



NORMANTON GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Greens Committee meeting

Monday 11th May 2021

Attendees: Andy Hall, Chair. Gary Pritchard, Golf Pro. Dave Crampton, HGK.

Andy Bell, Brian Harvey, John Whiteley, Members.

Apologies: Rich Carter, Golf Director.

Meeting held outdoors during walkabout of various areas on course.

Agenda Items:

- The drainage plans for the 9th, 11th, 13th and 18th were discussed for those members who missed the last meeting.
- Work on the pathways and landscaping around the HWH were agreed, a small buggy park will be laid between the path and the wall to the 10th blue Tee. This area should be completed by the end of the week.
- The yardage on the 10th Tee was checked, the use of the front of the Blue Tee for the winter tee mat was discounted, it will remain in situ with repair work to be done on the bare area just to the front of the current mat, eventually developing this like the 6th. Utilisation of Tees and the shape of the tees were discussed, it was decided to leave any changes to a possible future date and prioritise resources elsewhere for now.
- The GUR in the saddle on the 10th green was inspected, and agreed to keep in place till steady growth returns.
- 11th Tees are to be treated and seeded where necessary, the shaping and defining of the tee by allowing the fringe grass to grow longer was discussed and agreed to continue to develop.
- Lines directing wheeled traffic routes are being used to reduce wear, especially on greensides. The 11th green is particularly vulnerable to wear, eventually a short path extension will be laid at the exit, to the rear of the 9th white tee. This is hoped to be seen by traffic when approaching the 11th and direct wheeled traffic away from using the grass close to the green.
- The 8th greenside has suffered extreme wear over the years, a path from the bridge to bridge towards 9th will take all traffic through the trees, currently marked by white lines. The entry to the 8th bridge will have artificial grass inserted in due course. We agreed that any change in the bridges location would bring greater difficulties than any benefits. This work is planned for later this year.
- The 8th Tee utilisation is improved now that the pond bush has been removed, and the Tee marker moved to the rear. Tees will be available across the full width, giving us greater options and reducing localised wear.
- The Ladies section have requested we look at returning the red tee to its original place near to the entrance, a report on this will be sent to the Golf Director separately.
- The 13th pond repair was discussed and how we might manage the period with regards play. Options are to move the winter mat to the fairway side of the pond and play as a short Par 4. This was done previously during drainage work and would be for a very short period in the winter season. Full planning for this and all drainage work commencing 11th Oct will be made in good time and reported to members as to any disruption that may occur.
- The 7th Tee, especially the rear will be re-seeded in an effort to gain some quality grass in that area. A option may be to re turf if this fails to take, this situation is under constant review.
- Drainage across the front of the 17th Green will be repaired soon, any disruption will be minimal and only for one day we hope. Notice of commencement of this work will be put to members in advance of the work commencing.



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- Leaks from irrigation have occurred in small areas, those known to the HGK will be repaired in due course. Use of GUR is a temporary measure, but these trouble spots will take a good deal of effort to locate and repair. We prefer not to disrupt the irrigation coming up to the warmest, driest part of the year.
- Trees removed at the rear of the 6th tee enable sunlight and airflow onto the rear areas, seeding has occurred and early signs of grass repair are showing. This is great news and will allow full use of the tee, giving a very challenging shot from the rear left side. Some bushes will be trimmed back that protrude the line from the tee to ditch. We are inclined to agree that initial ideas around removing any trees on the corner, marked with an X will not now be required. However, some trees within the wooded area at the ditch are planned to be removed to enhance growth of healthier trees and grass regrowth.
- JW asked if some wild flower seeds could be laid in a sample area to encourage colour and contrast. This area is to be agreed and would be away from direct play, this can be seen currently in the long grass between the 12th tee and pond/ditch. JW also asked if we could ask for gardening volunteers, we have several areas that could benefit from a few hours labour but lay beyond the scope of the greens staff and house gardens.
- The committee are keen to see the reduction in restrictions, the use of rakes, sand boxes and bags, and the inserting of conventional flag sticks without ball lifters are all keenly anticipated. GP said we would be advised by England Golf of the timing to return to normal use of these items, but we sense it is very close. Meanwhile we hope members would role model good etiquette whilst we endure the current status, sand can be smoothed either by club or foot, miniature rakes are available, sand on par 3s is laid out for personal use and sand bags are a great way to maintain the fairways, repairing divots etc.
- The exit to the 18th will have an artificial grass laid, similar to the 1st bridge, this area is virtually impossible to protect from the very high footfall it receives. We will also line the exit for wheeled traffic in a similar way seen on the 8th and 11th.
- All practice areas were inspected, we were pleased to see some improvement of quality on the putting green, and have requested pins be replaced. The practice area 100 and 150 markers will be re measured and moved if incorrect as we suspect.
- The committee are pleased to observe improved greens, whilst some still have repair issues, generally they are beginning to repair quickly, recent rain on new fertiliser and rising temperature brings promising signs.



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Outstanding and ongoing items list Reviewed 11-05-2021

ITEM	NAME	UPDATE or ACTIONED	RAISED
Stint readings	DC	Ongoing/ Due	11-05-2021
Funding plans	AH & RC	Ongoing/ Agreed	11-05-2021
Footpath Surveys	AB & JW	Ongoing/8/18	11-05-2021
TORs BOD agreement	AH	Ongoing / on website	02-07-2020
Drainage 3 rd GS	DC	Ongoing	02-07-2020
8 TH Bridge project	AB & DC	Suspended	02-07-2020
Bunker survey	BH & JS	Ongoing	11-05-2021
Dustbin replacement	DC & AH	Ongoing	March 2021
Tree thinning	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
Trial Ball retriever 18th	AH/DC/GP	Ongoing/ In place	02-07-2020
Repainting of T and distance markers	DC & AB	Ongoing	02-07-2020
OOB and hazard stakes repaint	DC	Ongoing / Due	11-05-2021
Signage inspection	BH	Ongoing/ 7 th / 8 th	11-05-2021
Erect new warning signs 16,13 and 7 th	AH	Ongoing / Done	02-07-2020
50 Volunteer sandbaggers	AH	Ongoing / Done	02-07-2020
HWH paths	AH DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
10 th saddle repair	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
Tees repairs	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
Greens damage repair	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
17 th drainage	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
Wild grass areas	DC	In progress	11-05-2021
Leaking Irrigation	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021
Traffic lines and GUR	DC	Ongoing	11-05-2021