

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON THURSDAY
1st FEBRUARY 1968.

- PRESENT: The Captain (R.H. Meeks) in the Chair, Messrs., Butlin, Sykes, Clegg, Fiddian, A.N. Howard, N. Howard, J Meeks, Hartley, Hopkinson, Robinson and Stephenson.
- Messrs. High and Rowley sent their apologies for being unable to be present.
- FINANCIAL REPORT: The Captain opened the meeting and asked the Treasurer to present his Annual Financial Report. Mr. L. Butlin explained all the income and expenditure contained in the statement issued to members of the committee in his inimitable and efficient manner.
- In the discussion which followed, it was agreed, not to recommend any increase in subscriptions for the forth coming year at the A.G.M. The general healthy state of our finances would enable the committee to carry out the policy of Course improvement and maintenance of the Club House.
- As there had been no increase in the amount allowed for secretarial work involved by the offices of the Secretary and Treasurer for over ten years, it was agreed, the sum of £20 for Secretary and £10-10-0d for Treasurer's expenses be allowed annually forthwith.
- Mr. L. Butlin was accorded a warm vote of thanks for the work as Treasurer in his lucid report.
- NEW HOLES: Whilst it was felt play would be possible in the Spring, on the two new holes, the actual timing would be at the discretion of the Greens Committee and Ground Staff. Meantime it was resolved the sub-committee appointed to prepare the new score cards, proceed and make their recommendations.
- RE-ORGANISATION OF KITCHEN: A quote for supplying a stainless steel double sink top and installing same was received from E.B. Hartley. After some discussion it was agreed the Secretary obtain further quotations for this work.
- CAR PARK: Now the Committee had seen the effect of chippings put down on the car park, it was resolved we order a further 16 tons.
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP: It was unanimously agreed to confer Life Membership on Mr. S. Wright, who had been a member continuously for 50 years.
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS: In order to bring all cleaning staff on the same wage level, it was decided to pay Mrs. J. Bennett £5.5.0d. per week.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed.....R.H. Meeks..... Captain.

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**MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON
THURSDAY, 8th. FEBRUARY 1968.**

PRESENT: The Captain (R.H. Meeks) in the Chair, Messrs., Rowley, Sykes, Clegg, Fiddian, Hartley, Hopkinson, Robinson, A.N. Howard, N. Howard, Butlin, J.C.E. Meeks and Stephenson.

The minutes of the previous meeting, together with those of the special meetings held during the month, were read and approved.

VISITORS TO
SOCIAL EVENTS:

It was resolved that visitors to organised social events, would, in future be charged 2/6d on admission to the Club.

DRESS:

Owing to recent changes in mens fashion, the rule governing correct dress in the Smoke Room was ammended. (sic) The following notice to be posted by the Secretary: -
SPORTS SHIRTS, IF WORN MUST BE BUTTONED TO THE NECK; FINE POLO NECKED HIRT OR PULLOVER MAY BE WORN. JACKET OR FULL SLEEVED CARDIGAN MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES AND AFTER 7 PM THE WEARING OF A TIE IS OBLIGATORY.

HOUSE:

After considering and examining the three quotations received for supplying and fixing a new sink in the kitchen, it was agreed we give the work to E.B. Hartley, whose quotation amounted to £150. The Captain, Captain Elect, House Secretary and Secretary to be responsible for the further alterations deemed necessary, with a limit of £100. The joinery work involved, to be carried out by R. Ferris.

GREENS:

The Secretary was asked to write Messrs. Claphams, Bramhall requesting they come and adjust the guy ropes supporting the recently planted trees.

STAFF WAGES:

After consideration, it was unanimously agreed to increase the wages of C. Gillett and R. Morris to £6 and £9 respectively.

GENERAL
COMMITTEE:

Accounts presented for payment amounted to £706.5.9d.
The Treasurer agreed to consult W. Plant before paying the account for the repair recently of the tractor.

It was agreed to fit a small gate alongside the maid gate leading to the second fairway via Gorse Lane.

