

Holywell Golf Course

1906 - 1923

9th Green (391 yds.)

Hole	Length	Stroke Index	Par
1	270	6	4
2	307	4	4
3	365	4	4
4	391	3	5
5	461	5	5
6	360	3	4
7	391	6	4
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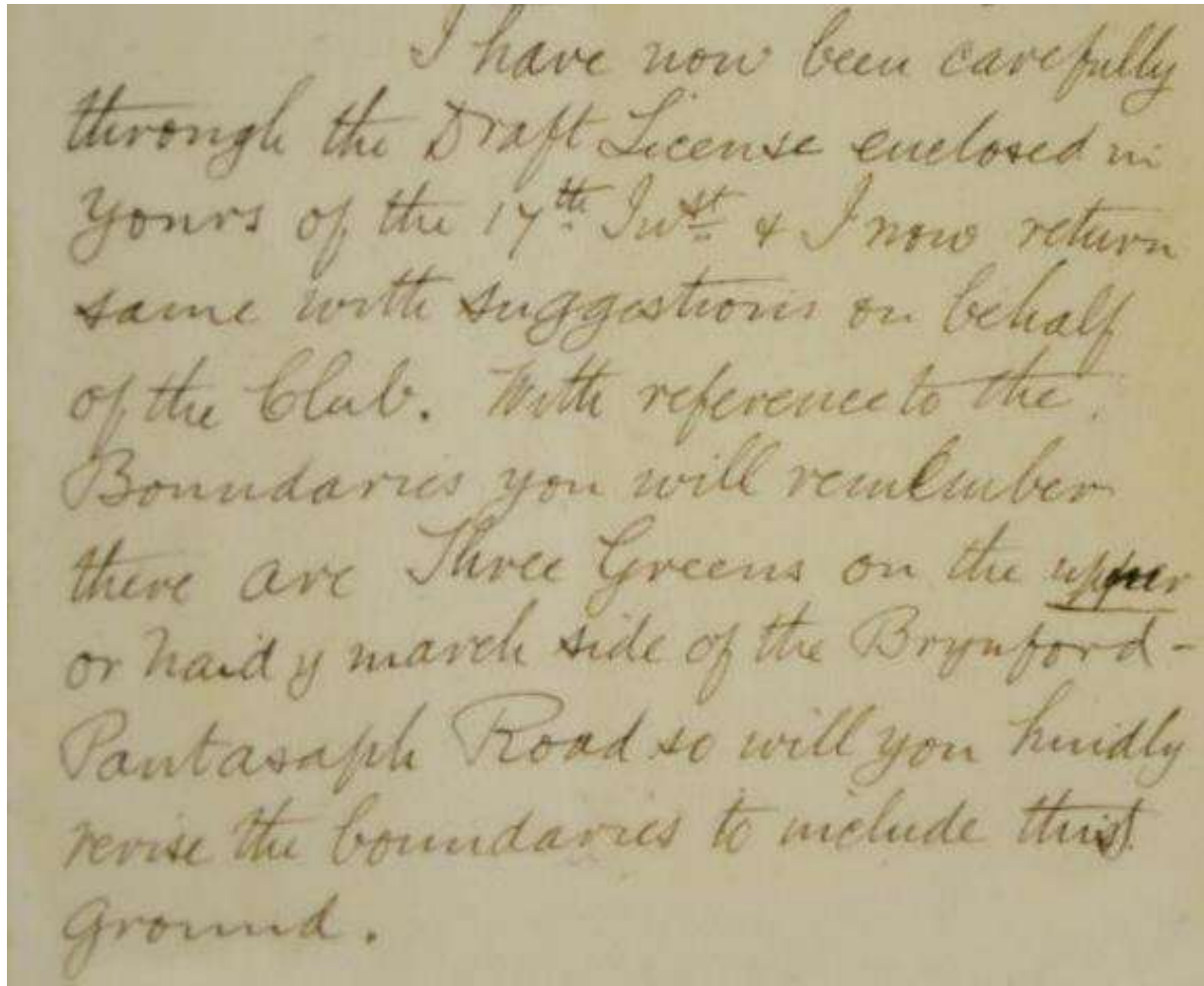


9th Green (391 yds.)



