



## Greens Forum Minutes

Meeting No:	Greens Forum No 2	Date:	8 June 2017
		Time:	19:00 to 20:30
		Name:	John Roberts
		Location:	Bramhall Golf Club, Bramhall
<p>Attendee's:</p> <p>Mr Captain - Mr I Hazelwood          Hon Secretary – Mr D. O'Brien          Lady Captain – Mrs F. Gell          Lady Vice Captain – Mrs S. Smith</p> <p>Greens Chairman – Mr R. Smith          Course Manager – Mr L. Adshead          Greens Council – Mr G. Bradley, Mr T. McGrail, Mr A Fendall, Mrs P. Marriot and Mr J. Roberts          Handicap – Mr N. Hall, Mr S. Ring &amp; Mr I. Handy</p> <p>Apologies</p>			

### Agenda Items

- ✓ Outline of Works Completed
- ✓ Woodland Report
- ✓ Future Projects
- ✓ Q & A Session
- ✓ AOB

### Minutes of Meeting

Item No	Notes	Owner
1	The forum was opened by Mr Captain, explaining the agenda and the objectives for the forum	
2	The Greens Chairman (RS) thanked everybody for attending, and offered a PowerPoint Presentation using the points on the agenda (see PowerPoint for detail)	
3	An activity log was now in place within the men's entrance foyer. This focuses on key activities done on the greens. A copy will also be placed in the ladies entrance.	PM/LA
4	The new path behind from the back of the 8 <sup>th</sup> green to the 9 <sup>th</sup> tee is to reduce wear to the left of the green. It was asked if the path on the left side will be removed, No it will stay.	
5	A suggestion for a solar pump in ponds that suffer with duck weed was made, this has already been investigated, the current products available on the market are not suitable for the purpose; however, we are trying to search the market for a workable solution.	JR



6	A request was made to extend the old path from the 6 <sup>th</sup> green through to the 7 <sup>th</sup> forward winter tee.	RS
7	The lining of future ponds was raised, most of our ponds are clay lined, but it will be considered based on requirements.	LA
8	Improving drainage on the 7 <sup>th</sup> was confirmed as a priority. We hope to do it this year and are discussing solutions with a contractor. The solution is likely to include extending the existing open ditch most of the way back to the corner.	LA
9	The Woodland report was discussed and RS explain the reasoning for thinning out key areas to give sunlight to the course, improving growth and aesthetics	Info
10	Comment made on the Sequoia tree on the 13 <sup>th</sup> hole, growth is being stunted due to 4 to 5 pine trees, if possible remove the offending pines, this is not the case, and the growth is dependent on the climate, which the UK climate is not conducive to this type of tree. The pines also offer protection to players on or around the 13 <sup>th</sup> Green from any hooked drives off the 16 <sup>th</sup> Tee.	Info
11	The planned pond on the right of the 15 <sup>th</sup> fairway was discussed with some concerns raised on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot for the ladies & any impact on the stroke index. The stroke index will be resolved by Handicap on reviewing the scores during competitions.	NH
<b>Question &amp; Answer Section</b>		
12	Are there any plans to cut back trees to regain the view of the surrounding countryside? Nothing specifically planned but will consider with the Woodland actions.	RS/LA
13	<p>Bunkers –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can we get more consistency on the spread of sand in a bunker and from one bunker to another</li> <li>• There is a lot of sand in our bunkers but it is heavily compacted due to the heavy rain</li> </ul> <p>Bunkers are an ongoing challenge for us and other courses in the area. Last year we decided not to replace the part time dedicated bunker raker because of low membership numbers, relying instead on the existing staff and some occasional temporary labour. We do rake regularly and top up when needed to try and maintain some consistency. We agree the sand gets heavily compacted so will experiment with a small rotovator to try and break it up. (Post meeting note – the rotovator was used the day after the meeting in preparation for Captain’s weekend and on the Sunday we had all staff in to deep rake the bunkers even though the event was postponed.</p>	
14	A request for Winter wheels on trolleys to be made compulsory during the winter season; this will be put forward to the management board for discussion.	Management
15	Can we have more definition between, the fairway & semi rough. We will try but this depends on the growth.	LA
16	The practice putting green should reflect the greens on the course, do they get the same treatment. Yes all the practice greens are treated the same as those on the course.	
17	Divot boxes are required on the practices ground. There are two large divot boxes strategically positioned for repairing any divot patches, there are also small divot boxes throughout the practice area.	Info
18	Why aren’t the greens consistent all year round. Every effort is made to strive for this however it is a balance of grass growth, wear from players and maintaining the long term health of the greens. The weather & seasons clearly impact this.	



19	Has there been any more problems with flooding from the SEMMMS road. Not so far & we are advised a catch water drain is to be installed in the field as part of project.	Management
20	Clearing the silted up drains and pond as a result of SEMMMS will be funded by Stockport Council, this is currently being negotiated.	Management
21	In winter when we move to the rough there used to be a blue line to show the edge of the rough, why have you stopped doing this It costs money to paint the lines and the rain quickly washes it away. Going into winter we loose the semi to try and get more definition between the rough & fairway but we accept it is not always clear. The blue posts are also positioned to give an indication.	Info
25	Extended tree cover for the 5 <sup>th</sup> Green, and 6 <sup>th</sup> Tee may be required as a result of the SEMMMS road, this will be monitored for noise pollution, and also aesthetics due to the road bridge.	Management
26	13 <sup>th</sup> Fairway marker is considered too heavy to lift out, various options will be looked at to resolve, Handicap will look into suggestions.	NH
27	The 18 <sup>th</sup> Green marker is now in place behind the green, this allows players to line up their shots when behind the 18 <sup>th</sup> fairway cross bunkers	Info
28	The handicap slope system review is due to be carried out, but no date schedule, this will be done at no cost to the golf club, target date for completion is 2020, Handicap will deal with this. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slope_rating">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slope_rating</a>	NH
36	At 20:30hrs the meeting was brought to a close by Mr Captain, with thanks to all members who took the time to attend, and a big thank you to LA & RS for their preparation and presentation of the meeting, some ideas and positives could be taken from the forum	Info
38	Meeting closed	