



COOMBE WOOD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 8.00p.m. in the clubhouse.

Attendees:

Mike Bourne (President), , Robert Gale (Honorary Secretary), Paul Baxter (Honorary Treasurer), Ian Stewart, Dusko Delic, Belinda Delic, Edith Stefan, Anne Sagar, Brian Isles, Margaret Isles, Allan Lloyd, Chris Lewis, John Lewis, Meryl Lloyd, Ollie Lloyd, John Bryant, Wendy Seigel, Viacheslav Sigel, Andy Brownen, Louise Jordan, Gary Jordan, Armand Shahverdian, Kimberly Wilkinson, Javier Mendez, Val Jermy, Kalyana Nandakumar, Nandini Narayanan, Gopalan Narayanan, Peter Pye, John Gordon, Mary Cruickshank, Charles Cruickshank, Campbell Brown, Alfred Shahverdian, Richard James, Tim Husain, Yaroslav Kulyk, Heather Korzilius, Lester Korzilius, Daniel McQue, Natasha Sherrard, Judit Farkas, Kerry Ono, Jonathan Rushworth, Skye Pickin, Shaun Bullard, Maurice Tun, Donato Calviello, Sarah Strong, Gayle Gerlach, Chris Moore, Marion Moore, Chrissie Bestley, Claire Arthur, Laura Schmuttermailer,

Apologies: Heather McAtackney, Tessa Clarke, Claire Randall, Jo Haigh, Carol Ward, Mike Ward.

The President, Mike Bourne, opened the meeting.

1. 2023 AGM Minutes:

The resolution to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting was approved by the meeting.

2. President's Address:

Mike then gave his report on the activities of the club over the past year, the text of which is available on the club website and is reproduced below:

MEMBERSHIP

Mike referred to a presentation slide (slide 5 of the presentation, a copy of which is available on the club website). Adult membership remained stable during the year, as we have reached our agreed limit of 350 members in the Full and Under 26 categories. However, our waiting list has now increased to well over 100 people – a good indication of the health and popularity of the club.

Junior and cadet membership has increased to over 450 members and is effectively limited by availability of spaces on the junior term programme which is now mostly full with its own waiting list.

In February we ran a club survey and received 145 responses from a good cross section of members. That is a better response than in previous years.

There is too much detail in the survey to share in this meeting, but I want to draw attention to one result – The Net Promoter Score (slide 6 of the presentation). This is a measure of overall satisfaction with the club. The score of 55 is down slightly from our last survey 2 years ago, but is still a very positive and pleasing result. A small team, lead by Ian, has compiled a list of conclusions and recommendations which will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. You can expect to see some changes as a result.

Looking forward, from 2025 we have decided to start the membership year one month earlier, on 1st April, rather than 1st May. This corresponds to the clocks going forward which is the natural start of the tennis summer season. The change also gives more time to admit new members before the club tournament starts and extends the time available for the tournament to run, thus removing some pressure on courts. The change means that the subscriptions for 2024 will be for an 11 month period.

I would like to thank Ian, our Membership Secretary, for the fantastic job he continues to do, not only on membership matters, but also in developing and running our IT systems.

JUNIORS AND COACHING

Ollie, our Head Coach, and his team have had another busy year.

First and foremost, Ollie wants to thank club members for their amazing support during Harry's recent hospital stay. The genuine warmth and concern shown for Harry, his family, and the rest of the team demonstrates the unique nature of Coombe Wood and its members. A special word of thanks also must go to Ed and Joe for all their extra hard work during this period.

Thankfully, our coaching team is now back to full capacity and, with the exception of a handful of cadet places, all our classes are now full and we are having to operate a waiting list. Ollie will continue to look for ways that as many members as possible can access some form of coaching. However, it is to be applauded that our small team manages to deliver such a wide range of options already - to adults, juniors and teams - even as demand continues to increase.

Our only room for growth is in our Cadet membership. Last year, we identified that numbers had been slowly declining. I am pleased to report that, due to a lot of hard work by Ollie with the support of Ian, the club has already doubled its Cadets to 158 players. This was achieved through a successful social media campaign. We will continue to work on bringing in new blood to the club at this youngest level. It is to be noted that parents joining the club have mentioned that our junior programme is of a significantly higher quality than our surrounding competitors, and our coaching team deserves praise for maintaining such high standards.

