

NOTES of a meeting of the Committee of Alford Squash Club
Held by zoom video conference on Thursday 15th April 2021 at 19:30

Present: John Hynes (appointed Chairman of the meeting), Graham Hounslow (keeping these notes), Bob Karley, Jim Coulter, Ben Irving, Phil Reed and Geoff Allen.

Apologies: Jim Luck and Steve Brough.

1. To discuss the reopening of the club, after Covid-19 lockdown

JH proposed (subject to changes to the Governments road map out of lockdown) we follow their guidelines and look to re-open for **solo practice & games with family members only**, on Monday 17th May 2021. That we would follow England Squash policies. A small discussion followed and then [this was agreed by all](#).

JH proposed (subject to changes to the Governments road map out of lockdown) we look to re-open fully on Monday 21st June 2021 that again we would follow England Squash policies and [this was agreed by all](#).

BI agreed to download and display the England Squash policies on the notice boards in the club prior to the 17th May.

JH said he would arrange for a deep clean to take place prior to the 17th May.

JH said he would write to members advising them of the two key dates and attach a link to the England Squash policies.

2. Update on a new lease - GA reminded all that ELDC are currently our landlord, but that is due to change when they transfer the squash club and a number of other assets to Alford Town Council. That he and BK met with Richard Quantrell of the Town Council back in January to discuss a new lease. That it was likely the Town Council would want to take back some of the land to use on a new project and to possibly connect up to our utilities. In return the lease would have no rent and be evergreen rolling. That a new lease will be beneficial to the club when applying for grant funding.

GH added that there has been a delay to the transfer, not least of which is due to the current Covid lockdown, but that ELDC had found an issue with part of the transfer involving the old concrete works, currently used by Alford Coal. The Town Council are keen for this issue to be sidelined and that all parties progress with the remaining asset transfers including the land for the squash club.

3. JH reminded the committee that we still need to hold our AGM that was postponed from December 2020.

4. JH advised the committee that we currently hold a healthy bank balance following good work by GA in gaining grant funding. JH proposed that we move £10k into a separate sinking fund to be used for coaching and repairs and [this was agreed by all](#).

5. GH raised a concern about the current electricity usage, the latest statement from Eon showed we were using an average of £10.67 per day for the period 4th Jan 2021 to 9th April 2021 and £7.88 for the period 2nd Oct 2020 to 4th Jan 2021. JH & GA asked GH to investigate.

6. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 20:10