group acting as a sub committee not participating in the main committee	

ROLES OF FARNHAM COMMON TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON: organise/chair meetings, attend main club committee, represent tennis within main club, manage coach

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: take minutes, maintain website, send out update emails to members, liaise with LTA and county

MEN'S CAPTAIN: manage men's teams, run tournaments, liaise with coach

LADIES' CAPTAIN: manage ladies and mixed teams, run tournaments, liaise with coach

JUNIOR COORDINATOR: work with coach to increase and develop players under 18, liaise with parents, help organise junior events

WELFARE OFFICER: champion of welfare within main club framework

FIXTURES OFFICER: organise and maintain fixtures with other clubs

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: monitor and develop membership numbers

MAINTENANCE OFFICER: monitor assets to maintain effectiveness and sustainability

SOCIAL OFFICER / EVENTS ORGANISER: promote social side of the club, maintain social media, run tournaments

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: a young person to ensure the voice of younger members is heard – does not need to attend committee

Any Other Business

Topic 1 – Sunday morning club session timing (Initial question from Gill Prout)

- Question was asked about the timing of matches on Sundays, and the impact on the club social session which starts at 10.30 on Sunday mornings. Home Sunday matches are now scheduled at 12.30 and one court has been booked on clubspark from 12 – 12.30 for warmup of the home team. This had not been clearly communicated

and understood and the Sunday social group were unhappy with the communication and timing. The social players would like to be able to play from 10.30 to 1pm, they cannot start earlier as the Rookie Racquets group play till 10.30am. 2 members of the social group asked about the precedence rules for court booking, and did this mean that matches would take precedence. A theme from 3 members was a question about did this represent a change in the club priorities if matches take precedence to the social group which in the words of one member was the 'bedrock' of the club.

- Summary of answers provided from various committee members follows. For the winter season the start time was pulled forward to allow full play to take place in daylight as in the recent weeks already some long running matches had been played in very dark conditions. A 30 minute allowance for warm ups had been requested by a number of match players. There are around 8 matches that are will be starting at 12.30 during the winter season, these are published on the fixtures list. The court booking precedence has been in place for a long time and was re-confirmed by Richard, eg that interclub matches take priority over all other court booking requests including club championships, club sessions and coaching. It was noted that fixtures are always scheduled wherever possible to not intervene with any standing club sessions. The outcome is that the social group on Sundays has courts from 10.30 onwards, but on those 8 Sundays with home matches that one of the top courts would be required from 12pm
- Discussion during the meeting centred around communication of the change which was not handled ideally in the opinion of some members, although there was a belief from the committee that the situation had been communicated. It became clear that this was a mutual misunderstanding that the committee is keen to address and will add to the next committee meeting agenda.

Topic 2 – Plan on surfaces, lights, fundraising (Initial question from Karen Coull)

- This was a very wide ranging discussion with contribution from a lot of the meeting participants and covered a lot of topics with the following broad themes which is how the minutes are laid out for ease of reading:
 - Financial requirements for keeping the tennis courts fit for purpose for play and matches
 - Shortfall in funding that has arisen for the allowance for the tennis section
 - Questions on how the funding for the overall sports club is assigned and how does the main club prioritise and organise their funding
 - Is the club allowed to secure sponsorship
 - What are the priorities for the courts in the opinion of the members
 - Is there a path forward to filling the shortfall and what could that look like

1. Financial requirements for the tennis courts:

- See above for highlights from Alan's maintenance report. Courts 5/6 are not fit for competitive tennis, and are now increasingly not suitable for juniors or coaching. Current quote for the needed work is approx. £33k inc VAT.
- Courts 3 and 4 are due for resurfacing in 2028, the intent is to resurface with tiger turf. If we can install floodlights to courts 3&4, this would ideally be completed between now and 2028 prior to laying the tiger turf. Funding for floodlights would need to be raised specifically Tiger turf alone would be £33k and same again for floodlights.
- Total financial spend needed would therefore be in excess of £90k to do all the work which the tennis section would like to undertake in the coming years.
- Note – tarmac court resurfacing is approx. every 20 years

2. Shortfall in funding that has arisen:

- The immediate plan for 2023 of tarmac for courts 5/6 has a shortfall of £10k.
- The club does have a 'sinking fund' which is where subs are set aside in order to plan ahead for future requirements which is particularly important for the tennis section
 - 1. The current courts appear to have deteriorated faster than anticipated, potentially due to increased play with such a large increase in membership in recent years, noted this membership would also be bringing in additional subs to the club
 - 2. Inflation being so much higher than in March 2022 when the previous quote was secured.

