Forrester Park Golf (Men's Section) Committee Meeting at 1320 on 8th November 2026 at FPGC

Present: Jim Davis (Captain), Lee Virgin (Vice Captain), Dave Ayres (Past Captain), Kevin Royan, Billy Duke (FPGC), Steve Barraclough, Simon Harding, David Gillespie, Mike Manning,

Apologies: Martin Gunfield, Nick Snelling, Bill Chapman

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: Kev will discuss again with Billy, because something is not quite right with the England Golf and HowDidIDo registration.
Ongoing	**ALL to rake the bunkers and place rake accordingly**
Ongoing	Kevin will update the Honours Boards for all Sections in the coming weeks.

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**
   Correspondence from the Essex Golf Union included information about a delegates' meeting, its agenda and general-play policy.

5. **Treasurers Report**
   You can view the financial report on the website by going to the Meeting Minutes tab and you will then see the financial summaries tab. Clicking on the link will bring up the latest summary.

   Unallocated balance up by £247.36 to £1519.94, mainly due to prize money paid less than allocated.

   Help for Heroes & Helen Rollason charity money paid out to respective charities.

   Jim Davis's charity funds set at £215.50, including £35.50 from Ron Stovell after closure of his CCA.

   All ECU 2027 Competition Fees paid and money received from members entering Foursomes Championship & Vets & Juniors

   £27.36 intertest received on Deposit Account making a total of +£53.05 for the year. Another £1000 transferred to Deposit Account

   Winter League prize money of £1080 set aside. £10 refunded to Gerry Gilbey and CCA closed.

6. **Men's 2026 Programme**

The 2026 programme: A non-divisional Stableford was agreed for December 27, 2026. It will be set up on BRS for members to book, with prizes funded through CCA deductions. The 2027 programme is on the website and has no changes at present.

For weekly prizes across the Gold, Silver and Bronze divisions, the committee agreed to deduct birdie vouchers first, then allocate the remaining prize money to each division based on the amount collected from that division. A small percentage will be retained for other costs.

The committee discussed the 2026 Christmas lunch proposed for Sunday, December 6, alongside the Sally's Cup. A shotgun start and £10 minimum prize were expected.
The lunch will start at 2pm, venue will be in the Club House, £25 a head, carvery and dessert.

The committee discussed the individual "How Did I Do?" scorecard process, including concerns about players attesting to their own scores and app scores not being checked against a card. The Committee agreed to continue the current process for now and review it at the next meeting.

Competitions played during the winter will be based on "White Tees, Yellow Index" affected Competitions will be clearly shown in BRS and HowDidIDo

7. **Course Committee**

Members raised concerns about bunkers being left unraked by players and rake handles being damaged. This is particularly annoying considering the work done by the Green Keepers along with the Captain, and Mrs Captain.

A number of members reported that several holes were crowned and needed to be sunk further. It was requested that the greenkeepers put the white collars lower in the hole when new hole positions are made.

Leaves had accumulated around the course, and members discussed helping the greenkeepers by collecting them, although the leaves might build up again within a few days.

A request to replace the practise net was declined.
A trench was observed being dug at the back of the putting green, this is to supply electricity to the halfway hut - as previously requested.

Members discussed safety on the course, primarily:

- 10th fairway landing area - from the 10th and 18th tees.
- Players hitting from the 12th tee over the hedge toward the 13th fairway. Several members supported reinstating out of bounds beyond the hedge line to discourage those shots, but the Club does not support this proposal.

Members also discussed people walking near active play, including around the 15th and 16th fairways. *Players were reminded to watch where others are hitting and take responsibility for their own safety*. Safety information is available on the website, and signage in the shop reinforces safety messages.

Tee Positioning

- The group discussed the 18th winter tee. It was suggested moving it to the path beside the 2nd tee so it could serve both holes. The proposed position was considered suitable for men and ladies without disrupting play,

Refurbishment of the 14th tee continues - a substantial piece of work by the amount of timber being set to support the tee box.

8. **Captains Report**

He's having a wonderful time ☺ Jim provided a short recap on his charity fundraising activities:

50 club: Has 37 squares taken with 13 left to sell.

Prize fund is £550 (£200+2*£100+3*£50 pro shop vouchers)
Prize money to be held back and used when draws are made in Dec(£100), Feb(£50) Apr(£50) Jun(£100) Aug(£50) & Oct(£200)

Charity bunker: 16 people have paid indemnities - £80 received
Charity bucket location currently unknown - to check with Bill

Putt out & Drive in: Collected £182 Prize £50 paid out to winner of Drive In (K Royan @ 219 Bara strides). Money raised £132

Captains winnings donation: Currently the Captain is playing too poorly to win but did come third on the Drive In competition. Winnings donated £10

9.Any Other Business

Juniors:
The committee discussed the small number of junior members and interest from a couple of young players in Sunday golf and encouraged them to put their names forward and to play. One junior who played as a reserve in the winter league reportedly enjoyed it.

Trophies:
The Committee thanked Mike for the work done in getting the 3 refurbished trophies sorted and returned to the Club.

10. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**
The next meeting is booked for 1330 on Sunday 20th December at the Golf Club

11. Meeting closed at 1401 hours