

Chester-le-Street Golf Club – Course Development Bulletin

The second contractor (from Lakeland) started on schedule, 9th November, and is making good progress with phase 1b, which includes:

- 3 changes to hole 2
- 5 changes to hole 11
- 5 changes to hole 13
- 8 changes to hole 14

Ken Moodie visited on 27th October, and 18th November to mark the bunkers on holes 2, 11, 13, 14. He will also visit on 25th November to check out the final contours prior to the contractor leaving site.

We were hopeful that the contractor works intended for this phase would be completed by 25th November as planned. However, there was a fracture in a water supply pipe LHS of the 13th green. This followed the stormy weather on Monday and resulted in sodden ground and unsuitable working conditions. Consequently, work will continue into week beginning 28th November but we are hopeful that the contractor will complete work by the Monday evening. He is currently working on holes 13 and 14, prior to returning to hole 11. He will then improve the existing drain from the first hole to the river.

The greenkeepers are keeping pace with the contractor and rivetting the bunkers as soon as he has made them ready. Steve Harmston is driving the dumper.

The turf on the 1st, 10th, and 12th holes has rooted well. The same turf will be used to finish the 2nd and 11th holes as it is in keeping with the Castle field. There is a course development meeting Tuesday 29th November when we will discuss the turf selection for holes 13 and 14.

The breakdown of spend to end of October is:

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Woodland Thinning including mulching & stump grinding	19,424
Misc. expenses including seeds, staff, & fuel	4,328
Topographical Survey (9 holes)	2,100
Earthworks	8,750
Design & Project Management	8,400
Visits & Expenses	1,722
Less Donation from a Member	5,000
Total Spend to 31st October 2016	39,724

We should bear in mind that all of the woodland thinning is complete and provides the platform for the remainder of the course, even though it is all costed into phase I.