License to Play Golf 1906

May 12th 1906 – Note to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) requesting that the course boundary for the license needs to be redrawn to include the 1st, 7th and 9th greens which are on the southern side of the Brynford to Pantasaph road.

A photograph of a handwritten note on aged, slightly yellowed paper. The text is written in a cursive script. The note discusses a draft license and suggests revising boundaries to include three specific greens.

I have now been carefully
through the Draft License enclosed in
yours of the 17th Inst & I now return
same with suggestions on behalf
of the Club. With reference to the
Boundaries you will remember
there are Three Greens on the upper
or hard y march side of the Brynford -
Pantasaph Road so will you kindly
revise the boundaries to include this
ground.

June 18th 1906 – Conditions (1) and (2) of the license to play golf signed by Trevor Eyton (first secretary) and Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates).

(1) The License shall be for one year commencing on the 25th March 1906 and shall continue from year to year until determined by either party giving to the other not less than six calendar months notice in writing ending on the 25th day of March in any year.

(2) The Licensee shall pay to the Licensor^a/rent of 10/- (Ten shillings) per annum to become due on the 29th day of September during the continuance of this License the first payment to be made ~~due~~ on the 29th September next.

June 18th 1906 – Conditions (3) and (4) of the license to play golf signed by Trevor Eytton (first secretary) and Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates).

(3) The Licensee shall not enter upon the property of nor in any way interfere with any rights of 3rd parties now or during the term of this License existing in the above area and shall indemnify the Licensor against all claims and actions brought by any such 3rd party, arising out of the exercise of this License.

Licensee
(4) The Licensor shall pay all rates and taxes chargeable in respect of this License.

June 18th 1906 – Conditions (5) and (6) of the license to play golf signed by Trevor Eytton (first secretary) and Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates).

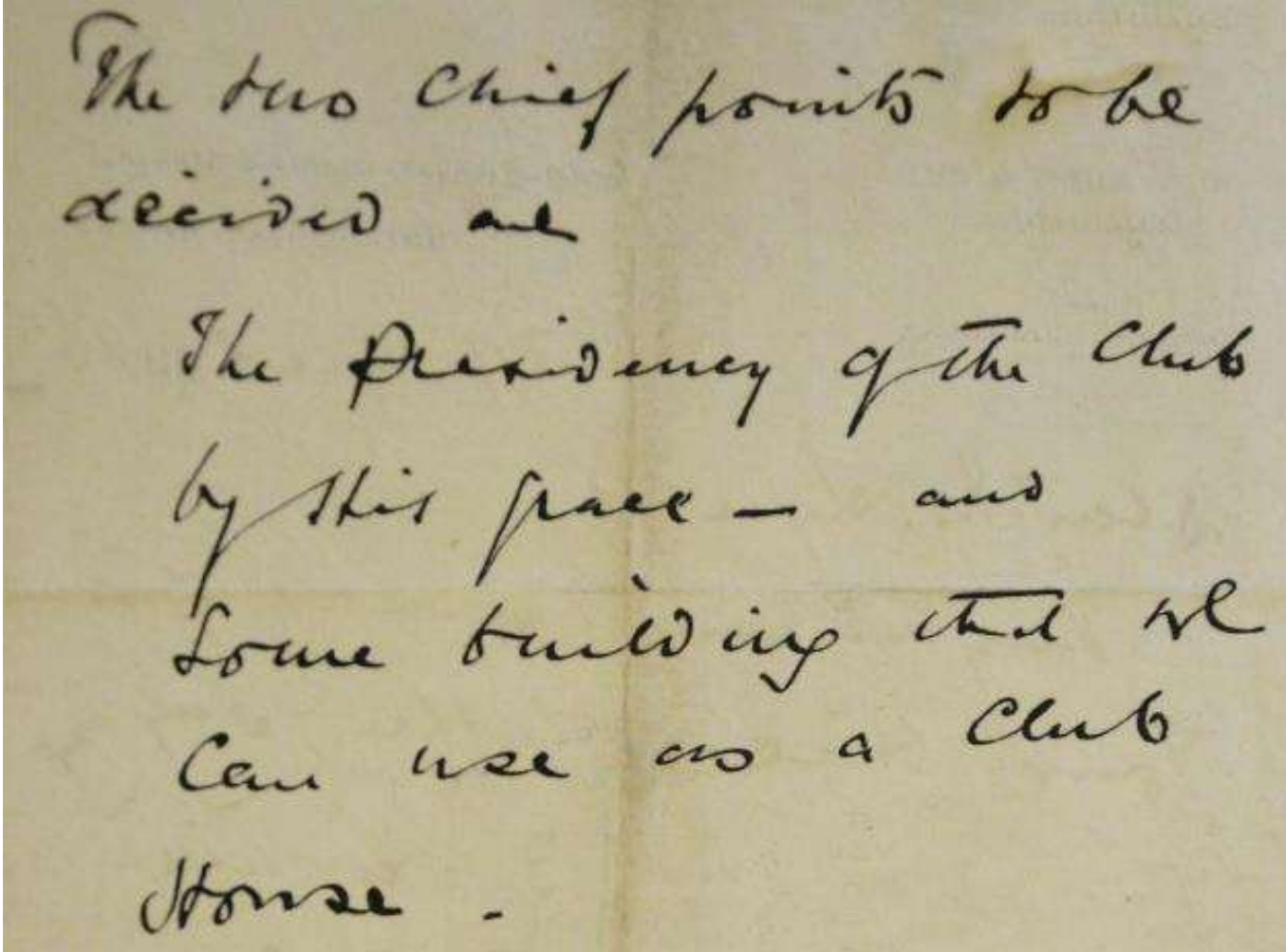
(5) At the determination of this License the Licensee shall remove all properties belonging to the Club from the Golfing ground and shall make good to the Licensor's satisfaction all damage done to the surface by reason of its removal.

