

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

JANUARY 2021 UPDATE

In the absence of a committee meeting these notes are provided to give committee members an update of matters.

FINANCE - the December 2020 financials are provided as an appendix.

MEMBERSHIP - membership subscriptions are coming in. We have ca270 members (excluding juniors) and we would expect around 15% turnover. This would be in line with previous years and the annual turnover experienced by other clubs. On this basis we should expect to lose about 40 members. To date there have been 15 formal resignations. All have been followed up and with one exception a reply has been received explaining why the member is not renewing. None of these are leaving because of any dissatisfaction with the Club - reasons are leaving the area/giving up golf/injury/Warkworth was a second club and consolidating to just one club. It is known that the one who has not responded has joined Burgham but no reason given. Two members have taken advantage of the Club's membership suspension scheme due to long-term injury and have consequently paid their 2021 fees.

Non-payers will start to be followed up next week.

GREENS - the usual winter programme of machinery maintenance is being supplemented when weather permits with continuing work on the bunkers and fairways. Currently the 5th greenside bunker is being renovated. When the weather improves and growth re-starts there will be work on the greens to bring them up to standard for the summer season. This will involve scarifying, feeding, small tining and top-dressing.

CLUBHOUSE - the cleaner is currently on furlough. The kitchen extractor needs to be replaced and this will require a new hatch to be cut to gain access to it. In preparation a full asbestos survey has been carried out - nothing of concern was discovered. The Chair is currently carrying out the necessary risk assessments prior to the work being done. We are awaiting confirmation of a date for the replacement of defective double glazing.

EPOS SYSTEM - we have taken delivery of the hardware. DM will install the necessary cabling prior to installation of the system and training. The dates for this are to be agreed and will depend on the progress of the current lock-down as it requires attendance on-site of Club Systems.

PERSONNEL (confidential) - the greenkeepers partner has been seriously ill and hospitalised. This has required some unplanned holidays/time-off.

2021 FIXTURE LIST - this has been finalised and circulated to members and posted to the website. It is intended to have a fixture booklet but when is not yet known.

SAFE GOLF CERTIFICATE - it is a requirement that all club's hold the Safe Golf certificate by 31 March as a condition of affiliation to England Golf. We are well on the way - all our volunteers have attended the required courses and all that remains is to put together the evidence portfolio and submit this to England Golf for approval.

2019 FINAL ACCOUNTS - the delayed final accounts have been received and are appended. They will be distributed to members in the next week or so.