

Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting held at the Club Thursday July 14th, 1955 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Mr F Cooper (Captain) and Messrs Butlin, Hobson, Buckley, Haselden, Firth, Wood, Cawthron, Harrop, Battersby and Sykes.

An apology was received from Mr R Lees.

The Captain opened the meeting by explain that it had been called urgently as a result of a visit by representatives of Ashton Corporation Housing Committee to the Course with a view to building thereon.

Mr Butlin explained the Corporation's need for land for building sites and that the Town Planning Authority might find it difficult to resist an application by the Council for this purpose. He had no doubt that the Housing Committee were fully sympathetic to the Golf Club having regard to what had happened in recent public Enquiries they are anxious to avoid private builders taking the land.

Mr R Wood said that he had had an exploratory word with Mr Cordingley of Stamford Estate and that the Trustees' view was favourable to the retention of the Golf Club and Course. He suggested a deputation should see Mr Cordingley with a view to obtaining permission for a long Lease giving security of tenure against private building and exclusive of a building clause.

It was decided to appoint the Captain, Mr R Wood and the Secretary to act as the deputation for this purpose and that the Secretary apply to Mr Cordingley for an early appointment so that it can be reported at the next Meeting of the Ashton Town Council on Thursday July 21st that steps were being taken by the Golf Club Committee to protect the land from private building speculation.

The above matters are to be kept strictly confidential as far as possible for the time being.

Auction of Players Competition Saturday July 16th. It was decided to shew a list of the amount realised by the Auction and it's (sic) division but not to give detailed information regarding players and backers.

Signed

F Cooper

21 July 1955.

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Club Thursday July 21st1955 at 7.30 p.m.

Present all members of the Committee with the exception of Mr J Buckley who sent his apologies.

Mr F Cooper (Captain) presided.

The Minutes of the Handicap, House and Greens Committees held June 16th were approved.

It was agreed to permit the use of the Smoke-room for the Open Mixed Foursomes organised by the Social Committee on Sunday July 24th from 2-30 p.m.

The Secretary had received an application from the Steward for an immersion heater in their private quarters. It would relieve the coal shortage and enable the Staff to have an essential

supply of hot-water. It was agreed to grant the application and to ask Mr T Fish to deal with the installation. The Steward assured the Committee that it would be used economically.

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held June 16th and the Special Meeting held July 14th were read and agreed.

Matters arising related to: -

Cocktail Bar: - The Captain had seen the Architect but there had been some delay due to the absence of plans of the Club-House. These would be required for submission to the Surveyor. Mr Holden had agreed to assist in the preparation of plans. Work is to start as soon as plans are approved.

Possible Building on the Course: - The report of the deputation to Mr Cordingley was given by the Captain and Mr R Wood who intimated that the Stamford Estate and the Public Trustees had stated in October 1952 that they were agreeable to the Golf Course being retained as such and would co-operate in resistance against encroachment. There was no reason to doubt that this attitude had changed. Mr Wood is to prepare a letter, which after approval by Mr Cordingley, is to be sent to the Public Trustee applying for a new long term lease without a building clause this giving security of tenure. It was thought that this would then satisfy the Ashton Corporation Housing Committee that there would be no possibility of private builders forestalling the Corporation and might avoid any action for a Compulsory Purchase Order by the Corporation or County Authorities.

The report was received with thanks and the deputation was also commended for its services.

Correspondence: - A letter from the Ladies' Committee was read drawing the attention of this Committee to the fact that the Kenworthy Honours Board in the Dining-room was full and asking for advice. The Board is to be examined and the matter gone into at the next Meeting.

A list of lady-occupiers of lockers is to be prepared by the Treasurer, Secretary and Mr Bolt, Locker-Secretary, and submitted to the Ladies' Secretary.

Accounts amounting to £320-0-3 were passed for payment.

The Treasurer was authorised to purchase new receipt books.

Changes in Membership: -

The following changes had been notified by the Treasurer on the receipt of Subscriptions: -

Miss E Harding J.P.	transfer from playing to social membership.
Mrs G Hinchliffe	transfer to social membership. (resigned as player last year).
Mrs E B Hartley	transfer from playing to social membership.
Mrs G H Bardsley	transfer from provisional to playing membership.
Mr J B Baxendale	transfer from playing to social membership.
Mr F Rowell	transfer from playing to Country membership.
Mr E F Poole	transfer from playing to provisional membership.

Although the above members were at fault in not previously notifying their intentions, the changes were approved en bloc.

A list of members in arrear was read. The Secretary is to send out letters of reminder.

There was no Social Committee report.

The next Meeting is to be held a week early on August 11th due to the holidays.

Signed

F Cooper

11 August 1955.