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# Advance Notice of Annual General Meeting 2026 and Padel Update

**Wednesday 15 July 2026 at 19:00**

Function Room, Henley Road Clubhouse

Dear ,

The Board is writing to give you advance notice of the Ipswich Sports Club 2020 Ltd Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will take place on **Wednesday 15 July at 19:00** in the Function Room at the Henley Road clubhouse.

We apologise if earlier provisional dates were seen. The timing reflects the later-than-anticipated completion of the full year-end accounts.

The AGM is an important opportunity for members to hear about the club's performance, ask questions, and contribute to shaping its future direction. We are also moving the AGM earlier in the year going forward to better align with the financial year-end (31 December) and the preparation of annual accounts.

This letter is to provide advance notice. Formal papers, reports, and details of the nomination process will be circulated in the coming weeks.

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## Board Update

There have been several changes to the Board since the last AGM. Most recently, Jeremy Lea has stepped down as a director. The Board would like to thank him for his contribution.

Continuity has been maintained, and the Board remains focused on strengthening governance, transparency, and the long-term sustainability of the club.

- **Dr Jon Tuppen** is currently Acting Chair and will stand for election as Chair. He has two years remaining within his permitted term under the Articles of Association following his election as Club Secretary.
- **Hollie Newton** has been supporting Club Secretary responsibilities and has one year remaining in her term. She has led a number of positive HR developments.
- **Mick Castleton** has two years remaining in his term and has played a central role in financial oversight and reporting. Mick will stand for election as Vice-chair.

There are currently vacancies for **Chair, Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and additional Director roles**, providing an important opportunity to broaden the skills and experience on the Board.



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Members with relevant experience and an interest in contributing are strongly encouraged to come forward. Speaking with current directors can help provide insight into the role, responsibilities, and expected time commitment. In addition to formal Board positions, there are also opportunities to contribute via advisory positions or working groups.

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## Padel Project Update

As previously communicated at the last AGM and subsequent member updates, preparatory works are now underway for the Padel development. This project forms part of the club's broader strategy to enhance facilities, grow membership, and support long-term financial sustainability.

**Work is due to begin on 22 June.** From this date, parts of the club will temporarily become a construction site. Members are asked to respect all safety arrangements, including Heras fencing and signage. We apologise for any inconvenience during this period.

During construction, a licence agreement has been put in place to allow use of the former hockey pitch for overflow parking and/or storage.

Initial works will include:

- Conversion of Tennis Court 7 into additional parking (in line with planning approval)
- Preparation of the base for a new outdoor padel court in front of the indoor tennis centre

There will inevitably be periods of increased construction activity, including heavy vehicle movements. We will aim to give advance notice wherever possible.

Following a revised delivery schedule:

- Two padel courts (one outdoor and one repositioned temporary court) are expected to be available **by the end of August**
- Construction of the canopy and indoor courts will continue through the autumn and winter

Full details of the project, including financial and operational considerations, will be shared with members as part of AGM reporting.

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## Looking Ahead

The AGM provides an important forum for members to engage on key topics including:

- The club's financial position



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- Governance and overall management structure
- Ongoing capital projects, including Padel
- Future strategy and priorities

We strongly encourage all members to attend and participate.

Further documentation, including the formal agenda and reports, will be circulated in advance of the meeting to support informed discussion.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or are interested in becoming more involved, please contact a member of the Board.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Jon Tuppen**

Acting Chair

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