

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B. Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, W.M. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw and D. Summers.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

81. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M.A. Dalton, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.

82. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

83. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

84. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

85. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 20th January and the 23rd January 2014 were submitted for consideration and approval.

Due to the timescale of the statutory meetings calendar and the forthcoming golf season commencing it was necessary to grant delegated powers to the Recreation Committee to deal with issues relating to the Oak Leaf Golf Club and the setting of the 2014 charges for the Golf Complex. (Minute No. 129 of full Council held on the 29th January 2014 refers).

Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman of the Golf Working Group) gave members background information which had led up to the following recommendations being made.

- (a) The notes of the 20th January were proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming and seconded by Councillor M. Iveson as being a correct record.

20th January 2014 – Meeting

The following recommendations were made from this meeting:-

- That the new Golf Manager take on the role of Golf Section Secretary and also the Competitions / Handicaps Secretary, to be assisted in the duties by a Competitions Sub-Committee and a Handicap Sub-Committee.
- The Council would produce a new Constitution.
- Season ticket holders would automatically be made members of the Oakleaf Golf Section and the price of a season ticket would be set by the Council annually to include the membership to the DCGU, EGU, section fees and cover insurance which will become obligatory to all who play on the course.
- The Town Council would continue to pay the DCGU fees and EGU fees.
- The Town Council will be increasing their portion of the fees by £10 per member also fees to be increased to cover the section fees of £15 per member making the membership for a full adult season ticket £325.
- That the recommendations made be addressed with the Oakleaf Golf Club Committee at a further meeting of the Golf Course Working Group on Thursday, 23rd January 2014 at 6 p.m. when proposals for the future of the Golf Section could be discussed.

Golf Course Charges

The following golf charges were recommended for the 2014/15 season:-

Adult Season Ticket – 7 day	£325
Adult Season Ticket – 5 day	£280
Over 60 Season Ticket – 7 day	£280
Over 60 Season Ticket – 5 day	£230
Juniors Under 10 to include Golf Club Fee	£ 35
Juniors 10 – 14 to include Golf Club Fee	£ 55
Juniors 14 – 18 to include Golf Club Fee	£ 75
18 – 21 (In Full Time Education)	£175
School Saver (Restricted to School Holidays)	£ 35

Green Fees

Green Fees (weekdays)	£13
Junior and Over 60 (weekdays)	£10
Weekends / Public Holidays – Adult	£16
Weekends / Public Holidays – Junior and Over 60	£14

<u>Reduced Green Fees</u>	<u>Twilight</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Weekdays	£8.00	£6.50
Weekends	£8.75	£8.00

Driving Range

Large Basket of Balls	£4.00
Small Basket of Balls	£2.00

<u>Administration Charge for Replacement Cards</u>	£5.00
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Buggy Hire

Season Ticket Holder	£12.50
Non Season Ticket Holder	£15.00
Non Member Deposit	£25.00

Visiting Parties

Deposit	£25.00
Weekday Day Ticket	£20.00 * Less £5 discount on 2 nd Round
Weekend Day Ticket	£25.00 ** Less £5 discount on 2 nd Round

Charge for Golf Charity Days

Half Green Fee charge per player

Promotional Offers

The Golf Manager and Finance Manager would look at introducing promotional offers.

- (b) The notes of the 23rd January were proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming and seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson as being a correct record.

23rd January 2014 – Meeting

This meeting of the Golf Course Working Group had been called to discuss various recommendations with representatives of the Oak Leaf Golf Club.

At the conclusion of the meeting the recommendations made at the meeting of the 20th January (as above) along with the following additions were agreed to be put to a Special Meeting of the Recreation Committee for consideration and approval:-

- Monies will be dealt with by the Treasurer in accordance with the new constitution. The Council will provide the services of an internal auditor.
- The Golf Club Committee consider how they fund non-essential expenditure items.
- Junior fees will vary according to age.
- The Council will support junior coaching during school holidays.
- All sections will have reasonable course courtesy for friendly and league matches.

- That consideration is given to the possibility of limiting the number of season tickets available.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the recommendations made by the Golf Course Working Group on the 20th January 2014 be accepted.
- (ii) That the proposed fees / charges for the 2014/15 season be accepted.
- (iii) That the additional recommendations made by the Golf Course Working Group on the 23rd January 2014 be agreed with the following amendment.
 - That the limiting of the number of season tickets be reviewed at the end of the season.
- (iv) That the Golf Manager and Finance Manager investigate the feasibility of introducing advance purchase of blocks of green fee tickets.

CHAIRMAN.