

Minutes



OPGCMA & Crown Golf

Meeting:

Date: 9th November 2009

Venue: Oak Park Committee Room

Present

Norm Adam	Captain
Lucy Church	Ladies Captain
Richard Pilbury	Oak Park Manager
Craig Earnshaw	Head Ground Keeper
Brian Matthews	Vice Captain
Apologies	
Margaret Church	Ladies Vice Captain

Matters arising / Outstanding from previous meetings

ITEM

Discussion

Follow up / Action

Crown Golf report Discussion continued regarding the weekend tee times
RP had looked at the comments of the web site he will not be responding on the web site but is happy to meet with any members and discuss the situation with them. RP reiterated that he would be happy if all of the tee times were taken by 7 day members however if any are not taken they would then become available to other golfers. 25th anniversary celebrations went off well, both the golf and the party went down well and no problems presented. There has been a good response to the current recruiting initiative with an increase in membership. The hot water system has been down but will be up and running very quickly. The diary has been finished and a first proof will be here by 3rd week in November.

Craig's report The course is in good condition and only problem is the falling leaves. These will be tackled over the next few weeks and the use of the hopper to remove the leaves will be attempted rather than just blowing. Now spraying for worm casts. The course has been relatively free of disease this year. The tining of the greens has settled down well and tining of the tees will take place this week. The bridge on the 5th will be completed this week.

Bm asked what can be done about the bare patch on the 3rd green. Craig advised that this was in hand. The damage is caused by the drip line of the nearby trees. He needs to get council approval before the surrounding trees can be cut back.

BM asked what has happened to the drop zone to the rear of the 5th green? Craig advised that the need for a drop zone has been negated as the whole area has now been cut down and will be kept that way.

The 15th tee mat and surround needs to be moved back to its agreed new position. Craig advised that other tasks, such as essential spraying the worm casts and leaf clearance must take priority. It is planned to then move the tee box, hopefully in January/February.

BM also asked if the path on 15 could be extended back to the yellow and white teeing area. Craig advised that whilst this is

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a good idea, as the area in question does get extremely muddy, there are other more pressing needs.

BM asked for a guideline on the maintenance programme for the 3 permanent tee mats. Craig advised that the only necessary maintenance was the regular spraying of Round-up to prevent grass growth on them. The timing of such spraying is difficult as it needs 24 hours for the application of the weed killer to completely dry. The danger would be to let people back on too quickly, as the Round-up would then be spread to other areas, with adverse effects. He would, however, ensure that regular maintenance is carried out.

BM asked when the call-up sign on the 16th will be moved as its present location means it is often ignored. It was agreed that a new sign would be made and placed at the rear of the teeing area and another sign would be positioned by the 16th green.

AOB LC asked about dress code on the village as there seems to be a relaxation of the current code. RP will look into this and see what can be done.

DONM: Monday 11th January 15:00

Course Walk Wednesday 9th December 12:00

Staff v Committee Thursday 12th November. 8 teams for this match. 12:00 o'clock