The quality of our coaching has definitely paid off in terms of team competitiveness. In the juniors, we have registered 17 teams for this summer's league, which is the highest number of team in recent years. Our winter season still continues, with our last remaining team in the competition, and I would like to wish 'good luck' to our 16U girls team, who will be competing in the final of the national junior league team trophy.

Indeed, we are incredibly proud of all our players, and this highlights that Coombe Wood continues to be a leading club in the area.

Our community spirit should be celebrated too, particularly our efforts to make tennis inclusive for all. The club has dedicated 40 minutes of court time every week for children with disabilities and special educational needs, led by our coach Natasha Sherrard. Recently, these SEND players were invited to the National Tennis Centre to participate in the Bright Ideas for Tennis 24-hour marathon, where they had a two-hour session with top tennis players, including Kyle Edmund.

The positive feedback we have received from parents about the impact on their children's participation and enjoyment has been truly heartwarming. Your support for this initiative as club members is invaluable and Ollie extends his personal gratitude to the club and all members who took part in volunteering and fundraising to make sure this has been a huge success.

Many thanks to Ollie, and the rest of his coaching team, Harry, Ed and Joe, for all their hard work over the year. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic team who do a wonderful job and help to make such a lovely family atmosphere around the club.

TOURNAMENT AND TEAMS

There continues to be a strong demand for playing competitive tennis at the club with great competition for team places.

The club teams enjoyed a successful year. The Men's 1st team came top of division 5 in both the summer and winter leagues, gaining promotion back to the top tiers of the leagues.

The ladies teams performed strongly, with all 4 weekend league teams finishing 1st or 2nd in their divisions during the summer. In the Winter, the 3rds finished top of their division, and the 2nds, 4ths, and midweek teams all finished as runners-up in theirs. Our brand new Ladies' 5th team came 3rd in their division this winter, in spite of being put into the East Surrey League and having to travel to East London for some matches.

We had another major success in that our Mixed Knockout Team won the Surrey Tier 2 Knockout competition this winter.

Well done to all those teams - quite an achievement. We are now in the process sorting out teams to compete in the Summer 2024 Surrey and National Leagues.

There were also notable successes for some of the club's players in other competitions. Bob Blunden was part of the Surrey County team that won the Men's Over 75s National Inter-County knock-out tournament for the 2nd year in succession. And Natasha Sherrard won the women's doubles in her age group in the Surrey knock-outs in the summer. Congratulations to Bob and Natasha.

Tournament:

Final's Day was once again a big success and one of the highlights of the year. We again had first-time winners in each singles event. Audrina Neeladoo became the youngest ever ladies' singles champion at the age of just 11, and Trung Nguyen is the new men's champion, beating 15 year old Stefan Suvei in an epic 3 set match.

The singles box leagues continue to be incredibly popular. Thank you to Jon Rushforth and Mark Fox running these.

Thanks also to Louise and Gary Jordan for their work ordering and ensuring new tennis balls are regularly available, as well as to Andy Brownen for sending the used balls to be recycled.

Many thanks to Jan Stewart, our Match Secretary, for all her hard work running the tournament and teams.

WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING

Val Jermy is now standing down as Welfare Officer after 6 years in the role and Kerry Ono, who has been a committee member for the last two and half years, has very kindly agreed to take over this vital role.

We continue to work closely with the LTA to follow guidelines and best practice in child safeguarding. Our core Safeguarding and other policies have recently been updated and are available on the website. Please see these policies for details of how to report a concern, or you can contact Kerry directly if you ever need to.

I would like to thank Val for the tremendous work she has done over the last 6 years, Val is one of the unsung heroes of the committee. Although her contribution might sometime go unnoticed by the wider membership, I can't emphasise enough just what a valuable role she has played. We were very fortunate to have someone with Val's experience to take on the role at the time the LTA were expanding the scope and importance of club Welfare Officers and introducing the minimum safeguarding standards that are now required for all clubs. As well as performing the core safeguarding responsibilities, Val has worked hard to ensure our key policies are kept up to date, and provided valuable guidance to the committee on welfare related matters.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Social events were restricted in the early part of the year while the terrace work was taking place.

The first main event of the year was a successful and fun quiz night held in June, which raised over £400 in support of the club's disability tennis sessions. Many thanks to Matt and Skye Pickin for running the event.

