

COWPLAIN BOWLING CLUB
Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting held in the Clubhouse
on Sunday 13th August at 10 a.m.

In the chair: Les Gurd, Club President

Committee members in attendance:

Les Gurd - Club President

Pearl Gurd – Club/Ladies Secretary

Brian Horn – Club Steward

Betty Horn - Social Secretary

Jill Giles – Match Secretary

Bryan Franklin – Club/Gents Captain

Bruce Grinyer - Treasurer

Alan Joyner – Membership Secretary

Barry Dryer – Competition Secretary

Peter Crowley - Liaison Officer (Co-opted)

41 other Club members were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence:** These have been recorded and filed with the votes received by e-mail.

2. **Presidents Welcome:**

The President, Les Gurd, welcomed the members to this extraordinary meeting called for the purpose of taking a ballot regarding the opinion of the membership in the matter of excavating the pathway surrounding the green and replacing this with a flexi-pave surface: treated wooden edging to be installed on some edges preventing foliage from the hedges falling onto the green.

3. **Appointment of Scrutineers:**

Graham King and Fred Mant were appointed to count the votes.

4. **Presentation by Peter Crowley:**

A brief summary of the proposed work having previously been distributed to the membership, Peter then fully explained the processes involved in carrying out this work:-

- The need for a new pathway.
- The consultation with HBC and the help received.
- The processes involved in selecting contractors who would provide a suitable surface within the Club's budgetary requirements.
- The manner in which the work would be carried out, the timing and cost involved.

5. **Answers to Questions from the Floor:**

1. Confirmation given that the contractors will deal with the removal and prevention of further root growth under some sections of the footpath to the depth of excavation.
2. A definitive answer to roots growing deeper than excavation level cannot be given, however as the material used is flexible it will move with any undulations and not crack as the present surface is doing.
3. The Club has a twenty-five year lease of which ten years remain. This is not seen to be an issue as application supported by HBC is being made to extend this to the full twenty-five years.
4. The feasibility of extending the Clubhouse is still going forward and details will be presented to the members at the February A.G.M.
5. Confirmation that the surface is guaranteed for seven years; however expectation is that the light usage by members will result in this being far exceeded. The surface is "patch" reparable by the contractors and this will blend with the surface already laid.

6. The wooden edging will not impede member's access to the green as this will be laid where the brickwork adjacent to the hedging is currently.
7. If the project goes ahead Dales will be invited to visit and will be asked to supply and fit lengths of carpet around the edge of the green. This is expected to be at no cost to the Club.
8. It is the responsibility of the contractors to protect the green during construction. A ten metre length by one metre high board will be used to protect areas of the green during work. A HBC representative, as project manager, will be visiting the site regularly; before and after photos will be taken and any damage will be the responsibility of the contractors to correct. Committee members will also be around.
The Clubhouse carpet will be protected as in previous projects.
9. The new surface will not be prone to "chipping" as is presently experienced; it is slip proof and if moss forms over the winter season this can be easily dealt with.
10. If approved by the members the work will commence (*weather permitting*) on Monday 25th September 2017 and the Club could be ready to re-open on Thursday 29th September 2017.
11. Being porous, rain during the winter will not settle and freeze on the surface or the membrane.
12. Peter gave a breakdown of costs for the individual processes. (*A copy is on file*)
13. It is not possible to state at this time what the cost of replacement will be.
14. In response to a question relating to "ground heave" it is not known until excavations take place what specifically lays beneath the surface but it is expected that the contractors will deal with this.

The President thanked Peter for the amount of time and effort given on behalf of the Club to this project.

A round of applause followed.

6. The Vote:

Ballot papers having been issued at the start of meeting, members eligible to vote were asked to place their votes in the box provided.

72 members from the 147 eligible members voted.

22 members, not able to attend the meeting, did so by e-mail.

50 members voted at the meeting.

Result: In favour of excavating the footpath surrounding the green replacing this with the proposed new surface

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| a) YES | 68 |
| b) NO | 4 |

The President thanked the members for attending and the meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.