

MINUTES OF GREENS MEETING HELD 30th August 2016

Present

Bruce Allison ELC: Andy Hendry WGC green convenor

Craig Pennycuick WGC Head green keeper

Apologies Scott Higgins Stevie Nicol

Minutes.

Lateral Posts

The position regarding the supply and fitting of the lateral boundary posts was discussed. They have been on order for some time now. Bruce said they were almost ready and would get a firm date by the end of the month.

Walker signs

The same situation stood regarding the signs to warn walkers about golfers playing shots. Bruce will sweep this up at the same time as the lateral posts.

Road sign

It was pointed out that an incident had taken place on the 18th a couple of weeks ago. A car driven by a non member had driven from the car park without notice to the people on the 18th tee. A few words were exchanged. It was thought a sign at the car park exit asking drivers to check the tee before driving was agreed on. Bruce will cost it and we can consider who pays for it.

Worded **PLEASE GIVE WAY TO GOLFERS ON THE 18th TEE.**

New banking at 7th tee

There was a suggestion that a banking could be formed behind the 7th medal tee to separate it from the open ground behind it, creating a feature and also stopping dog walkers strolling across the tee at that point. Craig and Bruce were fine with this and Craig thought it could be incorporated into the winter programme.

Winter Work Programme

We discussed the winter programme and agreed it would be weather driven. Craig's hope is to finish the bunkers at 5, 6 and 7 with astro turf which would complete the first nine holes.

It was agreed that work would start on 5 with the bunkers being enlarged to create more of a risk and reward situation. This work would be finished before the same was done at 6.

Then the 7th would be tackled after 5 and 6 were done. It was discussed whether the second fairway bunker on 7 was necessary. Possibly turned into a small hill. Craig will consider this if weather allows.

Aero coring of the greens will commence 26th September after finals and scrambles.

A.O.B.

St Margaret's

A quick discussion took place to ensure everything was in place for our biggest competition of the year. Craig was on top of it and as the minutes have been done after the event it can be stated for the record that the course was in splendid condition and got a lot of compliments from non members on the day.

New Bins

I asked if ELC would provide new bins to compliment the new tee signs. Bruce felt this was out with the budget. He agreed to replace any broken bins or supply new bins on any holes that did not have one (6 holes) I pointed out that the current bins were small and of different shape etc. Craig agreed that bigger bins would need emptied less often, thus saving money.

I asked if ELC and ENJOY leisure along with WGC could meet the cost together, one third each. Approximate cost of 18 new bins being around £4,500 this would mean a contribution of around £1,500 from each party. The cosmetic look of new tees and bins would really enhance

the course and probably attract more visitors. Bruce suggested I contact ELC and Enjoy to sound them out. I agreed to do this.

1st Green

Our professionals have intimated that visitors and some members feel the hill at the first hole is too steep and stops them playing the hole.

A temporary green had been cut below the hill but this was opposed by myself as I feel the first is our signature hole. Many things were discussed, there is a possible solution in removing the top of the banking and graduating the slope from top to bottom, allowing the green keepers to cut the grass on the banking.

This would still give risk and reward for people driving the green and allow older and younger members the chance of a lesser gradient on the second shot and the likelihood that they wouldn't be caught on the hill. This is being considered by ELC and EL but it is only a possible venture and if it was even considered all parties would be involved in the process.

I finished the meeting by adding that the course was in top condition, so were the greens compliments to the green staff who have put in a lot of good work to achieve this.

Also communication between myself and Craig continues to be fruitful. We have a good chat once a week to ensure any minor problems are addressed quickly.

Andy Hendry
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