Junior qualifying day was a well attended and fun day for the players and their families.

Finals day was a great success, despite the rain which delayed the start of play. Members enjoyed sandwiches, tea and cakes on the new terrace during the day with an external caterer serving burgers from the BBQ in the evening. Pimms flowed throughout proceedings as usual.

This year, Finals Day will be held on July 13th, with Junior Qualifying slightly earlier than usual on Sunday June 9th. As always, we welcome volunteers to help with providing refreshments and manning the bar at these events.

The 'End of Summer' party was once again a popular event and a highlight of the social year. Please hold 14th of September in your diaries for a similar event this year. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Many thanks to Nandini for all of the exceptional hard work she puts in as Social Secretary to make these events a success. Nandini has announced that she intends to stand down as Social Secretary after 7 years in the role. She has, however, very kindly agreed to stay on for a period of handover to Eniola Sanwa, who it is proposed will take over as Social Secretary later in the year. Thank you Nandini.

BRIDGE CLUB

During the year the bridge club, which had been playing exclusively online since Covid, resumed face-to-face play in the club house, meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. This year we entered two teams in the Surrey Tennis

Club Bridge League and finished in second and third places. The bridge club is always looking for new members and if you are interested, contact Ian Stewart.

I would like to thank Jan and Ian for running this so successfully.

GROUNDS AND FACILITIES.

Two major projects were successfully undertaken during the year.

The new Terrace was completed in June 2023, just in time for finals day after several months of work. This was an essential project as the old terrace needed constant repair. We now have a more modern approach, with improved lighting and considerably enhanced space for potential increased social activities in the future.

The planting will mature over the next year or two to soften the edges, and continue to create a very welcoming theme for the club. Additional planting, where necessary will be added. Many thanks to Chris Lewis for leading this project on behalf of the committee and to Nikki Dobson for her great work on the design and project management. Thanks also to Allan Lloyd who was regularly on hand to help, especially with ensuring the new planting and grass areas were regularly watered.

The 2nd project, which took place in the Autumn, was to replace the floodlights on all courts with LED bulbs. This was another essential project, to move to a modern, environmentally friendly solution, leading to better light coverage and reduced running costs. Many thanks to John Lewis for leading this project.

In addition to these projects there has been lots of general work on the grounds

as usual. Tree lopping took place early this year to severely cut back all over-hanging branches. Our thanks to Willow Landscape for organising this, as well as continuing to maintain all grassed areas and plant borders.

In February, a group of volunteers gave up a few hours to fill a skip with redundant clutter.

Thanks are due to Slava for his work on court maintenance and to David King who has recently taken over the role.

A quick request for help. Planting of summer pots on the terrace always brings colour. BUT we do need help with watering these pots in dry spells. If any members are able to volunteer to help water these when at the club – it only takes 15 minutes but WILL make a huge difference - please let Chis Lewis know.

Chris Lewis, our Grounds Secretary works incredibly hard throughout the year to ensure our courts and grounds remain in such fantastic condition. I would like to thank her for her great work on this as well as for doing such a fantastic job on the terrace this year.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE REVIEW

Work has continued to develop our plans for significant changes to the club's governance structure. As previously announced, we plan to convert to a company limited by guarantee, review and update the club rules, streamline the committee structure and recruit a club manager. Rob will provide more details in his presentation.

FINANCES

I would now like to touch on our finances. I am very pleased to say that, thanks to the efforts of the committee and the continued excellent financial management by our Honorary Treasurer, Paul Baxter, the club's finances remain in a very healthy state, even after having funded two major projects in the past year.

Mike then handed over to Paul to provide more detail in his Treasurer's report.

3. Treasurer's report:

Paul then presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, copies of which had been made available to the meeting and on the club website. It was noted that:

- Total income for 2023 had increased by 14% to £182,992 from £160,198 in 2022 mainly due to higher subscription fees which had increased by an average of 10% from the previous year.
- Expenditure excluding projects had also increased by around 19% to £66,943 from £56,443 in 2022. The increase was mainly due to the anticipated increase in electricity costs together with the fact that 2023 expenditure included a water rates refund of £6,174.
- Expenditure on projects was significantly higher than 2022 at £147,863 mainly because of two large projects carried out in the year. Expenditure on the terrace project was £77,646 and the LED floodlight conversion cost £57,635.
- Overall, the club had a loss for the year of £31,814, compared to a surplus of £90,369 in 2022.

