



NORMANTON GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Greens Committee meeting

Thursday 15th July 2021

Attendees: Andy Hall, Greens Director/Chair. Rich Carter, Golf Director. Dave Crampton HGK, Jack Whiteman, Green keeper. Andy Bell, Brian Harvey, John Whiteley, Jayne Turner, Section reps.

Apologies: Gary Pritchard Club Professional.

Meeting held in Hatfeild Hall 1700-1930

Agenda Items:

- Update on points from previous meeting; STRI Agronomist has received 27 core samples from 3 greens and photographic evidence of the state of the greens as of 15th July 2021. His visit is confirmed as 18th August 2021 for a full course assessment.
- Drainage work in the Autumn will now commence 01st November 2021.
- 13th Pond repair will commence WC 01st November.
- AH stated he had drafted and circulated a long term plan for the Greens team, this plan was shared with members of the greens committee for approval and any alteration or additional points. The plan is for the medium to long term, 5 to 10 years. This plan covers all areas of the course, including woodlands, water features and practice areas. When completed this long term plan will be held online available for the conduct of maintenance planning, organising the improvement of Greens, Tees, Bunkers, Drainage and Irrigation .
- AB Has produced a spreadsheet of all 66 bunkers and path a planner, this works in conjunction with the long term plan. Over the next 5 years and probably beyond, this can be used by the GC to formulate a winter works plan each end of season.
- It was decided to attempt to improve all 18 teeing areas, rather than just doing a few each year, which could take several years. Where grass quality is poor, efforts to improve it and where possible attempt some levelling to give a better and larger area to tee from. This is a very ambitious plan, we should see grass quality improving and targeted areas levelled by the spring of 2022.
- Volunteer, Team Lead and seconders were chosen for each of the 12 areas in the long term plan, pairs will report back their findings at the next and subsequent meetings. The intention is to target winter work that is manageable this winter to give us the best and quickest results for 2022. This will then be a rolling event, each year a few more areas will be tackled, such as Paths, Bunkers, drainage and water features, Tees , trees and woodland.

- The following pairings were provisionally agreed to look after each of the 12 areas targeted. DC/AH/RC Tees - AB/BH Paths, bridges and Bunkers – A Booth(TBC)(AH) /JW Trees and woodlands survey – AH/GP Infrastructure / Practice areas – AH/ DC Drainage / Irrigation - AH/DC/RC Greens, Fairways and Rough – DC/AH Machines and materials. JW/JT Wild grass and wild flowers. Water features ? including Ditches (open drainage/ waterways)
- We have had a report on the 6th Ditch and a possible working plan, the ditch gets deeper each year it is left. As we are concerned with the playing surfaces mainly, in this first 'normal' year with full staff, it has been decided to delay any major work on the ditch till 2022 earliest, treatments for removal of weed has been applied, results should show very soon. Further planning needs to take place, the work load for current plans is our priority.
- AB has agreed to include all bridges within his area of concern, paths development.
- A second volunteer night will be arranged to remove and improve all bunkers prior to Invitation Day, this was not included with divoting night as rakes are still not approved for handling.
- On Monday 19th July, Ball lifters will be removed and rakes placed back into bunkers.
- JW and JT have agreed to investigate the possibility of introducing wild flowers in suitable areas that are not in play.
- Further cutting of some long grass will continue, some just have not worked as well as other areas. Identified as needing to be cut is the 9th white and yellow tee path side, 4th tee to be shaped better, 14th red tee, right side.
- White lines to lead buggy and trollies away from green sides will continue to be sprayed, 8th , 11th in particular.
- New growth grass on the 10th and HWH are will be cut and ropes removed.
- Selective weed killer has been applied today 15th July to the whole course, except greens and fringes. This takes about 7 days to work to maximum effectiveness. It is an annual application.
- A request had been received from a member, the committee discussed this and decided to not act on the idea. It has been suggested to fill in the ditch between the 16th and 17th . DC said there was historical reasons for the ditch to be as it was, and not filled, due to water transferring across fairways when it rains heavily. The second request was regarding apron extensions, again, historically this had been tried and returned to fairway status. Reasons for not extending are complicated, the member will be responded to personally with the decision and why in these cases the changes are not being made.
- All hole marker signs will be re-laid over the winter, some have been vandalised and sit skew and loose. A professional finish will be applied to a base, this work will happen during the winter period, it will coincide with other extensive tee improvements, including winter mats being made larger, new ball washers being purchased, and where needed more waste bins provided. The aim is to improve our somewhat tired looking teeing areas where needed.
- DC and his team will be reshaping and reducing the size of the two bunkers 9th greenside in November. This and installation of at least two new paths on the 8th and 18th. The committee have asked a great deal of the greens team this winter, we cant promise all our requested work will get done, the weather being one element we

have no control over. AH will list the planned work in his report, this will only get done if the weather and no other disruptions sets the team back.

- RC and AH said We will go onto winter mats on 01st Nov latest, this give the team access immediately to grass tees.
- RC has prepared a survey for the club with the help of P Mc C, covering all aspects not just the course, we hope all members take the time to complete it, this will help to validate our own thoughts and plans going forward.
- The bridge on the 8th hole will be moved one full width left over the winter, the bald spots either side repaired and a pathway laid from bridge to 9th bridge through the trees.

Ongoing or Outstanding Items List : OIL

○ ITEM	NAME	UPDATE or ACTIONED	RAISED
Stint readings	DC	July read	15-07-2021
Funding plans	AH & RC	Ongoing/ Agreed	11-05-2021
Footpath Surveys	AB & JW	Agreed	15-07-2021
TORs agreement	AH	On Website	02-07-2020
Drainage	DC	Booked 01-11-21	15-07-2021
13 th pond	DC	WC 01 st Nov	15-07-2021
Bunker survey	BH & JS	Agreed	15-07-2021
Dustbin replacement	DC & AH	2 or 3 to be purchased 2021	15-07-2021
Tree thinning	DC	Planned	15-07-2021
Trial Ball retriever 18th	AH/DC/GP	Removed 19 July	15-07-2021
OOB and hazard stakes repaint	DC	Ongoing	15-07-2021
Signage inspection	BH	Ongoing	15-07-2021
10 th saddle repair	DC	Remove hoops	15-07-2021
Tees repairs	DC	Ongoing/planned	15-07-2021
Leaking Irrigation	DC	Ongoing 2 ND 10 th	15-07-2021
Traffic lines and GUR& Drop Z's	DC	8 th & 11 th 2 nd	15-07-2021
Ergonomist	DC/AH	Booked 18-08-2021	15-07-2021
6 TH Ditch weeds	DC/AH	Investigating redesign	15-07-2021
Flags and rakes	DC	Reintroduce 19-07-2021	15-07-2021
Long Term Plan	AH/DC	Drafted	15-07-20121

