

VICTORIA PARK CLUB
146th Annual General Meeting
16 February 2026 at 6 pm

Agenda

1. Election of Chair of Meeting
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 145th Annual General Meeting held on 27 February 2025
4. Matters Arising
5. Chair's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Bridge Chair's Report
8. Tennis Chair's Report (see Appendix 1)
9. Nominations to the General Committee
10. Proposed Change to Paragraph 11 of the Constitution (see Appendix 2)
11. Proposed Membership Categories and Subscription Rates for 2026 (see Appendix 3)
 - Proposal that membership categories remain the same
 - Proposal that subscription rates remain the same
12. Honorary Membership
 - No nominations for Honorary Life Membership
 - Nominations for Temporary Honorary Membership
13. Any Other Business

Appendix 1 – Agenda Item 8

Purpose of the Club

Paragraph 3 of the Constitution states: "The main purpose of the Club shall be to provide facilities for and to promote and encourage participation in tennis and bridge. The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in this Constitution."

Appendix 2 – Agenda Item 10

Proposed Change to Paragraph 11 of the Constitution

Motion

To revise the wording of Paragraph 11 of the Club Constitution.

Paragraph 11 currently states: "All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names as far as is practicable for the use and benefit of the Club."

The proposed revision is: "All Land Registry property of the Club shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names as far as is practicable for the use and benefit of the Club."

Reason for the Proposed Change

The rewording excludes mention of "investments" which we take to cover holdings in interest-bearing savings accounts. It seems unwise for Club savings to be held in the private accounts of Trustees and at least one of our current Trustees is unwilling to take on this responsibility. For the Club, abiding by the current wording might make it difficult for the Honorary Treasurer to access our funds, particularly if a Trustee becomes incapacitated. Holding Club funds could also cause financial and legal problems for the Trustees themselves (or for their estates). Interest earnings may be subject to private Capital Gains Tax and there could also be Inheritance Tax complications arising in the event of an untimely Trustee death. In contrast, Community Club savings (and current) accounts have multiple signatories to facilitate access and are subject to HMRC tax rules that apply across the board to Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), the tax category under which Victoria Park Club has long been registered.

Appendix 3 – Agenda Item 11

Proposed Membership Categories and Subscription Rates for 2026

The Committee recognises that the current economic environment continues to place increased financial pressure on households and that, despite our costs increasing substantially year on year, as a Community Club we must play our part to support our members.

It is therefore proposed that the cost of membership for both tennis and bridge members for 2026 be maintained at the current membership rates.

The table below summarises the 2026 membership rates.

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Membership Category	Full
Adult Tennis	£144
Limited Adult Tennis	£96
Adult Tennis and Bridge	£160
Limited Adult Tennis and Bridge	£112
Family Tennis	£316
Family Tennis (Ukraine)	£0
Student Tennis	£74
Junior Tennis	£74
Young Junior Tennis	£37
Bridge - Unrestricted	£63
Associate Bridge	£34
Associate Bridge and Adult Tennis	£152
Associate Bridge and Limited Adult Tennis	£104