

CHESTER-LE-STREET GOLF CLUB

Course Development Bulletin to Members – August 2017

Phase I

A very quick update on phase I:

We intend to complete the ditch on the 12th hole during the phase II works. We will lay permeable piping in the bottom of the ditch and cover this with earth. We will then lay turf to provide a natural appearance, and allow easy ball retrieval. The cost of this will be included in the phase II works.

Phase II

It may seem that it has been quiet of late but we have spent many man hours in detailed planning of phase II. We have also commissioned & completed the topographical survey which provides the data required for the detailed design of the remaining features.

You may recall that we stated in the last bulletin that we intended to progress with bunkers and mounding, as opposed to completing all of the features for each hole. This strategy will have the most significant impact. The rationale for this approach was described in the original design from Ken Moodie:

'Given the fact that much of the work will be carried out in-house it will probably form the basis of a plan with several years duration.

In relation to the tree work and bunker renovation we would recommend trying to complete in 5 years.

This will provide the strategic and aesthetic improvements required and link the character of the 3 landscape zones'

It is still our intention to follow this methodology.

The holes included in phase II are 3, 5, 6, and 18 – as always depending upon time & weather. We are confident that these holes will be significantly improved and will have the same dramatic impact as those in phase I.

A total of £50,000, including contingency, has been allocated for phase II.

We intend to commence the work on Monday 11th September and are planning to have 18 holes in play continuously, without reverting to holes in the practice area.

I hope you agree that this is another positive step in the development of our great golf course.

Thanks again to you the members for your positive, helpful feedback and support.

C Henderson

Hon. Secretary (on behalf of the GP committee)