

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON MONDAY, 3rd July, 1972

PRESENT: The Captain (C.W.Cooper) in the Chair, the President (F.Cooper) and Messrs. P.W.Carter, L.Butlin, J.T.Frost, S.Bennett, K.J.Clayton, A.E.Pye, W.Roberts, G.R.Windsor, W.S.Wrigley, J.Edwards and F.Robinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.A.N.Howard, T.E.Yaxley and R.Wood.

DIRK FARM LAND:

Regarding the new Land to be leased from the West Pennine Water Board, Mr.Butlin explained that our Solicitor had written to the Board offering Mr.Wrigley a 15ft. corridor to Mossley Road in exchange for the use of a small plot of land, (owned by Wrigley) which would straighten our boundary.

It was also stated that assurance had been given by the Board to the effect that a long lease would be given to the Golf Club before the West Pennine Board is merged into a larger authority (probably in 1974).

Mr.Frost said that it was intended to proceed with the drainage of this land and would commence this Winter. A decision would be made jointly with a representation of the Water Board as regards the 'take-over' state of the fencing.

It would be possible to develop the land in the first field without risk of damage from the building of the proposed reservoir.

STAMFORD ESTATES LAND:

- Mr.Butlin Reported that in 1962, the Committee at that time offered £5,000 for the purchase of Land leased from the Estate. The reply was that negotiations could not begin until this figure was doubled and the Committee felt that this was out of reach and the matter was allowed to lie on the table.

In September 1969, a letter was received from Messrs.Hill & Cordingley to the effect that when our Lease came up for renewal in 1976, the 17th and 18th bounded by Gorsey Lane (14.85 acres) would not be renewed.

They suggested that Gorsey Lane Farm would be an ideal site for a Club House. This was turned down by the Committee.

A Sub-Committee met Mr.Cordingley and a letter giving a resume of this Meeting was received by Mr.Rupert Wood on 10th October, 1969. This letter was read to the Meeting and it was pointed out that none of the undertakings given in this letter, had been carried out. We have had no offers made as to the purchase of Land.

After a very lengthy discussion, it was decided that professional advice should be obtained as to our Legal Rights.

FIRE REGULATIONS;

Mr. Windsor Reported on a conversation with the Fire Officer. Broadly, it is necessary to have a Fire Escape Ladder from the main lounge (upstairs) with access to this from the Steward's quarters.

A guarantee that this will be done, from our Solicitors is necessary before the application for re-licencing of the Club comes before the Magistrates on 13th July next.

Signed..........Captain

Date.....28/7/72.....

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON THURSDAY, 13th July, 1972

PRESENT: The Captain (C.W.Cooper) in the Chair, the President (F.Cooper) and Messrs. P.W.Carter, L.Butlin, J.T.Frost, K.J.Clayton, A.N.Howard, A.E.Pye, W.Roberts, W.S.Wrigley, and F.Robinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.J.Edwards, S.Bennett, G.R.Windsor and T.E.Yaxley.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING: Mr.A.George had replied to the Secretary's letter which remonstrated with him for playing the 8th and 9th greens when officially closed. He promised not to offend in the future.

No further complaints had been received regarding the Staff using the Tea Room as a Lounge and the Steward was now wearing a white coat whilst on duty.

STAMFORD

ESTATES LAND: The Secretary had received a letter from Messrs.Hill & Cordingley asking for a Meeting with the full Committee to discuss certain schemes that they had in mind. It was agreed that the Secretary arrange a Meeting at the Club House as soon as possible.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE: The Minute in reference to R.Shawcross dated 15th June, 1972 was ~~re~~indented.

The Secretary Reported that he had been told by a member of the Greenkeeping Staff that a Lady Member had criticised the work he was doing. It was decided that two notices be posted by the Secretary to the effect that Members must not complain to the Staff and any criticism should be made to the Captain or Secretary.

GREENS COMMITTEE: It was Agreed that the Head Greenkeeper be paid £50. extra for the amount of overtime worked.

It was Agreed that Mr.Bruce be asked for an estimate for the repair of the road outside the Club House.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: The Deep Freezer had been installed at a cost of £90 (reduced from £162) obtained through Mr.R.Frost.

Mr.Ferris would be asked to install the Fire Escape and to carry out the necessary additional work to conform with the Fire Regulations.

The Stewardess had offered to carry out the laundry work and it was Agreed to consider the purchase of a large washing machine through Mr.R.Frost.

BAR Deficit of approximately £8.00 in April
COMMITTEE: " " £2.00 in May
" " £37.00 in June

Investigations to be carried out as to the reasons for these deficits.

