

General Committee Monthly Meeting 19 Sep 1946

Present: - A Hall (in the Chair), R Bennett, E S Jones, R Wood, H Ridyard, E Raines, H H Cawthron, F Thornley, H R Schofield, J H Firth & H Swallow.

The Chairman referred to the illness of the Captain & the Secretary was instructed to convey the Committee's sympathy & wishes for a speedy & complete recovery.

An apology for absence was received from M^r C I Baker.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting were read & confirmed.

The following accounts were passed for payment. Petroleum Board £2-4-10, J R Widdop 18/-, Hadfield & Sons 25/-, Electricity A/c £11-5-5, Irish Linen Co £3-6-0, Lunevale Products £45, Euglers £21-10-6, Hurst Laundry 13/8. Total £86-3-5.

The Minutes of the House, Handicap and Greens Ctees were approved as read.

The following duly proposed & seconded were accepted to membership by ballot: - M^r H C Rice, M^r W R Taylor, M^r J S Walsh, M^r T Todd & M^r J Gaunt.

M^{rs} H Rice, Miss B Priest, Mrs S G Hilton, M^r Peter Kemp (Junior Member).

The Secretary was instructed to enquire as to the price of Silver Spoons.

Resolved: That the resolution referring to the presentation of mementos passed at the last Meeting be rescinded and it was further Resolved: That Mementos be presented to the Winners of the various events this Season in the form of a cheque for £3-3-0 each.

It was decided that payment of Subscriptions for the current year be waived in the case of J Fiddian Junr recently returned from the Army.

A letter of thanks was received from A Haslam, Professional.

The Secretary reported that on Saturday evening Sept 14th, he was informed that the Corporation Housing Committee had decided to negotiate with the Stamford Estate for the acquisition of the 14 Acre field (containing the 17th & 18th Greens) for Housing purposes. The Chairman of the Housing Committee however had suggested that before commencing such negotiations he and the Deputy Chairman would be prepared to meet representatives of the Golf Club Committee and hear their views on the matter. The information was immediately conveyed to all Members of the Committee present and as a result a Deputation was appointed comprising of R Wood, E S Jones, H R Schofield and the Secretary, the Captain expressing his regret at not being able to attend as he was entering a Nursing Home on the following Monday to undergo an operation. The Deputation attended the Housing Department on Tuesday the 17th September and were received by the Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the Housing Ctee, the Housing Manager and the Deputy Town Clerk.

M^r Wood outlined the view of the Golf Club Committee and amongst other things mentioned (a)

“That whilst the Local Authority had spent many thousands of £s in providing recreation grounds for the public and were still anxious to provide more, the Golf Club had for the past 30 years provided and maintained the golf course furnishing facilities for the Recreation of about 320 members at no expense to the Ratepayers. This had entailed the expenditure of large sums of money and as was generally agreed, the land comprising the Golf Course had been very considerably improved & beautified and formed a very desirable “lung” for the district. (b) That any building of houses as suggested on the bottom field would mean not merely the loss of 2 holes, but that the whole course would have to be re-designed, the Club-House would be isolated from the course and would be practically useless for the purposes for which it was built.

The Deputation urged the Housing Committee not to take any steps in the direction proposed until full consideration had been given as to any other possible alternative plots in the area, and only as a very last resource consider building on the land occupied by the Golf Club as once houses were erected thereon the amenities of the Club-House were gone for ever.

The views of the Deputation were ~~received~~ accepted in a sympathetic and agreeable manner by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman. They would report back to their Committee who would no doubt give the matter their careful and serious consideration.

The Chairman also indicated that since the visit of the Manager on Sep 14th, something had occurred, the nature of which he was not at liberty to divulge, which might have the effect of deferring at any rate for the time being their negotiations for acquiring the Golf Club land. He promised every consideration of the arguments set forth by the Golf Club and the Deputation left with the feeling that any encroachment on the Clubs land had, for the present been averted.

Resolved: That the report of the Deputation be accepted and ~~that~~ the thanks of this Committee accorded them for their action.

The Sub-Committee appointed to review the Insurances submitted their proposals which were approved. They were mainly: -

Burglary:	Increased cover on Members' effects	£100 to £500
	do Trophies	£194 to £316
Fire:	do Members' effects	£500 to £3,000
	do Trophies	£194 to £316
Third Party:	Limit of Indemnity increased from	£5000 to £10000
New:	Comprehensive cover on Tractor, Overgreen Mower & 5 Unit Machine.	

The Secretary reported on his interview with the Secretary of the Waterworks Joint Ctee regarding the proposed rent for renewal of lease of land.

M^r E S Jones proposed that our best thanks be given to the Captain M^r Frank Jones for his excellent & valuable services during the past year. Carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks to M^r A Hall for presiding concluded the meeting.

F Jones 17/10/1946