

Greens Committee Minutes Warkworth Golf Club 5th February 2018 at 4pm

Present:- J A Gray Chairman, G V Douglas Treasurer, A Mackay, D Metcalf, A P Dalby Greenkeeper, Mrs P Lewis

Killie – Water and drainage

Northumberland Estates has been contacted to look at further drainage work in killie. However JAG is of the opinion that they feel it is not their responsibility

Fairways

Fertiliser on areas of the course. Greenkeeper will do this April / May
Many molehills have been cleared and some of the soil will be used to level the 6th winter tee box prior to the turf being re-laid by Assistant Greenkeeper

Greens

Top Dressing will be done in early March
Cutting out and Replacement of hole cores JAG will find out the discrepancies between the two greenkeepers' ways of changing holes.
The Greenkeeper was asked to restrict access by the left hand side of the 9th /18th green . Later in the year the area will be spiked and seeded

2018 Season

The summer course will be in play as from approximately 13th /14th March

Bunkers

JAG to source bunker sand via Northern Concrete. GVD and GS to meet with Greenkeeper to decide bunker work to be done around the 8th Green and fairway bunkers.
Clearance of area to allow bunker sand to be delivered JAG and AM
JAG awaits quote from Kevin Jamieson to rebuild top dressing storage area

Machinery

Gang Mowers? Greenkeeper will contact the supplier to see if he has been able to solve the problem of the turning circles using the 7 gang mower

Blue Tractor. There is a major job to be done on the front axle. Greenkeeper has the parts and we await the Work is in hand.

There is a need for a Greens Multicorer

The Greens 'slitter' has never been used for years (Greenkeeper says it will still work – but it is decaying with rust – needs scrapped)

APD reported on a fitting for the fairway slitter which had been left outside the shed and has been removed (possibly by scrap men).

It was felt that all security on the site needs to be looked at and tightened up. It was thought that the trophy cabinet should be moved into the lounge area

AOB

Greenkeeper

The greenkeeper brought to the meeting a piece of machinery from one of the cutting machines to explain to the members what he is doing in the shed.

Apprentice Greenkeeper

Contract, holidays, day release and course instruction. JAG to speak to Apprentice greenkeeper and with Vincent Price. Myerscough College Assessor.

Course Signage. It was agreed that we do not want 'home made' signs that will need much work input by the already hard pressed small band of volunteers and that will require very regular maintenance. It was agreed that Graham Sawley would lead this initiative and speak to representatives from Eagle Golf and Pinseeker.

Practice Area

It was agreed that a sign should be erected on the practice area asking members not to hit balls on or over the playing area of the course

Course Score Cards – In hand and on computer awaiting a decision from the England Golf Rating Team re course length. Thanks to JAG and Dave Coates.

Next Meeting

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