24th April 2024 - 5.30pm

COOKSON ROOM

Present

Martin Andrew (MA), Sue Totty, Jo Lloyd (JL), Dave Stonley, Chris Hornsby, David N Jones

Apologies

Hywel Jones, Liam Lewis, Paul Jamieson, Martyn Green

Remit of Meeting

To review Action plan and progression to date, and discuss any relevant points.

Water Tank

The application for the water tank has been slightly delayed as the planning consultant is reviewing this for us alongside another planning application for the 8th hole, so is simultaneously reviewing both projects. Nick Belderbos will ensure that Wirral Council understand that both applications are to be kept separate and not combined. We expect the water tank application to be submitted by the end of this week/beginning next week. An estimate of 8 weeks as a guide has been provided for a decision to be received. The tank can be installed fairly promptly post planning approval.

SP Energy Networks 3 Phase Electricity

Full fees were paid upfront as required, and a project manager was assigned early April to the contract. JL will continue to prompt SP Energy Networks to move the project forward and arrange the site visit as soon as possible to allow our green staff sufficient time to plan for the trenching work required prior to SP Energy Networks arrival on site.

Borehole

Jonathon Dalton of Dales Water has confirmed that the Environment Agency are processing our application – once permission has been granted they can book in the drilling work which is estimated for mid May at present. Drilling time is approximately 2 weeks. Once we have the start date, JL will liaise with our neighbours to advise them of the possibility of some noise during drilling alongside any required access requests for machinery to be driven to the compound.

The first invoice will arrive shortly for approximately £2.5K for the licensing element, with further invoices in due course.

Irrigation Control

Lee Knight has confirmed that Adrian Mortram will submit the tender document for sign off once changes have been applied. JL has purchased a JCT Minor Works Contract with Contractor's Design in the name of Heswall Golf Club which will be completed as per Adrian Mortram's detail within the original documentation. Dave Stonley will chase Adrian for the finalised documents, following which JL will complete the JCT. Adrian Mortram will validate the wording, and Dave Stonley will also ask a contact at Legat Owen to look over the JCT before all parties sign to execute – this can be actioned by docu-sign.

Whilst awaiting signing off of the main Irrigation Control contract, Lee Knight has been asked to advise us of any potential price increases that may require orders to be placed swiftly to avoid automatically being billed the higher rate. Rainbird have already confirmed that they will not apply any price increases to their quoted sums.

Irrigation Control will pre-finance all materials on order, and bill us around September which assists with bank loan draw-downs and timing for these.

NatWest

We have received written confirmation now for the bank loan. They will pay the loan in tranches as we receive each invoice, and then capitalise at the end of the project.

Execution of Project

Paul Jamieson has highlighted the need for the IIT to be mindful of the impact on the golf club for activities soon to commence, eg borehole drilling, water tank installation etc, and any health and safety issues that arise from these.

Communication

Sue Totty will review information from this meeting to identify the next update for members, collating key points from the progress update report and minutes.

Current Irrigation System

The current system has now been fully primed by Irrigation control, and have carried out repairs to allow for 1 working pump. The tank has been filled from the borehole and Liam Lewis will monitor water loss in the tank prior to commencing the system fully.

A water bowser will be hired again shortly to support water storage and will focus on tees mainly.

AOB

MA and the Course Manager are still reviewing considerations to install a drainage pipe under the 3 phase electricity cable. To that end, MA will meet with David Collyer this week to discuss his findings on drainage further to progress the drainage plan.

Date of next meeting TBA.