(6) The Licensee shall restrain Members from playing Golf on Sundays.

In future years Clause (6) will cause a bit of trouble!

The Clubhouse

April 24th 1906 – Letter from H. A. Cope (first chairman) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) asking for a building the club could use as a clubhouse.

A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, slightly yellowed paper. The handwriting is in a cursive script. The text is arranged in two paragraphs. The first paragraph is at the top, and the second paragraph is below it, starting with a significant indentation. The paper shows some creases and signs of age.

The two chief points to be
decided are

The Presidency of the Club
by this place – and
Some building that we
can use as a Club
House -

April 24th 1906 – Letter from H. A. Cope (first chairman) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) proposing if the club could use the old Clwt Militia mine offices as a clubhouse.

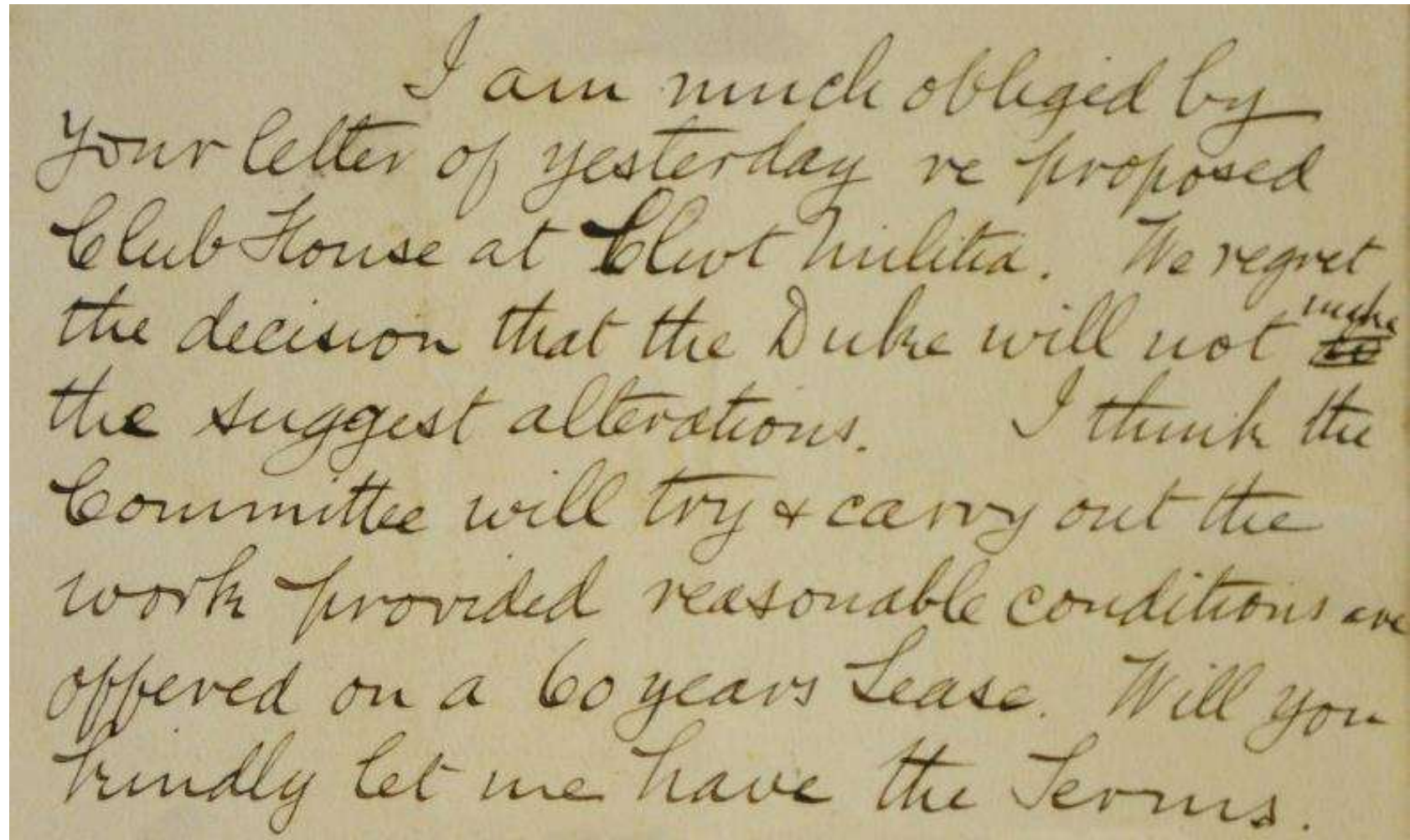
You could kindly let us
have the old disused
mine office, I think it
was, at "Coetia Ball" if
we put it in repair. The
roof I'm afraid will want
some money spending on it.



