

WITHINGTON GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Ground Committee meeting held 11th August, 2011.

Present: Steve Kelsall (SK), Gary Higgins (GH), John Cragg (JC), Brian Fleetwood (BF) Pat Keane (PK), Steve Marr(SM).

- GH reported that the following work had been carried out since the last meeting:
 - All greens have been sarel rolled and vibro rolled.
 - All greens have been treated with wetting agent
 - All greens have been sprayed for fusarium with fungicide
 - All greens have been been spayed twice with liquid compost tea
 - All greens have been sprayed with silicon and potassium
 - Tees and fringes have been sprayed with selective weedkiller (for clover)
 - Bunkers have been edged
 - Suckers have been removed from around trees
 - Bases of hedges have been treated with weedkiller

- Work for the coming month will include:
 - Cutting greens, fairways and rough as required. Fertilising greens.
 - Vertidrainng greens and top dressing
 - Start construction of channels to the culverts under the motorway

- SK reported that the deep scarifying of the greens planned for late September will be held over until the Spring. However a free trial will be done this year on the putting green and practice green

- The contractor will be vertidrainng the greens on August16th. This will be followed by pencil tining, overseeding (weather permitting) and top dressing. This should all be completed by the end of Wednesday 17th.

- In view of the absence of Sid Pugh, a freelance mechanic will be coming for one half day a week until further notice.

- Plans to change bunkers were discussed. The proposal is that seven bunkers will be removed and two new ones put in. With one exception (at the first hole), the ones being removed will have no visual impact as they are "hidden" when approaching the greens. These are: 1st Hole - the second bunker on the left. 2nd Hole - the second bunker on the left. 6th Hole - the third bunker on the right. 9th Hole - the second bunker on the left. 15th Hole - the second bunker on the left. 16th Hole - the second bunker on the left. In addition, on the 1st Hole the front right hand bunker will be removed and the ground re-contoured. This is being done for safety reasons as the slope around exceeds 20 degrees and is deemed to be dangerous to cut.

A new bunker is planned for the 16th; this will be on the outer angle of the dogleg close to the walk-through to the seventeenth tee. On the 18th, the plan is for a new bunker on the left of the fairway approx 210yards from the back tee.

- Other projects for the winter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: September 15th, 2011