

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links Parade on Monday 18th January 2016.

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convenor), C Yule, I Frier, L Gordon, G Paton, A McArtney

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent), S Mitchell (Head Greenkeeper Buddon)

Meeting began at 1855 hours.

1. Apologies

P Sawers

2. Declaration of Interest

There was none.

3. Links Superintendents Report

J Gilbert asked A Reid to pass on the appreciation of the Greens Sub-Committee to his staff for their efforts on keeping the courses open despite extremely challenging weather conditions.

J Gilbert asked A Reid to summarise the impact of the flood prevention work that had been done recently. A Reid said that the raising of bridges had worked well and the new mounding to the left of the 10th Championship had been very successful. He said that a new drain installed between 6th Burnside and 11th Championship had resulted in almost no water lying at the start of each hole. A Reid said that he was looking closely at the start of the fairway on the 18th Championship which was still an area of concern despite the most recent changes. A Reid said that the major work done by the Buddon Links team in dredging the ditches had been very positive for the whole golfing estate.

J Gilbert asked A Reid if he was still considering employing a contractor for the next stage of work on the practice ground. He said that the in house work that had been done was very successful but there was the possibility of funding from the R&A which would allow a contractor to be brought in. A Reid confirmed he would be seeking quotes for drainage contractors.

4. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

A Reid said there were a lot of bunkers to be built but everything else was on schedule.

Burnside

J Gilbert asked if there had been any flooding on the new 16th green. A Reid said there was water lying but he felt this was due to the area being only base sand and soil at the moment. A Reid said when the area was turfed, it would be much better at dispersing water.

Buddon Links

J Gilbert said that all 18 holes were in play at the weekend and this was much appreciated by all golfers.

S Mitchell said that due to the amount of rainfall it would be necessary to abandon the proposed ditch work this winter. Instead the staff would focus on improving the area between the 13th green and 14th tee, and the 14th green and 15th tee.

A Reid said that any clearing of the lakes would need to be deferred for another year as the machinery could not access the lakes at the moment.

5. Any Other Competent Business

STRI Analysis Report 2015

J Gilbert said the report was excellent and illustrated, by way of graphs, the outstanding condition of every aspect of the Championship course.

Spoil Heap

J Gilbert asked if there was any use planned for the spoil heap. A Reid said they would use a significant amount of material on the extended 10th tee of the Buddon Links. He said he would arrange to have the remaining material moved off site.

14th Burnside

J Gilbert asked if it was the intention to turf or seed the area between the tee and green of the 14th Burnside. A Reid said it was intended to seed the area and introduce some gorse for visual effect. A Reid said it would remain GUR for a year.

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Wooden Bridge 18th Championship

A McArtney said the wooden bridge currently in use at the 18th green Championship was slippery following recent rainfall. He asked if anything could be done to improve the surface. A Reid said he would investigate and see if it is suitable for a mat.

Lost Property Register

I Frier said that a lost property register had been introduced, and all lost property would be logged and stored in the Pro Shop.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 1915 hours.