- The club remained in a very healthy position at the year-end, with net assets of £270,260, including cash balances of £261,797.
- The reserve set aside for future court refurbishments stood at £183,078 at the year end.

The resolution to adopt the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 was approved by the meeting.

4. Subscription fees:

Mike explained that we are proposing an average 4% increase in fees this year reflecting RPI inflation over the period.

Our finances are very healthy at the moment, as Paul has explained. We have built up significant reserves but a large portion of these need to be ringfenced for our court reserve and we also have several significant projects planned for the coming year.

Mike referred to slide 14 from the presentation which shows that, because of the change in membership year explained earlier, the actual bills this year will represent 11 months on a pro-rata basis.

The resolution to approve the subscriptions and fees for the 11 months from 1 May 2024 to 31 March 2025 membership year was approved by the meeting.

5. Election of the Club's Auditor for the coming year.

The resolution to approve the election of John Gordon as the Club's Auditor for the coming year was approved by the meeting.

6. Club Officers and Committee Members:

Mike explained that there are a number of proposed changes to the committee this year.

Val Jermy is standing down after six years as Welfare Officer as mentioned earlier.

Also standing down are two people who have been committee members for very many years:

John Lewis, who has been on the committee for over 20 years, serving 6 years as Honorary Secretary and 5 years as Match Secretary before that. In addition, John has overseen several major projects, including the clubhouse extension and the floodlight conversion, and has made a significant contribution to countless other committee activities. Thank you to John.

Meryl Lloyd, who has been on the committee for around 30 years, including at least 24 years as Juniors Secretary, during which time she was instrumental in growing our junior section from a small base to the hugely successful part of the club that it is today. Even since standing down as Juniors Secretary in 2018, Meryl has continued to help with junior activities, working incredibly hard to help make the junior tournament days such a success. She has also made significant contributions to other projects and still helps with several areas of the day to day running of the club. Thank you to Meryl.

I am very pleased to say that we had a fantastic response to the recent request for new committee members and volunteers, with 17 members expressing an interest in supporting the running of the club in some way. Four of these members are now standing for election on to the Committee: Donato Calviello, Zak Hirt, Tim Husain and Natasha Sherrard. The plan is for some of these new members to take over key secretarial roles within the next year or so.

In addition, Eniola Sanwa will start to attend committee meetings with a view to taking over as Social Secretary later in the year, once she has been a member for 2 years, being the eligibility criteria for new committee members.

As announced at last year's AGM, Rob Gale is now standing down as Honorary Secretary after 7 years in the role. He initially said he would do the role for 5 years and we've managed to persuade to him to stay on in each of the last 2 years. We've finally pushed our luck as far as it would go and Rob is indeed standing down now. He has, however, agreed to stay on as a general committee member to oversee the proposed changes to our legal structure and club rules.

I am pleased to hear that in the last couple of weeks we have had 2 or 3 members expressing an interest in taking over this vital from Rob and we will continue to speak with them about this in the next few weeks.

All of the other officers and committee members are standing for re-election as listed on the slide shown (slide 17).

Rather than go through each person in turn, a vote was taken on all the names together.

The resolution to approve the election of the officers and committee members, as set out below, was approved by the meeting.

Officers:

Mike Bourne	President
Heather McAttackney	Chair
Paul Baxter	Honorary Treasurer

Other Committee Members:

Donato Calviello	
Robert Gale	
Belinda Grove	
Jo Haigh	
Zak Hirt	
Tim Husain	
Chris Lewis	Grounds Secretary
Ollie Lloyd	

Daniel McQue	
Nandini Narayanan	Social Secretary
Kerry Ono	Welfare Officer
Natasha Sherrard	
Ian Stewart	Membership Secretary
Jan Stewart	Match Secretary
Armand Shahverdian	
Nicki Tattersall	

7. Honorary Life Membership

Mike explained that we award honorary life membership after 40 years of membership.

We have two members who has now reached the milestone this year: Claire Arthur and Sandy Collyer-Hamlin.

Claire was a regular team player for many years and, although she is now seen less regularly at the club, having moved out of the area, she still has many friends here and attends all social events whenever she can.

