

## MORTIMER TENNIS CLUB



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### PROPOSAL TO STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Following a recent Mortimer Tennis Club(MTC) meeting to discuss the future of the club and the dwindling membership, the Executive Committee believes that were the Parish Council to allow MTC members to book the courts, outside of the pre-booked sessions, at the club's discounted court hire fee rather than the general public's fee, it would have the mutual benefit of increasing the club's membership and the use of the Parish Council's courts.

The club already struggles to compete with other clubs that have their own facilities (club house, toilets, etc) so the fact that club members receive no benefit of membership when booking courts outside of the pre-booked sessions, gives potential new members no incentive to join the club.

The Committee believes that the proposal for ad hoc reduced-rate court hire for MTC members would have the following benefits:

1. Provide a partnership between MTC and SMPC to encourage greater use of the tennis courts
2. Increase the membership of the tennis club, keeping it viable for the future
3. Be more inclusive by opening membership to families and working people who are unable to play in pre-booked sessions
4. Allow the club to provide coaching for a wider membership, including children.

We hope the Council will consider our proposal and that together we can find a way to encourage more people to play tennis.

Val Brown, Treasurer MTC

On behalf of the Committee and members of Mortimer Tennis Club