3. How is the sports club funded and what are the implications for the tennis section – update from Alan Morgan on behalf of the main club:

- All money raised from the club all sections goes into a single ‘pot’ – which allows for significant capex in a section like tennis to be handled.
- Most sections have quite predictable year to year funding requirements, tennis is the only section that has the very big peaks of spending requirement due to the need for capex to invest in big upgrades to courts
- Tennis section subs raise approx £30k per year, so there needs to be a significant amount set aside to build up that ‘sinking fund’ for the big ticket spend.
- Membership of overall sports club is healthy 890 overall, of which tennis is the largest single group, tennis also has the largest number of adult members
- Junior cricket membership is around 140, junior rugby is also thriving. Lacrosse is all adults
- New sport Quidditch which held a 1 day event recently, the club did make some money in the tournament, next event may be coming up in the future. There is no anticipation of a quidditch section emerging
- As a community club, there is a principle of setting subs is to be lower /competitive in comparison to the local peer group and that input is considered when subs are set
- Historically there have been successful fundraising events, eg Marquee fund raising with Dermot O’Leary was successful and did go into a central pot.
- If the tennis section do a tennis specific fundraising event that would be held by the main club but be ringfenced for tennis

4. Is the club allowed to secure sponsorship – update from Alan Morgan

- Tennis can secure a sponsor – noted funds raised would go into the same central pot.
- Tennis could put sponsor information up in the pavilion, there are restrictions on displaying sponsor information due to the council restrictions.
- Approval process for sponsorship has changed recently eg Bucks or Parish council. However, noted that the main hurdle for approval is neighbours which is fully respected. There have been no applications from the main club to any councils since the approval route changed recently. There may be a restriction on land

5. What are the priorities for the courts in the opinion of the members

- Floodlights came up from the floor as the most consistent limiting factor for the club, given that the lack of floodlights beyond courts 1&2 mean all club evenings in the winter are restricted to 8 players, and typically when 8 have stated they will play on the ladies / mens or mixed Wednesday whatsapp groups no one further turns up on a cold night.
- Floodlight limiting factor is also impacting coaching – ladies team have set up various Tuesday evening team coaching sessions and 12 ladies wanted to participate which was not practical when limited to 2 courts.
- Having 6 courts that are fit for purpose for all types of play including adult, junior, matches was highlighted
- Tiger Turf on courts 3&4 was requested

6. Is there a path forward to filling the shortfall and what could that look like

- Options could include:
 - Crowdfunding
 - Sponsorship
 - Fundraising

- Grants
- Noted that one member had potentially volunteered to front up fundraising, they were in the AGM meeting and the committee would be very appreciative if they did take that on
- SS volunteered that the LTA offers interest free loans for floodlights and could it be possible to take the loan now and secure the spend at the current prices?
- One member noted that a club he competed against recently representing FC where a significant amount of the funds came from coaches providing a cut back to the club from their coaching of juniors. Is this something that can be reflected in renegotiation of Stephen's contract. Noted by the member also that it would be desirable for Stephen to be more visible within the club at mens nights, club championship were cited as examples of areas where the coach should be more involved

Wrap up to this lengthy discussion was provided by Alan Morgan. The main club had previously thought the funding was covered for all sections, yet all those factors mentioned above now mean an immediate £10k shortfall for tennis in particular. The whole club has a series of competing requirements for spend including refurb of the main club house, the bar and changing rooms. It has become clear that the tennis section requirements are quite pressing and the main club will look into different scenarios.

Closing remarks

Richard Spooner closed out the meeting by wishing his successor the best of luck taking on the role of Chair.