Forrester Park Course Committee Suggestions **Updated 13/07/26** **New & Recently Reviewed Items**

Title	Commentary	Action	Update
Install power to 10th hut	To expand facilities for catering especially for signature events: Ladies Spring Meeting, Captain's Day etc	**Agreed, as part of new compound project**	**Agreed, action still pending** **Agreed facility was still desirable**
Bunker Rakes	Supports to be fitted to bunker rakes to keep handles free of the sand and accessible without having to enter bunker. Perhaps investigate having rakes that are smaller/shorter handles, but more of them – to further encourage members to use on each and every occasion.	**Greenstaff**	**After R&A trial, reverted to rakes in bunkers. Still would like rakes to have supports to raise handles…** **Club to re-investigate handles** **Action: still pending**
Pace of Play signage	Current example on Bill Goodwin hut, on path to 5th – review timings advice and location for additional signage.	**3 Notices now displayed.**	**Make more visible. Notice for 1st for players having started on 10th?** **Club to investigate 'dumb' clocks**
Tree on 18th Fairway	That old chestnut! Well, actually it's an Ash. Does it unreasonably interfere with members' drives from the tees, or is it a feature of the course? It's believed diseased, so should it be removed? Another one with multiple pros & cons…	**?**	**No plans to remove tree – feature of course- play as you find it. But, part of ongoing general tree husbandry**
Overhanging branches, 4th & 11th & 13th	Attention was drawn to the growing encroachment of trees affecting the line of play, depending on the tee positions.	**Agreed – greenstaff have this on their schedule to address.**	**Ongoing. Specific attention to trees on 12th and proximity of canopies when pin is on the front of the green**
Some of discussions about trees in general was paused pending EGU's re-evaluation of Course Rating in Autumn 2024. However, it is now clear that trees do not "count" significantly in assessment. So, action on trees and their ever expanding canopies lies with FP – given RC's extensive heavy-plant resources, perhaps time now for a thorough review and action – the 'problem' is only going to become more acute… **Agreed and understood, and considerable work has been undertaken and is ongoing to maintain trees, manage shrubbery and fallen leaves**			
Bell on 7th	Rarely used where it is now – suggest relocate to right side of fairway at end of pond. More prominent notice on tee	**Relocate**	**Completed**
Uneven Ground	Holes in earth, especially adjacent 3rd and 14th cross-fairway ditches – risk of accidents/turned ankles etc.	**Greenstaff to repair**	**Agreed action is necessary – greenstaff to re-investigate / repair**
Footpath Safety	More prominent signage to warn both golfers and walkers about right-of-way and need for mutual caution	**FP Management**	**Risk still present, esp. for visitors & unfamiliar users of both golf and paths. Club still to review.**
New tee on 13th	Specifically the gravel area to right of tee – what plans for 'finishing-off' , re-surfacing or seeding?	**Greenstaff**	**Ongoing and together with paths in general**
Men's 18th Winter Tee	Should an additional Winter Tee be sited for the Men on, or in front of, regular tee? 2 players already hit from drives going down 10th… At least, warning signs about danger of players on 10th being unseen by Men playing from Ladies tee	**Discuss…**	**18th tee area amongst wettest on course. Not suitable for separate winter tee. Marker post now on 18th fairway to indicate true line**
Seed Boxes & Containers for broken tees	Can we invest in more of these on tees (and more than one on longer tees), and ensure they are replenished regularly?	**Greenstaff**	**Agreed desirable. Greenstaff to progress additional provision**
Course Marker Posts	As for tees, many posts are past their best – flaking paint, missing or bent spikes, lying on the ground. Again, these visually let the course down. Some holes (e.g. 1st) could do with more OOB posts and closer together to define boundary.	**Greenstaff**	**Agreed and ongoing to improve visual appeal. Action taken to install quality apron boundaries**

