

CORPORATION OF CROYDON.

REPORT

OF THE

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE TOWN

COUNCIL AS

MITCHAM COMMON CONSERVATORS

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4. **CATTLE GRAZING.** Mr. Leather moved, and Mr. Davison seconded, "That grazing be allowed by permit for cattle and sheep, all cattle to be in charge of a capable person." It was moved by way of amendment, "That the next business be proceeded with." The amendment was carried.
5. **NEW REGULATIONS.** The draft Regulations submitted by the Improvements Committee were considered, and the Regulations were adopted as follows:

Regulations for Playing Golf.

1. Whereas the Company known as the Princes Golf Club, Limited, have formed and kept up two golf courses on the Common, known as Princes Golf Course and Princes Ladies' Golf Course; and whereas the said Company or their predecessors in title have conveyed to the Conservators the rights in the Common of the Lords of two of the Manors of which the Common forms part of the waste, subject to the members of the Princes Golf Club and the Princes' Ladies Golf Club having certain exclusive or preferential rights:—

A person not being a member of the Princes Golf Club, the Princes Ladies' Golf Club, or a person playing with a member of either of such Clubs, shall not on any Wednesday or Saturday commence to play golf upon either the Princes Golf Course or the Princes Ladies' Golf Course between the hours of 9.30 and 11 o'clock in the morning, or between the hours of 12.30 and 2.30 o'clock in the months of April to September, and 12.30 and 2 o'clock in the months of October to March in the afternoon.

2. For the safety of the public and the preservation of the turf, no person shall play golf on either of the golf courses on the Common unless accompanied by a caddie duly authorised and licensed by the Conservators or the Princes Golf Club. The caddie shall be entitled to charge for his services 1s. per round for the carrying of the clubs and his other duties as caddie.

3. No person, not being a member of the Princes Golf Club or of the Princes Ladies' Golf Club, or a person playing with a member of either of such Clubs, shall play golf upon either the Princes Golf Course or the Princes Ladies' Golf Course unless before commencing so to play he shall have registered his name and address with the Clerk to the Conservators as a person desiring to play golf on the Common and obtained a certificate (which shall be forthwith granted) of such registration, and he shall, if required, produce such certificate to the caddie master or any authorised officer of the Conservators. Every such registration must be renewed not later than the 1st day of February in every year, or the same shall be void. Application for registration can be made by post to the Clerk.

4. Every person playing golf on the Princes Golf Course, or the Princes Ladies' Golf Course, or any other golf course that may be formed on the Common, must commence his round at the first tee of such course, and must observe the local rules in force upon the course or that may be prescribed by the regulations of the Conservators from time to time, and shall observe the recognised rules of the game. Members of the Princes Golf Club and of the Princes' Ladies Golf Club and friends playing with them shall have precedence of other players when starting from the first tee.

5. When and so long as by notice conspicuously placed near the first tee upon the Princes Golf Course or the Princes Ladies' Golf Course the Conservators shall announce that such course or any part thereof is by reason of rainfall or otherwise unfit for play, no person shall play golf upon such course or upon such part thereof as may be specified in such notice.

6. No person shall play golf upon the Common on any Sunday.

REGULATIONS FOR GOLF CADDIES.

1. Every caddie licensed by the Conservators must wear conspicuously on his left arm a badge to be supplied by the Conservators, and such badge shall be his license as a caddie.

2. Every caddie must supply his correct name and address to the caddie master from whom he obtains his badge.

3. No caddie shall transfer or lend his badge, and he shall return the same to the caddie master each day.

4. Every caddie must be decently clothed and strictly sober, and conduct himself in a respectable and proper manner.

5. Caddies, when accompanying players, must replace any turf that may be removed by a player's club and press it down firmly.

6. Every caddie shall obey the orders of the caddie master who issued to him his badge, and shall duly observe the regulations made from time to time by the Conservators.

7. Every caddie shall at all times take care to protect the course and the property of the Conservators.

8. Every caddie master shall keep a book in which he shall enter any complaints which may be made against any caddie. He shall also have power forthwith to deprive any caddie of his badge for misconduct or disobedience of the regulations, in which case he shall forthwith report the facts to the Secretary of the Golf Club for which he acts as caddie master or the Clerk to the Conservators; and such Secretary or Clerk, if he is satisfied that the charge is well founded, may give instructions that a badge shall not thereafter be issued to such caddie.

9. Caddies shall be obtained by all players through the caddie masters of the Princes Golf Club and the Princes Ladies' Golf Club, or any caddie master from time to time appointed by the Conservators.

REGULATIONS FOR PLAYING CRICKET AND FOOTBALL.

1. The season for cricket begins on the 1st day of May and ends on the 30th day of September in each year.

2. The season for football begins on the 1st day of October and ends on the 31st day of March in each year.

3. Clubs desiring to participate in the allocation of grounds must make written application for cricket on or before the 31st day of January, and for football on or before the 30th day of June in each year—to the Clerk to the Conservators.

4. The allocations will be made for cricket in March and for football in August, and every club receiving an allocation must send to the Clerk their list of fixtures and the names and addresses of their members within a month thereafter.

5. Should any club be disbanded during the season, the allocation of a pitch made to such club shall become void.

6. No club will be given pitches for more than two elevens or teams. A separate application must be sent in for each team.

7. The Common Keepers are authorised not to allow matches, for which pitches have been allocated, to be played in the event of their deeming the ground too wet to be played on.

8. Applications for the grounds on the north and south sides of the Croydon Road may also be made through the Croydon Borough Road Surveyor at the Town Hall, Croydon.

9. No person shall play cricket, football, or any other game upon any portion of the Common set apart for the playing of cricket or football except on the days and at the times authorised by the Conservators under these regulations; *and no cricket football or other game shall be played on the Common on Sundays.*

10. Where an allocation is made of a pitch to any club, such club intending to use the pitch, may, with the permission of the Conservators, arrange with the Common Keeper appointed for the purpose, at a fixed rate of charge, for the preparation of such pitch for play.

6. MITCHAM FAIR. The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Trustees, and that it had been arranged, subject to the approval of the Board, that the Conveyance to the Conservators should be executed in the form approved by the Board of Agriculture, and that the Trustees should give an undertaking not to take any steps to enforce the covenant unless proceedings were commenced against them by any of the contributors to the fund,

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE. The report of the Finance Committee was considered and approved as follows:

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 24th September, 1913, at the Town Hall, Croydon, when there were

Present: Mr. H. Mallaby-Deeley, J.P., M.P. (in the chair), Messrs. Ald. Allen, J. M. Leather, A. Mizen, and W. T. Willcocks, and the Clerk (Dr. J. M. Newnham).

(1.) The Clerk reported that there was an overdraft at the Bank of £27 16s. 7d., and that there was due from the Princes Golf Club three quarters' rent, less tax, amounting to £176 17s. 3d. The Chairman made a statement as to the position of the Golf Club with regard to their liability for the rent in the circumstances that had arisen, and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

8. POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS. The Clerk read a letter from the Superintending Engineer requesting the Board to agree to reduction in rental to the sum of 1/- per pole in respect of the poles on the Common. It was resolved to agree to the reduction when the telephone rate should be reduced.

H. Mallaby-Deeley
Chairman of the Meeting held
17th December 1913.