

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

May 2019

Dear Parishioner,

ACTON TURVILLE TENNIS COURT

Since the closure of the Acton Turville Tennis Club, responsibility for maintaining the Court has fallen to the Parish Council. Due to lack of use, we have been forced to consider the future of the Tennis Court following the notice put in 'Local Talk Back' last year.

There are significant costs involved in maintaining and insuring the Tennis Court while the revenue received from users doesn't come close to covering these costs. It is not considered fair or reasonable to pay for the maintenance of such a facility from the Parish Precept (to which everyone in the village contributes) when so few parishioners benefit.

Consequently, the Parish Council has decided that the 2019 playing season will be the **final opportunity to secure a viable future for the Tennis Court**. This is not a decision which has been taken lightly.

We believe that it requires, in the region of, 20 individuals/families willing to pay £50 p.a. for unlimited access to and use of the Tennis Court. (This works out at less than £1.00 **per week** for such use – compare this to around £6.70 **per hour** to hire a court in Yate and you will see what a bargain it really is!). Regrettably, if this number is not reached by the end of the Summer (30th September) the Parish Council will be forced to begin de-commissioning the court during the winter months.

Anyone interested in helping to secure the future of the Tennis Court in this way should contact any member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk. Anyone who has already made a contribution in 2019 will receive a credit for the amount paid.

IN THE MEANTIME residents (or NON-residents) wishing to use the Court on an ad-hoc basis may hire the key by contacting the Parish Clerk on 218675. The charge is £5 per hour with a refundable deposit for the key.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Farrell

Chair

Acton Turville Parish Council