Oakley Bowling Club

Report for the Parish Council

May 2021

We have managed to play bowls on the Outside Green at times during the various versions of the Covid-19 Lockdowns and, when we have been able to play, we have observed the sanitising and social distancing rules.

We suspended our membership subscriptions for the current year as we were not able to offer our members a full “service”, but this has affected our financial position. We have not been able to play Short Mat Bowls in the Village Hall, as it has been closed and this has further affected our finances. We are still financially sound but we have not been able to progress any of our proposed development plans such as the provision of a Clubhouse and connection to mains sewerage.

I think the next year will be a difficult one for the club, as Short Mat Bowls formed the basis of our club and we are unsure how many of our members will still be active when we start up again. We may have to plan a rigorous recruitment campaign to replace those who have dropped out.

We have not been able to organise any type of Committee meeting, nor an AGM, and we all are working in isolation, so it has been difficult to formulate any immediate plans. Personally, I fear for the future of the club as we are not strong administratively and there is little time left to remedy this position.

*Frank Ashurst*

*Chair and Secretary*