Sandy plays tennis mostly with her family these days, but has retained her membership and regularly attends social events.

It is testament to how people feel about Coombe Wood that they have supported the club and kept their membership going for such a long time.

The resolution to award honorary life memberships to Claire and Sandy was approved by the meeting.

Mike then handed over to Rob Gale to cover the next agenda items.

8. 2024 Plans:

Rob Gale then gave a presentation on the projects proposed for 2024 and future years. For 2024 the key projects are:

- Legal structure and Club Rules review
- Club Manager recruitment
- Lane footpath development
- Car park surface repair

- Terrace furniture
- Clubhouse redecorations and furniture

LEGAL STRUCTURE AND CLUB RULES REVIEW

The proposal, as first outlined at the 2022 AGM is to convert the club from an unincorporated association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. Members will become shareholders in the new company, which will continue to operate on a not-for-profit basis.

The main reasons for proposing this change now were:

- In recent years the club has grown significantly – in terms of membership numbers, financially (revenue and expenditure), and its activities.
- The current structure is no longer fit for purpose – being unincorporated is appropriate only for smaller clubs where the liability risk is low. The risk is now unacceptable to members, especially committee members.
- We need to be able to enter into contracts in the name of a legal entity rather than as individual committee members.

Club Rules

The rules were last updated in 2007 and several sections are now out of date or no longer relevant. A detailed review will be undertaken and the rules will be updated in the Articles of Association for the new company.

Committee/Board Structure

- The Club is currently managed by Committee of 15-20 members

- There is a two-tier structure with the Management Committee (the Officers and Secretaries) responsible for day-to-day activities with more significant decisions taken by the main committee.
- As the club has grown, this structure is inefficient to manage.
- There is a need to streamline decision making.

The proposal being worked on is for the committee to be replaced by a Board of Directors of the new company with 5-10 members, with 6 years max tenure (3 x 2 year terms) .

Next steps

Rob explained the next steps which are to undertake further review of legal and tax considerations, engaging external advisors as necessary to help prepare documents (Articles, Rules etc.) for approval. A full consultation process would take place with members on the detailed proposals. Following this process, once the details have been agreed, an EGM will be held to approve incorporation, appointment of Directors, and the transfer of the club's assets to the new company.

Club Manager recruitment

- It is no longer practical to expect club to be run solely by volunteers.
- The manager will be take on day-to-day management and administration tasks.
- A detailed job specification has been developed by the committee
- It will be a Part time role - Estimated 3 days (24 hours) per week
- Recruitment process:
 - Role to be advertised in next few weeks
 - Advertise to members and externally
 - Interview short listed candidates in May
- Estimated start June/July

EXPENDITURE FOR 2024

a) Lane Footpath

- This project, which has been approved at several previous AGMs is to lay a pedestrian footpath through the woodland area along the length of the lane
- Low-level, environmentally compliant, lighting will be included along the new path
- Additional planting/hedges and more defined vehicle passing bay

Driven by safety considerations:

- Allows members to use the lane safely, including after dark
- Pedestrians currently must share the road surface with cars/bikes
- Overgrown area provided hiding places for trespassers – nuisance/danger to members

Environmental benefit:

- Encourages members to walk to the club rather than using their cars

Planning permission:

- Granted in January 2022 – start date to be within 3 years
- Detailed lighting plan submitted to Kingston Planning in 2023
- Work to take place in Spring or Autumn to meet with ecological constraints.

Project Budget

- Project already approved at prior AGMs.

- Approx £20k incurred in 2020-23 on initial scrub clearance, specialist advisors and planning applications.
- 2 quotes obtained for landscaping/electrics in 2023: Range £37-£50k
- Updated quotes now being obtained
- Seeking approval for up to £60k to complete project in 2024.
- £50k approved last year, uplift for inflation/contingency.
- Donato Calviello has kindly agreed to lead the project.

b) Car park potholes:

- Various attempts at short-term fixes have been unsuccessful
- Potholes keep reappearing
- Plan to lay concrete paving units infilled with grass over central area
- 2 quotes received: £17k and £30k.
- 3rd quote being obtained

Several members were of the view that the surface being proposed was unsuitable and unlikely to fix the problem. It was recommended that a detailed engineering survey be undertaken to recommend a solution to the issue.

c) Other expenditure:

- New outdoor furniture will be purchased for the terrace
- Redecorate clubhouse – paint inside and exterior
- Update clubhouse furniture

The resolution to approve planned expenditure for 2024, totalling £252,134 as set out below was approved by the meeting.

