

Dear All

I said in this week's newsletter [No.8] that I would get together with as many committee members as possible this week to decide what we can sensibly do to getting play going again.

Firstly, the logistics of holding a meeting. I'm not sure how best to achieve this. The options I believe are: Zoom meeting or correspondence by email, since a socially distanced face-to-face at the green, I would consider to be strictly outside the rules, given the number of us. The earliest time I could do a Zoom meeting would be tomorrow afternoon, then it would be Thursday.

The second matter is, what is the sentiment? I will put my cards on the table and say that until we can support doubles play, i.e. at least a maximum of 8 players on the green, I think the club should remain closed. If the government follow the road map and timescales that it suggest we are looking at first week of July earliest.

No one is keener than me to get going again but there is a lot of work still to be done and then, once we open, there will be on-going commitment to provide maintenance and manage what goes on at Bridge Street for 6 days a week. I am not sure that the outcome, set out in the Bowls England guidelines, justifies the effort involved. Although we are not strictly driven by Bowls England I would consider ignoring their advice would be foolish and I certainly wouldn't support it.

I would be grateful if you would let me have your views.

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