

WITHINGTON GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Ground Committee meeting held 16th June, 2011.

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

Apologies: Steve Marr(SM).

- GH reported that the following work had been carried out since the last meeting:
 - 4th and 18th greens have been treated with Thatcheater.
 - All greens have been star tined, sarel rolled and vibro rolled.
 - All greens have been treated with liquid fertiliser and wetting agent
 - All greens have been have been pencil tines and top dressed with sand
 - Greens 1-8, 12 and 13 have been overseeded
 - All greens have been sprayed for fusarium with fungicide
 - All greens have been been treated with granular fertiliser 16.4.8+ Fe at approximately 10kg per green
 - The area to the left of the 2nd fairway has been cleared of stones and seeded
 - Bunkers have been edged and new sand added
 - Surrounds of greens and some other areas have been sprayed with selective weedkiller
 - Edges of paths have been treated with weedkiller
 - Strimming of grass around the bases of trees has started

- Work for the coming month will include:
 - Cutting greens, fairways and rough as required
 - Continuing strimming work around trees
 - Fertilising tees
 - Starting programme of feeding the greens with organic supplements.
 - pencil tining and top dressing greens.

- The report SK had prepared about the flooding was discussed briefly. This will be sent to the Environment Agency and a further meeting arranged to discuss with them the steps they will be taking to improve WGC's situation.

- SK reported that a new machine for removing thatch from greens was now available for contract hire. All the greens could be done in one day at a cost of approx £700 including the operator. It was agreed that the optimum timing for this would be at the end of September. SK will contact the contractor to reserve a date.

- In view of the continuing problems we have in getting early growth, it was suggested that next year we try a slow release fertiliser, applied in late March (or earlier if the weather is suitable). This idea will be discussed with our agronomist.

Date of next meeting: July 21, 2011