

## **GREENS MEETING HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2011**

I began writing this report just after the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and then we received the news from Gedling Borough Council of their plans to develop the course and building housing on it, this I afraid did take me by surprise and I'm afraid the report went out of my mind and for that I do apologise.

Anyway now things have settled down a little and we as a committee are awaiting further information from the council I can now return to this report and finish it off and publish it on our web site for the members.

This greens meeting was conducted on the golf course with most of the GC present. It was our intention on this meeting to identify areas on this course where we felt we could improve the overall appearance and playing characteristics of the course.

We began by looking at the first hole in particular the trees down the right hand side of this hole starting from the point where the very large oak tree is situated just below the ladies first tee. At the moment there is approximately 30 young oak trees planted in this area from the large oak down to the area where the old bell was sited some years ago.

Although this is not a problem at the moment we as a committee must look at the larger picture and it was felt that so many oak trees in such a small condensed area will lead to problems in the future, it has been decided to thin these trees out which will allow the trees left to grow better and give us a much improved hole in the future. Another area we looked at was the one between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Tees, the banks on the 7<sup>th</sup> Tee suffer from very rarely getting any sun light and water because of the trees that were planted between the two tee's, so once again it was decided to remove these trees and replace them with a row of Laurel bushes which will give the desired cover between the two tee's but also allow them to get plenty of sun light and more natural water. There were other areas on the course that were identified as in need of some tree thinning out and as we get around to these area's I will keep you all informed.

It was also talked about increasing the height of the Semi- rough in most area's on the golf course to 4", some members of the committee were in favour of this proposition others were not ( it would be interesting to hear comments from the membership on this issue), we have taken the decision to let the semi on the 13<sup>th</sup> grow to this height as an experiment to see what difference if any it makes to play.

If you as a member have any views on this subject let us know please.

Since the unfortunate news we received from the council I and the secretary meet with the Greens Staff to keep them aware of what was proposed, at this meeting we did emphasise to them that we must keep the course in the best condition we can for the members, this was agreed by all the members of the staff.

I hope that this news sheet has been informative to the members and once again I would like to appeal to the members for any feedback and ideas that you may have to keep improving our golf course.

Joe Childs Chairman of the Greens Committee.