



Seaford Town Council

**To the Members of the Golf & The View Committee**

A meeting of the Golf & The View Committee will be held at The View, Southdown Road, Seaford, BN25 4JS on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.00pm which you are summoned to attend.

James Corrigan  
Town Clerk  
19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Agenda**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Disclosure of Interests**

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any discloseable pecuniary interests and interests other than pecuniary interests, as defined under the Seaford Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda.

**3. Public Participation**

To deal with any questions, or brief representations, from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 3 and Seaford Town Council Policy.

**4. Head Greenkeeper's Report**

To consider report 60/19 presenting an update on golf course maintenance (pages 2 to 3).

**5. Golf Professional's Report**

To consider exempt report 61/19 providing an update on golf course related matters (exempt pages 4 to 9).

**6. General Manager's Report**

To consider exempt report 62/19 providing an update on the performance of The View at Seaford Head (exempt pages 10 to 11).

**7. Society Naming**

To consider exempt report 59/19 providing a summary of actions taken by the Golf Club and Town Clerk in relation to a Seaford Head Golf Club society name (exempt pages 12 to 13).

**8. Additional Meeting**

To consider calling an extra meeting of the Golf and The View Committee on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Please note that as the reports at items 5, 6 & 7 are commercially and/or personally sensitive, they have not been published as a public document. It is intended to hold the discussion in public however. If details of the sensitive areas are to be discussed the Committee can resolve to hold that part of the meeting under an exclusion of the press & public.

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**For information:** All other Councillors.



**Agenda Item No:** 4  
**Committee:** Golf  
**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
**Title:** Head Greenkeeper Report  
**By:** Simon Lambert, Head Greenkeeper  
**Purpose of Report:** To inform of Golf Course maintenance.

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### **Recommendations**

**You are recommended:**

- 1. To note contents of this report.**
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### **1. Information**

The summer has been a mixed bag with regards to maintenance. We have had some hot dry spells mixed with rain which seems to have come just at the right time. This has allowed us to keep the course from drying out more than other years keeping a little colour on the fairways and other areas.

Moving into the end of summer we will need to over seed and feed some weaker fairways that have still not recovered fully from last season's stresses.

During dry spells we have concentrated on watering to keep the turf healthy. Also, as the grasses slowed it allowed us to get on to other tasks such as the renovations and tidying of paths and walkways.

The little and often approach to the maintenance we have chosen to adopt on the greens continues to show good results. We continue with little and often feeds and applications of bio nutrients as well as fungi and bacteria but reduce the nitrogen level as growth slows.

The compost tea system is working well, and we have found it easy to slot it into our regular maintenance and applications. Also, no chemicals have been required on the course since beginning the program.

Following a meeting and drive round the course with Bob Offen, the Town Council's officer responsible for health and safety, we identified three places where additional signs could be placed advising non-golfers they are entering a golf course and the hazards associated with that. These are in the process of being ordered.

#### **Irrigation**

The system on the course is working well. We regularly check and adjust the sprinklers and valves as required.

Following the installation of the new tank and the service of the pumps, all was working well until we came in to find a pump fault. Following investigation, we called in the company used and it was found a small piece of concrete was introduced into the tank. This was sucked into one of the pumps damaging a bearing and some chamber. This came during a hot spell which

was less than ideal. The pump was out of action for 2 weeks. We hired in a bowser and pump to water the 11 greens that the pump supplied. This was time consuming and we could not deliver the optimal amount of water but got us through until the parts arrived and the pump was re-built. Other than stress and worry there was no cost to the golf course for this issue and the greens recovered well, proving the work in becoming more sustainable is working.

The clubhouse roof irrigation has worked well with little maintenance needed. The supply of the water is still in need of addressing to repair small leaks and replace the meter, so that we have a means of monitoring the water usage.

### **Staff**

All the greenkeepers have continued to work well and perform above the high standards we set for ourselves. After bringing in a new deputy last year it took a while to adjust as a team, all is now settled and productivity is good.

Deputy Head, Tyler Rook is progressing into the role well. He is familiar with all the jobs and tasks now. He has a good relationship and understanding of all staff, which helps him to act up when required.

Ben Clark is progressing well with his Level Three. He has begun the biggest section of the course now which involves planning, performing and reviewing a project. This is going well, and is up to date.

Nathan Sutliff continues to develop and work well. He is taking every advantage given since being offered the qualified position and is keen to increase his skill set quickly.

I am continuing with the Level Four qualification in golf course management.

### **Machinery**

All machinery has been working well. We have performed routine maintenance on the equipment as required. We have purchased a new strimmer and hedge cutter. The hedge cutter has an interchangeable head to allow for cheaper additions in the future as required.

We will begin the process of identifying machinery to demo and test while the grass is still growing. This will allow us to begin the year 3 machinery replacement program, giving a good idea of what the machinery capabilities are.


## **2. Financial Appraisal**

The costs of the borehole and integration to our current irrigation system are currently being requested from various companies. The cost of works to the water supply for the roof irrigation needs to be investigated.

## **3. Contact Officer**

The Contact Officer for this report is Simon Lambert, Head Greenkeeper.

Head Greenkeeper



Town Clerk