NOMINATIONS &
RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations were accepted with regret: - S.L. Brown, T. Jacques, L.M. Kelly, Mrs. A. Hough and Miss L. Brown.
After the usual ballot, the following were accepted as members: -

Dr. D.S. Watt	Prop. N.S. Dale	Sec. W.S. Cochar	Full Playing.
N.T.A. Greenwood	Prop. J.C.E. Meeks	Sec. J.A. Fiddian	Full Playing.
J. Jackson	Prop. K. Broadbent	Sec. W.N. Plant	Full Playing.
B. Gaskell	Prop. J. Bintliffe	Sec. W.O. Bolt	Full Playing.

B.O. Findlow	Prop. J.W. Stephenson	Sec. C.B. Baxendale	Full Playing.
H. Ward	Prop. J.H. Markendale	Sec. C.W. Cooper	Full Playing.
Mrs. A. Kenyon	Prop. J. Whitehead	Sec. A. Whitworth	Lady Social.
Mrs. N. Ogden	Prop. W. Derbyshire	Sec. W. Hyde	Lady Social.
Mrs. H. Younger	Prop. J.H. Hopkinson	Sec. S. Battersby	Full Playing Lady.
Mrs. E. Charlesworth	Prop. A. Whitworth	Sec. N Sykes	Full Playing Lady.
Mrs. M. Pickles	Prop. H. Sykes	Sec. J.H. Lewis	Full Playing Lady.
Mrs. D.S. Watt	Prop. N.S. Dale	Sec. W.S. Cochar	Full Playing Lady.
Mrs. N.T.A Greenwood	Prop. J.C.E. Meeks	Sec. J.A. Fiddian	Full Playing Lady.

The membership of Roger Pearce is to be kept open, without the payment of subscription, whilst at college.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of resignation from the committee was received from Mr. R. Clegg, in which he stated that owing to pressure of other commitments, he very much regretted it was impossible to continue longer as a member of the committee. He had enjoyed serving the Club for several years and wished the Captain Elect every success in the coming year and added that if he could be of any assistance in the future, he would use every endeavour to oblige.

The Captain then thanked Mr. Clegg for his sterling work in the past and also the retiring members of the committee for their contribution in making his year of office an enjoyable one. As this would be his final meeting he thanked all members for their efforts throughout the year, particularly their support in connection with his scheme of Tree Planting on the Course.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Date of next meeting 14th. March 1968.

Signed.....J.A. Fiddian.....Captain.
Date14.3.68.....

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON GREENS HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 1968.

PRESENT: The Captain (R.H. MEEKS) in the Chair, Messrs., Fiddian, Rowley, High, Howard, and Stephenson.

The Captain opened the Meeting by explaining the reasons why it was considered necessary to discuss the following: -

1. The general condition of the Course.
2. The difficulties the Greens Secretary was experiencing with regards to Staff.
3. Hole Draining.

4. General Policy in relation to Greens.

5. The persistent rumours about the Head Greenkeeper making applications for other posts.

All present were agreed on the untidiness of the Course, but felt that some responsibility must be borne by the Committee because of the heavy programme of winter work attempted.

It was resolved that an effort must now be made to clear up those parts of the Course affected as a result of planting trees, namely the 10th fairway by the copse, the rough on the left of the 4th fairway and an area around the seventh green.

At this juncture, it was revealed that W.E. Sowerbutts was prepared to undertake the responsibility of directing the Ground Staff on the maintenance of the greens and course in general in conjunction with the Greens Secretary. The meeting readily accepted this offer, the Secretary was requested to write and confirm this decision giving Mr. Sowerbutts the requisite powers.

A. Fielding was then invited to come into the room and was plied with questions about his reported applications for other jobs. He admitted that he had been somewhat unsettled and had been approached by one Club, but was unsuccessful in procuring the situation, however he was now quite happy and upon being acquainted that he would be directed by W.E. Sowerbutts he seemed very pleased and relieved. Fielding was informed of the necessity to now clean up in preparation for the coming season.

It was resolved we purchase tyres with more gripping power for the tractor, the Secretary to make arrangements for same.

The Secretary was instructed to have inserted in the Calendar: -
NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE COURSE.

Mr. G. High was asked to give an estimated cost of various types of shelters for use on the Course.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed.....J.A. Fiddian.....Captain.

Date14.3.68.....