Forrester Park Golf (Men's Section) Committee Meeting at 18.30 on 9th September 2025 at FPGC

Present: Kevin Royan (Chair), Bill Chapman (Forrester Park) Steve Barraclough (Secretary & Competitions Secretary), Dave Ayres (Vice Captain), David Gillespie (Course Committee),

Apologies: David Steel (General Committee), Martin Gunfield (Immediate Past Captain), Simon Harding (Treasurer),

All Outstanding Actions

Ongoing	DG and Course Committee will review suggestions for viability, discuss and take to the club for discussion/implementation accordingly.
Ongoing	Bill and Committee to welcome new members - process has stabilised
Ongoing	ALL to rake the bunkers and place rake accordingly – in the bunker
Ongoing	Captain Nick's "Last Hurrah" on the 4th October with Live Music from "Confusion" AKA Kirk - Please register your interest early - we need an idea of numbers, etc
Ongoing	Men's Website: See update below.
New	AGM: 5th October at 13.00 - Please attend and support your Club and Committee
New	Draft Men's Competition Schedule for 2026

1. **Apologies**
   Apologies were received as above.

2. **Outstanding Actions**
   Completed/obsolete items were removed from the list above.

3. **Minutes from Previous Meetings**
   The previous minutes are on the website and the notice board.

4. **Correspondence**
   Essex Golf Union and the Ladies Essex Golf Union will be merging into a single organisation. There will still be an Essex Golf Union office in Witham

5. **Treasurers Report**
   Simon was unable to attend the meeting. A financial report will be made available as part of the AGM.

6. **Men's 2025 Programme**

   The Summer Pairs competition was won by Kevin Royan and Tom Tansley, beating Martin Gunfield and Mark Phillips 4&2. The Summer Singles final is scheduled to be played on the 18th September between Kevin Royan and James Stewart.

   Winter League Pairs: If you would like to play in the Winter League Pairs Competition (played on Sunday mornings) please drop Kev or Steve a note.

   The annual "Ella's Day" charity fundraiser on the 5th of September was a great success with over 100 players taking part. The final amount raised is still being calculated, but it's in excess of £5,000 - Thank you for your support and generosity and many thanks to The Club, staff & green keepers for helping to make it such a great day!!

7. **Course Committee**
   The course continues to be in excellent condition. The rain over the last week has added

much needed moisture to the fairways and they are now returning to a lovely shade of green.

Significant work by the green keepers continues - you may have seen a number of trees removed from the right-hand side of the first, including the trunk of a Willow tree, that fell over quite a few years ago - well done team!!

Bill's update:
Bunkers: are works in progress. It's very sad to see a new bunker, with a new rake, and people just playing out of it and walking away without raking the bunker - please don't blame Green Fees - it's evident that we have members not bothering to rake bunkers after they have played out of them.

RoboMowers: have been ordered, Electricity and installation of charging stations will take place in the coming weeks and we hope to have the RoboMowers in operation in early October.

There is a new feature on the 18th hole - any guesses?

Winter Tees: No new winter tees this year. Slopes will be built up to the timber of the existing winter tees in an attempt to stop any ricochets of golf balls back to those of us who may have miss hit their ball of the grass tees… (no names)

Greens will be cored on Monday 15th October (front 9) and Tuesday 16th October (back 9). Our Green Keepers are asking for hands on assistance to help with this labour-intensive task - if you have some spare time, please let Bill or Tom know - they will really appreciate your support

8. **Captains Report**
Nearly at the finishing line, it's been a really enjoyable experience.

9. **Any Other Business**
Website: New Men's Website is operational - David continues to do some updates and fine tuning before the official launch.

AGM: 5th October, after the Bees Plate Competition
Plan for the day is: 07.00 - Registration & Tee Selection: 07.40 Captain's Putt out: 07.45 New Captain's Drive In: 08.00 Competition Start: 12.15 Hand cards in and Prize giving: 13.00 AGM starts.

Green Keepers: A new green Keeper has started (Glen), so we are back up to 5 full time green keepers - welcome Glen**.**

Padel Tennis: Courts will be opening 20/21st September. It will be a "Pay and Play" system, floodlights included and could be open until late if the demand is there. The Club House will also be open until late - again - if the demand and support is there.

Use of Buggies in Competitions: After significant discussion, it was agreed that Buggies can be used in all competitions, with the exception of Honour Board Competitions. Buggies will be allowed in Honour Board Competitions if the Member has a medical condition and this is explained (in confidence) to a Committee Member prior to the Competition taking place.

10. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**
The next meeting is booked for 18.30 on Tuesday 4th November at the Golf Club

Meeting closed at 19.40 hours.