Pathway Surfacing	Is now the time, and with the heavy-plant resources, to really make permanent improvements to paths? Especially 2nd	**FP Management**	**Ongoing. Several temp-tee areas have been improved with gravel. Pathway on 2nd now clearly defined with rope boundaries**
Men's Toilets & Changing	Frequently mentioned by members – one of the most embarrassing features of the club, surely a shock to visitors and a real impediment to uptake for Guest Days.	**Long overdue for improvement**	**Acknowleged. "On the list", more info once new building complete**
Glamping Huts Privacy	Screening to further segregate 9th tee area from new accommodation	**FP Management**	**Hedge has been planted and is developing as planned**
Clubhouse Furniture	Especially the chairs upstairs…	**FP Management**	**Acknowledged and under review New sofa –seating being trialled**
Winter path for hump on 12th fairway	The hump (or rise) to left of ditch on 12th fairway can be difficult to negotiate, whether walking, using a trolley or buggy, in wet conditions. Could a specific path be inserted e.g, astroturf… to make this safer and easier?	**Greenstaff**	**Acknowledged. Will assess and consider Agreed, action still pending**
Bunker on 7th	Complete filling-in/landscaping old bunker to left of 7th fairway on approach to green	**Greenstaff**	**Agreed, work in progress**
Shrubs on 11th	Can those immediately in front of tee be kept lower, better able to see green from tee?	**Greenstaff**	**Complete**
Broken slabs	Poor visual appeal of broken slabs leading from car-park towards clubhouse & 1st tee	**FP Management**	**Acknowledged. Work in progress**
Main door	Poor decorative condition + surrounding glazing – poor visual appeal for main entrance		
Ponds	Should/could the ponds near 1st and 14th greens be given a greater visual and playing impact	**FP Management**	**Acknowledged and under review**
Path on 13th	Propose that path from tee to green be moved closer to trees and better defined	**Greenstaff**	**Acknowledged and will assess**
Shoe Cleaning	Can shoe cleaning area be made more accessible – somewhat congested now with buggy charging and parking	**FP Management**	**Acknowledged – plans to relocate once new building complete**
Warning Sign on 8th tee	Erect warning sign to shout "Fore" if tee-shot from 8th veers left towards a) 13th tee, b) 12th green. Especially for green fees who may not appreciate the proximity of players there, since 'hidden' depending on which position of the 8th tee is in use.	**FP Management**	**Agreed risk assessment and warning notice to be undertaken**
Penalty Area Stakes	Noted that some inconsistency with yellow and red stakes along line of ditch across 7th and 14th fairways	**Greenstaff**	**Agreed and already corrected**
1st & 10th 'Showcase' Tees	Repeat request for 1st and 10th tees to be made especially attractive – "first impressions…" Attention to broken/uneven paviours, possibly sleeper edging?	**Greenstaff**	**On the list…**
Height of cut 1st and 18th Fairways	Some members reporting they felt cut was too low / tight.	**Management/Greenstaff**	**Low height maybe accentuated by recent dry weather. Will review and re-examine robomower settings**
Fairway Shaping	Shaping of cut attractive, but are some areas making the fairway unnecessarily narrow?		
Hole collars	Members generally liked the addition of white collars in the holes but noted that some were set too high (sometimes preventing a putt from holing out…)	**Greenstaff**	**Action to check collars are set correctly beneath the top of rim**
18th marker post	Queries about why a ball striking this post should be a *mandatory* re-take	**FP Management**	**Bill to check R&A advice and amend local rule if required**
18th fairway	Opposite the ash tree – large area right in the middle almost completely devoid of grass. Given this is from where many will play their second shot, can we seek a solution to the almost impossibly hard lie this area presents?	**Management/Greenstaff**	**Bill to consult with greenstaff for views and recommendations**

4th Fairway	"Ball Finding Assistance Markers" - two existing markers now obscured by hedge growth and in need of repainting preferably in a high viz colour to make them more outstanding and could an additional marker be provided preferably around the 130/150 distance from the tee box?	**Management/Greenstaff**	**Bill to consult with greenstaff for views and recommendations**
Flagsticks, fairway distance markers + new bench on 1st tee	Members have consistently expressed satisfaction with the new and attractive flag-sticks (thin stem at hole height) and distance markers (FP logos).	**Management/Greenstaff**	**Much appreciation expressed about general attractive nature of course and excellent greens**