

WITHINGTON GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Ground Committee meeting held 24th February, 2011.

Present: Steve Kelsall (SK), Gary Higgins (GH), Pat Keane (PK).

Apologies: John Cragg (JC), Steve Marr (SM).

- The course is recovering well from the flood and drying out reasonably well despite some wet weather. Eighteen holes will be fully open by Feb 26.
- Arrangements have been made for major machinery items to be taken off site for repairs and refurbishment. The remaining items will be cleaned and serviced by the ground staff.
- Small items such as chainsaws have been replaced with new equipment.
- GH reported that the following work had been carried in the past month:
 - Greens have been hand mown, slit tined and sarel rolled.
 - Greens have been sprayed for fusarium and als with an early growth booster.
 - The back section of the 10th tee has been levelled.
 - The back of the 4th green has been contoured to eliminate scalping and a sump has been dug where water accumulates.
 - The two bunkers on the RH side of the 10th green have been combined.
 - A new path alongside the hedge on the 6th has been constructed.
 - Area around the practice mats by the putting green has been paved.
 - Path from the terrace to the putting green has been reconstructed.
 - Flood damage to the path at the 6th tee has been repaired.
 - The footbridge at the 5th, moved by floodwater, has been repaired.
 - Floodwater has been pumped of the 13th, 17th and 18th.
 - The drain from the pond on the 13th has been rodded and flushed through.
 - General tidying up of debris left by the flood has been carried out.
- Work for the coming month will include:
 - Continuing to clear debris left by the flood.
 - Removing the large fallen trees on the 13th.
 - Repairing damaged turf round bunkers and elsewhere.
 - Finish moving the edging on the path edges at the back of the 4th green.
 - Put down newer Astroturf in the practice nets.
 - Complete work on the 2nd tee.
 - Lower the height of the conifers on the right of the 4th tee.
 - Cut the fairways and rough when machinery is available.
 - Treat areas where moss has invaded.
- Further discussions have taken place with the Environment Agency about clearing a channel to the culverts and reshaping the 6th tee. We are tendering for the work and the indications are that our revised price will be accepted.

- As a result of the flood we are hopeful that the EA will assist us to improve the drainage on the 17th and 18th.
- Estimates have been submitted to the Environment Agency Their response has been that the costs for the projects exceeded what they had anticipated. They are now looking at modifying their requirements and we anticipate they will wish to discuss the scheme again with us. This will probably be in the New Year.

Date of next meeting: March 17th.