

Greens Report Committee Meeting

February 2018

GREENS/APRONS

The greens have been performing well considering the weather conditions and the amount of play we have had over the winter period. February and March are some of the toughest months to keep putting surface smooth and true, with very little growth due to soil temperatures and a variety of grasses that respond differently to the conditions.

These are cut a minimum once a week (depending on competitions)

Rolled after aeration

Aeration is an important part of course maintenance especially the greens

- Helps relieve compaction in the soil profile
- Encourages and Improves root development
- Improves moisture levels within the soil profile
- Improves gas exchange in the soil profile

Greens have had the following aeration carried out

- Greens have been solid pencil tined
- Verti drained using bayonet tines to a maximum depth of 175mm. By using this type of tine, we are hoping that the holes will recover quicker with a smoother putting surface than the round ones normal associated when aerating.

TEES

Devoted weekly and cut when needed

Removal of scrub on the right hand side of the 11th tee

FAIRWAYS

All fairways and walk off areas have been slit and cut when needed

BUNKERS

Bunkers that were revetted during the winter have now been finished and we are waiting for the turf to take properly around the bunkers before they come into play.

10TH HEDGE

As we needed to apply to the council for permission to remove the hedge on the 10th and were not sure how long it take to get approval or if indeed we would. A decision was made to prune the hedge using a flail mower.

Once grasses and wild flowers establish where the existing hedge had been and the area maintained. Will there be a need to remove the existing boundary wall/ hedge?

Further pruning has been carried out around the course using the flail mower

- Left 9th fairway + mound
- Left and right 10th + hedge
- 13th hedge
- Around greenkeepers compound.

Removal of trees

- Left hand side of 9th green
- Tree at the front and between the 10th tees

Plans for the coming weeks

- Light dressing on the greens
- Granular fertiliser applied to the greens Feb/March
- Solid tine tees
- Remove over hanging limb on the 15th tree surgeon booked to remove limbs during feb/march. £200
- Repair net on the 15th
- Cut back areas of wild rough to help thin the sward. These areas will only be cut at the start and end of the season.

- Costing to be obtained for the repair of the 2nd fence?