Winter Plan 2006/27

Introduction

The winter provides an opportunity to undertake essential course improvements, drainage works, bunker renovations, tree management and landscape management projects with the aim to improve course presentation, playability, safety, accessibility, and long-term maintenance efficiency while enhancing the strategic character of the golf course.

The following plan outlines the proposed works for this winter organised hole-by-hole.

Works will be scheduled according to weather conditions and ground suitability.

Hole 1

- Remove turf from white tee - level and re-turf with new turf (35m2 area size)
- Freshen steps leading to tee and top with new path material
- Install piped drainage covering the approach and wet area left hand side of green
- Remove copse of poplar trees behind green and bury stumps with soil and mound

Hole 5

- Scrape entire pathway clean with digger and top with slate

- Re-shape the ditches (shallower faces) with digger in front of the green to make them look more natural, more visible from the tee, improve safety for mowers and golfer access
- Extend the RHS ditch into the copse

Hole 6

- Build new medium sized bunker on the lhs of the green approach
- Fill in current lhs approach bunker
- Extend ditch lhs of green
- Reinstate path RHS of fairway
- Thin out copse behind the green to improve light and airflow to the green

Hole 7

- Remove Holly tree RHS green

Hole 8

- Clear vegetation/conifer bushes leading to the white tee for easier future maintenance

Hole 9

- Thin/prune copse RHS fairway where old fw bunker has been filled

Hole 10

- First fairway bunker - make it slightly larger with more depth so that it is in character with the other fairway bunkers. This bunker is also currently in poor condition and full of stones
- Add sand to the two larger fairway bunkers as current sand is depleted and full of stones
- Reinstate/extend pathway on LHS of the hole

Hole 11

- Create a small Championship tee behind the current tee to add extra yardage to the hole
- Fill greenside bunker and introduce a new and visible medium sized bunker front left of green



Design before and after - old bunker filled and new medium sized bunker created front left of green. New small championship tee added 15 yards behind current tee

Hole 12

- Create winter tee to make it a par 3 **(update - completed 26/10/27)**
- Prune Laurel hedge
- Clear Hawthornes around white tee and improve/extend teeing area
- Install piped drainage to front of fairway
- Add telegraph poles around culverts and bridges as bumpers/curbs for safety purposes

Hole 14

- Build-up tee behind current winter mat,level and re-turf **(update - prepped ready for turf 29/10/26)**
- Create two small fairway bunkers to better define the hole and add more strategic play
- Create two greenside bunkers to better guard the green and adding an element of risk and reward to prevent people from driving the green (all bunkers to have drainage installed and a turfed liner)



Design of before and after works with front of fairway extended

Hole 15

- Fill RHS green bunker and create a closely mown run off/swail
- Create new bunker front right of green so that its visible from the tee and pushes the golfer to aim more to the left and away from houses



Back right greenside bunker removed and medium sized bunker added front right of green

Hole 16

- Enlarge yellow tee to allow for more teeing positions closer to the fence to help prevent balls going towards houses

Hole 17

- Make dew pond bigger to allow more spring water capacity for future bowser irrigation needs, improve aesthetics and biodiversity (contractors-spring 27)
- Tree thinning along RHS of hole and continue clearing willows and poplars behind the green
- Turn the greenside bunker into two pot bunkers (filling the middle part of the bunker) reducing overall size, improving access points to the green and improving aesthetics and reducing overall future maintenance.



17th greenside bunker visual

Hole 18

- Raise the depth of the LHS fairway bunkers to improve visibility and access whilst also adding new sand to a depleted sand and stoney bunker

Other Winter/Spring Tasks:

- **Mainline irrigation repairs and new sprinkler head installations**
- **Stump grinding upon tree felling completion**
- **Maintenance yard organise**
- **Pathways maintenance**
- **Tee markers and course furniture prep**

Conclusion

This winter's focus will be on improving the par 3s, enhancing bunker strategy, extending course length and further reducing the risk of golf balls reaching neighbouring properties. Alongside these projects, we will continue to invest in drainage improvements to strengthen course conditions and improve year-round playability.

These enhancements will bring greater strategic interest to the course, particularly across the closing holes, creating a more memorable experience for visitors while providing members with greater variety and additional challenges to their game. The aim is to improve both the overall enjoyment of the round and the long-term quality of the course.