

FORRESTER PARK GOLF CLUB COURSE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 13th September 2019.

Present: Craig Lockwood, Tim Forrester-Muir, Jeff Taylor, Margaret Triston, Geoff Pettitt, Trevor Macdonald
Apologies: David Gillespie, Kevin Myers

1. **The Minutes** of the last meeting were approved.

2. **Matters Arising;**

A). KM to get a sign made for the 10th tee, to avoid clashes from those already on the course.

B). JT to look into prices for targets etc on practise ground; plan to be made to move forward

3. **Maintenance Issues;**

A). Green keepers report see attached.

B). Winter rules to be set for the 1st November unless JT feels they need to come on sooner. If so all sections will be made clear.

C). an idea would be to help JT and staff by doing the more time consuming jobs, etc lead clearing and ditch clearance. Trevor McDonald to find people willing to give time.

D). Clearance of the undergrowth will be continued through the winter. 1st and 2nd and possibly looking at drainage for the 7th in front of the green.

5. **Suggestions for improvements**

6. **Any other Business;**

A). Are there any plans to tidy up the paths for the winter months. Some will be raised and top dressed with shingle.

B). Can there be a parking area on the 2nd hole? JT to look into

C). General look at the trimming of the big trees,

2nd, 12th, 13th. D). Can the pond be trimmed on the 7th hole.

7. **Date of next Meeting; 25th October 2019 1:15pm**

Greenkeepers Report

September 2019

As summer draws to a close we can feel proud of the condition of the course over the main playing season with constant compliments even when it felt things were at times working against us.

It's been the first year where we have had nothing to control leatherjackets and it's been hard to see the damage they have caused, feeling helpless, and although trying several home remedies that may have helped it definitely wasn't the cure we are lacking, and now the leatherjackets are moving to the surface, it has made them more accessible for birds so pecking and causing secondary damage. That said only a few greens were adversely affected and it has mainly just been a frustration rather than causing an unacceptable playing surface.

As soon as the bulk of the competitions were behind us, we started our end of season renovations where we cored, collected and scarified. Then they were topdressed and seeded using a disk seeder, what cut one inch slots into the greens and neatly dropped seed in, then rolls it smooth behind. Overall the operation went well with very little disruption to golfers and already showing signs of a speedy recovery.

We have managed to keep an acceptable coverage on the tees through the dry spell and although there is still room for improvement they have greatly improved on previous years and it really shows the importance of managing summer wear, keeping them aerated, watered and fed as it has played dividend.

As for the rest of the course, it fared well over the summer with little in the way of severe wilting leading to loss of any turf. Though the summer wasn't as hot as last year, it was still a very long, extended dry spell and it was great to see the course staying in good condition.

Currently we are working on our list of winter projects where we will look at areas that could do with some improvements and viable options.

I hope everyone enjoyed their golf over the summer and we thank you for your continued support.

Jeff Taylor
Head Greenkeeper