

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING held in the CLUB HOUSE 8th. April 1965.

Present: The Captain (N. Howard) Messrs. Dale, Lewis, Jones, Fiddian, Cooper, Rowley, Clegg, Hopkinson, Hartley, Meeks, Butlin and Stephenson.
Apology received from Mr. R. Lees whose daughter is to be married on the morrow.

Items of Special Note: The Captain was thanked for his presentation to the Club of an Auto-Scythe, which in the coming months would prove invaluable for keeping own the "Rough" in more difficult parts of the course.
Mr. Allan Hobson very kindly presented a silver cup which he suggested be inscribed THE VETERANS TROPHY Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club.
A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Mr. Hobson for his generosity, who incidentally desires to remain anonymous.

General Committee: The accounts passed for payment amounted to £256.5.11d. (766.6.11 NH)

The Treasurer (L. Butlin) in giving his monthly report, felt the finances of the Club at the present were such, that he advised the overdraft of £1650.0.0d should be settled forthwith. This was unanimously agreed with great satisfaction.

The Steward and Stewardess were given permission to take their annual holiday the two weeks of Ashton Weeks, when their Daughter and her husband will deputise for them during this time, with commensurate wages of £2.0.0d per week of Mr. & Mrs. Milroy in view of the general satisfaction given, their co-operation and keenness to oblige.

A notice is to be displayed in the Gents Locker Room disclaiming any responsibility for shoes, items of apparel or anything lying about loose in the Locker Room.

Mr. E.B. Hartley was asked to report on the possibility and cost of altering the outhouse which at present serves as a Trolley (sic) Room in order to give more security and accessibility to Members Trolleys, but also to still provide adequate shelter for caddies.

Re-opening of Membership.

The Secretary reported a total membership of 395, which consisted of the following: - 238 Full Playing Men, 98 Full Playing Ladies, Provisional, Country and Junior Members made up the remainder.

It was agreed that a ceiling figure of 430 playing members was the absolute limit it would be possible to accommodate, keeping in mind the probability of desirable persons coming into the district who are already golfers and desirous of availing themselves of membership.

The following (sic) applications for membership were then balloted upon and duly elected as members.

Full Plying Men.

J. Boydell	Proposed by A.V. Powrie	Sec. by L. Butlin
G.M. Gibbon	Proposed by A.V. Powrie	Sec. by P.A. Jones

Lyne.

The Secretary was instructed to write to M.T.B. Whitson who has been in the past a very valued member.

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

Date of next Meeting 13th. May 1965.

.....N. Howard..... Captain.10/5/65... Date.

MINUTES of SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Club House 22nd. April 1965.

Present:

The Captain (N. Howard) in the Chair, Messrs. Dale, Fiddian, Cooper, Lewis, Hopkinson, Hartley, Meeks, Butlin, Lees and Stephenson. F.J. Rowley.

The Meeting was convened as a result of a visit to Mr. E. Wrigley, the tenant farmer of the land, adjacent that recently acquired by the Golf Club.

It was stated that the Captain, along with R. Clegg and the Secretary, met Mr. E. Wrigley with a view to exploring the possibility of obtaining further ground from the farmer, in order to make better use of the piece of ground now available to us.

Whilst being very adamant at first that he needed all the field, the farmer finally offered the Golf Club the use of a triangle shaped piece of land some 14/15 yards at the base tapering to nothing at it's (sic) apex, along the full length of the boundary. For this concession Mr. Wrigley would require rent of £40 per annum., this was considered rather extortionate for such a small area of ground and insufficient in any case.

Mr. L. Butlin, doubted the farmer's right to sublet and his ability to give security of tenure beyond one year, whereas if a meeting could be arranged between all parties concerned to discuss the matter, a more realistic and satisfactory result might be obtained.

This course of action was agreed, the Sub Committee appointed to act in this matter to comprise the following: - The Captain, L. Butlin, R. Lees and J.W. Stephenson, with instructions to confer with the appropriate authority and Mr. Wrigley, using every endeavour to obtain the amount of ground required with reasonable security of tenure and comparable rent.

Any Other Business.

It was unanimously agreed to extend the Courtesy of the Club to M.T.B. Whitson Esq. until recently a Member, who is about to retire as Water Engineer, for his long and pleasant association with the Club. This is to be withheld until after the negotiations with the Water Works Representatives and the Farmer, Mr. E. Wrigley, lest this gesture be wrongfully construed.

Preferred lies to come into operation forthwith, a series of notices to be

posted in the usual places to this effect.

A screen for removing the larger stones etc. from the sand used for dressing the greens and L.G.U. discs to be obtained by the Greens Secretary (MR. R. Lees).

The Secretary was instructed to order more Club Ties and Bows in a better quality material if obtainable.

There being no further business the Meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding.

Signed.....N. Howard..... Captain.
Date.....10/5/65.....