• Normal club running costs	£73,076
• Club Manager	£25,000
• LED Floodlights – balance	£9,058
• Lane footpath development	£60,000
• Legal structure and rules review	£10,000

• Clubhouse redecoration and furniture	£10,000
• Terrace furniture	£20,000
• Car park pot holes	£30,000
• Contingency/other	£15,000
• Total	£252,134

9. 5-Year Plan:

The rolling 5-year expenditure plan was outlined. As well as the projects planned for the next year, this includes resurfacing of court 1 in 2016, and of courts 4 and 5 when needed. It was noted that courts 4 and 5 have already exceeded their 10 years anticipated but remain in excellent condition so may not need resurfacing for several years yet.

10. Events calendar:

Key dates for club events in 2024 were noted as set out on slide 35 of the presentation.

11. Any other business:

Questions were taken from members as follows:

- a) John Bryant queried why the minutes of last AGM had only just been sent out. It was explained that a summary of the main matters agreed together with a copy of the presentation slides had been available on the club website since soon after the AGM.
- b) Richard Senger (RS) asked why cleaning costs had gone up. The cleaner comes twice a week.
- c) Viachesalv Sigel (Slava) asked about court maintenance. Last year he said he knew that they only came twice and he queried why the club had

paid for them three times. It was explained that they had in fact carried out 3 maintenance visits.

- d) Slava asked what assets will go into the new company. Paul Baxter explained that all club assets will be transferred. The freehold interest in the club's land is currently owned by an existing limited company, which will initially become a subsidiary of the new company.
- e) Slava asked how money is spent and who decides how it will be spent. RG said that Slava had raised similar questions in the last year and had two 3 hour meetings with RG and Val Jermy to discuss his concerns. Mike Bourne said now was not the appropriate time to talk about this. RS suggested that someone mediate between Slava and the committee.
- f) John Bryant recommended getting an engineering survey done to see what is needed for a long-term solution the car park potholes. Donato commented that he did not think the proposed surface would work. RG agreed with JB's point and asked if anyone could give advice or know of anyone who could give advice.
- g) 2024 Expenditure proposal. Allan Lloyd queried spending £60k on the lane project. RG noted that the project had been approved at several successive AGMs and that the planning application was supported by 80 favourable comments, which were presumably all from members.
- h) Tim Hussain asked if members would be consulted on indoor and outdoor furniture. It was explained that such decisions are delegated to the committee, and it is not practical to run a consultation process on such detailed issues given the wide range of views that might be encountered in considering furniture design.
- i) Armand asked about the surface that would be used when resurfacing court 1. RG said that the plan was to survey members before a decision was made on whether to continue with artificial grass or convert to artificial clay.

- j) Richard Senger questioned whether the broken door and broken table tennis table had been dealt with and questioned why the people responsible for these two incidents had not come forward? He also commented that a bike had been stolen. On top of the previous issues with a homeless person on the lane, should the club consider getting CCTV? RS also commented that the front gate is always open, which represents a further security risk. He asked if we could have a new gate system? The committee will consider these issues.
- k) Richard Senger commented that on very hot days the clay needs watering. Ian Stewart replied that artificial clay does not need watering. RS and Natasha Sherrard said that when the courts are damp, they are better and not safe when they are dry. The committee will consider this issue.
- l) Richard Senger asked if a door could be placed between courts 2, 3, 4 and 5. The committee will consider this issue.
- m) Campbell asked why Finals Day is always during Wimbledon. It was noted that this has been the case for many years (excepting covid), and took into account school holidays.
- n) Slava commented on the water running down the path onto court 2 and that it did not happen before the patio was done. John Bryant commented that there needs to be a new drain going the other way.
- o) Slava commented that the light fittings in the new beds along the front of the terrace are covered with water when it rains a lot. It was agreed to investigate this.
- p) Allan Lloyd asked why the committee meeting minutes are not available. Ian Stewart replied that they are on the club website once finalised and approved by the committee.

There being no further questions, the meeting was declared closed.