



## **Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Golf & The View Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG at 7.00pm.

### **Present:**

Councillor L Stirton (Chair), C Bristow, R Buchanan, J Meek, and L Wallraven

Georgia Raeburn, HR & Governance Manager

Simon Lambert, Course Manager

There were no members of the public attendance

### **G19/04/24      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Rutland and Fraser Morley, Golf Professional.

### **G20/04/24      Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interests.

### **G21/04/24      Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **G22/04/24      Golf Professional's Update Report**

The Committee considered report 213/24 providing an update from the Golf Professional service.

Members discussed the arrangements with the 15 for 12 month membership offer and the success of attracting players during the winter months.

The Committee congratulated the Golf Professional on the increase in income achieved this year and the greenkeeping team on keeping the course in great condition to enable year-round playing.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

### **G23/04/24      Course Manager's Update Report**

The Committee considered report 210/24 providing an update on management and maintenance of the golf course.

Members discussed the cutting and clearance works on the course near Chyngton Road / Southdown Corner in order to manage the non-native trees that have self-seeded and thin out some of the particularly overgrown scrub and bramble, the introduction of a wildflower seed mix designed specifically for the site, the rotavating approach that avoids the need for chemical treatment, the balance of approaches and cuts onsite to appeal to different users and support biodiversity, the progress of the 17<sup>th</sup> tee / 18<sup>th</sup> green project (including engaging an ecologist consultant, stakeholder liaison with the initial proposed design, and plans to begin the planning process with South Downs National Park Authority), the specifications of the new replacement machinery and benefits brought, the electric vehicles used within the greenkeeping operation, the tariff for overnight electricity usage, and requesting a future update on the feasibility of electric vehicle charging points in the car park.

**G23.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

**G23.2** It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** disposal of two items of golf machinery – a Toro 4000D rough mower and a Toro 3100 tees mower – and to grant the Golf Course Manager and Responsible Financial Officer with delegated power to identify and accept the best offer.

#### **G24/04/24      Golf & The View Income & Expenditure Report to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

The Committee considered report 208/24 updating the committee on the income and expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

#### **G25/04/24      Golf & The View Committee Overview**

The Committee considered report 209/24 providing an overview of the Committee's activities ahead of the introduction of the new committee structure from May 2025

**G25.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

**G25.2** It was **PROPOSED** to **AGREE** to pass a motion of thanks to all current and former members of the Golf & The View Committee for their role in driving and supporting the work of the Committee, and to thank officers past and present for their service to the Committee; this **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

#### **G26/04/24      Seaford Head Golf Club Update**

There was no update to be shared at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Councillor L Stirton

Chair of Golf & The View Committee

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