FINANCE Accounts for payment amounted to £6,094.84. This includes
COMMITTEE: £5,000 placed on deposit with the Halifax Building Society on early call at 4% interest.

GAMING
MACHINES: Receipts to July.....£343.00
Expenses £332.00

It was agreed that the position be reviewed in September.

RESIGNATIONS
AND
NOMINATIONS: Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Ladies' Section requested that the limits of ground under repair be defined on the 8th and 15th holes.

A complaint of broken roof tiles had been received from Mr.P.S.Glover of 39 St.Christopher's Road. Repairs would cost £8.00 and it was Agreed to pass this claim on to our Insurance Company.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Secretary Reported that he had attended the Magistrates Court on 13th July and the granting of a Club Licence for a period of tenyears.
The permitted hours were:-
Weekdays: 12-0 to 2-0 p.m., 4-0 p.m. to 6-0 p.m.
8-0 to 10-30 p.m.(11-0 p.m. Friday & Saturday).

Sundays, Christmas Day & Good Friday: 12-0 to 2-0 p.m.
5-0 to 6-30 p.m., 8-30 to 10-30 p.m.

The Captain said he would see Mr.Peter Cooke regarding extensions to these times and the possibility of obtaining a Supper Licence.

Two copies of the Lease Agreement between the Club and the West Pennine Water Board for the Land at Dirk Farm had been received from Mr.Rupert Wood. These required the signatures of Committee Members and the Secretary undertook to obtain these as soon as possible.

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the next General Committee Meeting to be held on 17th August, 1972.

Signed.....Captain

Date.....17/8/72

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON FRIDAY, 21st JULY, 1972

PRESENT: The Captain (C.W.Cooper) in the Chair, the President (F.Cooper) and Messrs. J.T.Frost, K.J.Clayton, A.N.Howard, A.E.Pye, W.Roberts, G.R.Windsor, W.S.Wrigley, T.Yaxley, J.Edwards and F.Robinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.P.W.Carter, L.Butlin and S.Bennett, and R.Wood.

Mr.David Cordingley opened by saying that nothing very much had happened whilst his father was Trustee. He said that money was required for Death Duties and obviously the 17th and 18th Greens held the possibilities of some considerable revenue - but only with the help of the Golf Club could this be realised. The intention at the initial Meeting is purely to leave with the Committee certain thoughts and proposals regarding the future potential of the Club.

Copies of these proposals were given to each Committee Member and a further Meeting was arranged for Friday, 18th August, 1972.

A lengthy discussion on the proposals took place, each Member giving his own views. It was unanimously decided that professional advice be obtained from our Solicitor and a Chartered Surveyor (Mr.P.Dawson). Broadly, it was felt that subject to the financial considerations, it would be better for the Club to relinquish the land to the South of Gorsey Lane and the Club House and move completely to the other side.

The Captain said that he would communicate with Mr. Dawson and Mr.R.Wood.

The next Special Committee Meeting would be held on Friday, 4th August, 1972.

Signed..........Captain

Date.....28/7/72.....

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE

ON FRIDAY, 28th JULY, 1972.

PRESENT: The Captain (C.W.Cooper) in the Chair, the President (F.Cooper) and Messrs. P.W.Carter, J.T.Frost, S.Bennett, K.J.Clayton, A.N.Howard, A.E.Pye, G.R.Windsor, W.S.Wrigley, T.Yaxley, J.Edwards and F.Robinson, also Mr.R.Wood & Mr.P.Dawson.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.L.Butlin and W.Roberts.

BUSINESS: STAMFORD ESTATES LAND:

Mr.Rupert Wood gave his views as to the proposals made by Messrs.Hill & Cordingley. He said that giving up the 17th and 18th would make a great deal of money for the Stamford Estates, but there must be some reciprocal action by them in compensation.

Mr.Wood said that for a long time he had wanted the Club to own the strip of land to Gorsey Lane, which contains the Club House.

Mr.P.Dawson opened by commenting that the proposals do form a basis for discussion and that the Club should go ahead to purchase all the land offered at a negotiated figure. He felt that the figures quoted were not excessive.

A lengthy discussion evolved and finally it was Agreed to propose to Messrs.Hill & Cordingley that the Club surrender the 17th and 18th, including the Club House and Car Park, in exchange for the rest of the Course plus £20,000.

Mr.Dawson agreed to negotiate on this basis.

DIRK FARM LAND:

Mr.Howard Reported that he had seen Mr.Wrigley in reference to the small piece of land at the back of the farm. Mr.Wrigley suggested that he become a tenant of the Golf Club on this land and this was Agreed.

A VOTE OF THANKS to Mr.Rupert Wood and Mr.P.Dawson for their valuable advice and to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting.

Signed..........Captain

Date.....3/8/72.....