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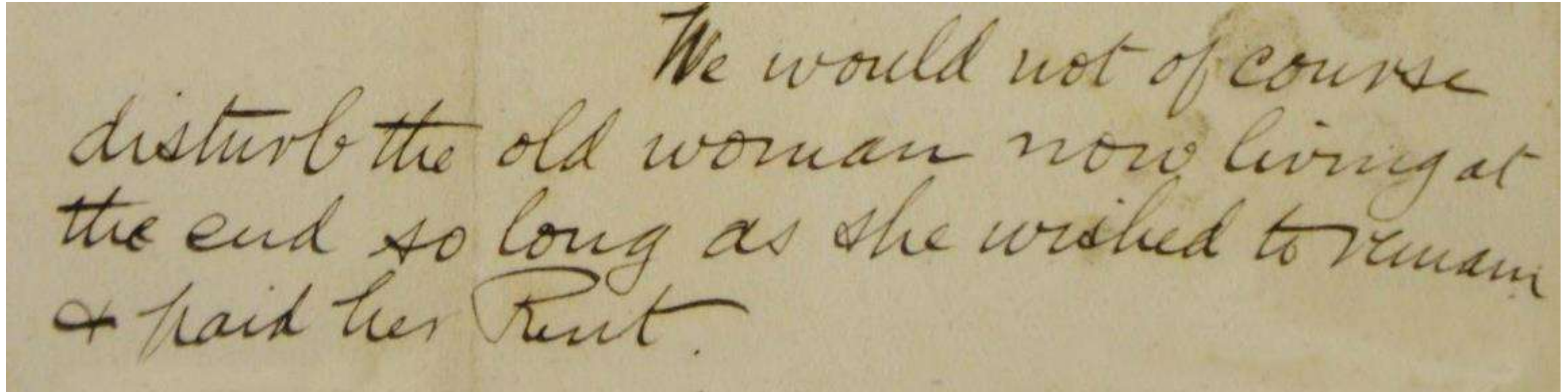
The club offers to repair the building

May 20th 1906 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) regretting the Duke's not agreeing to the alterations and proposing that if the club did the work and had a 60 year lease, could they still use the old Clwt Militia mine offices as a clubhouse.

A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, yellowed paper. The handwriting is in a cursive script. The text of the letter is as follows:

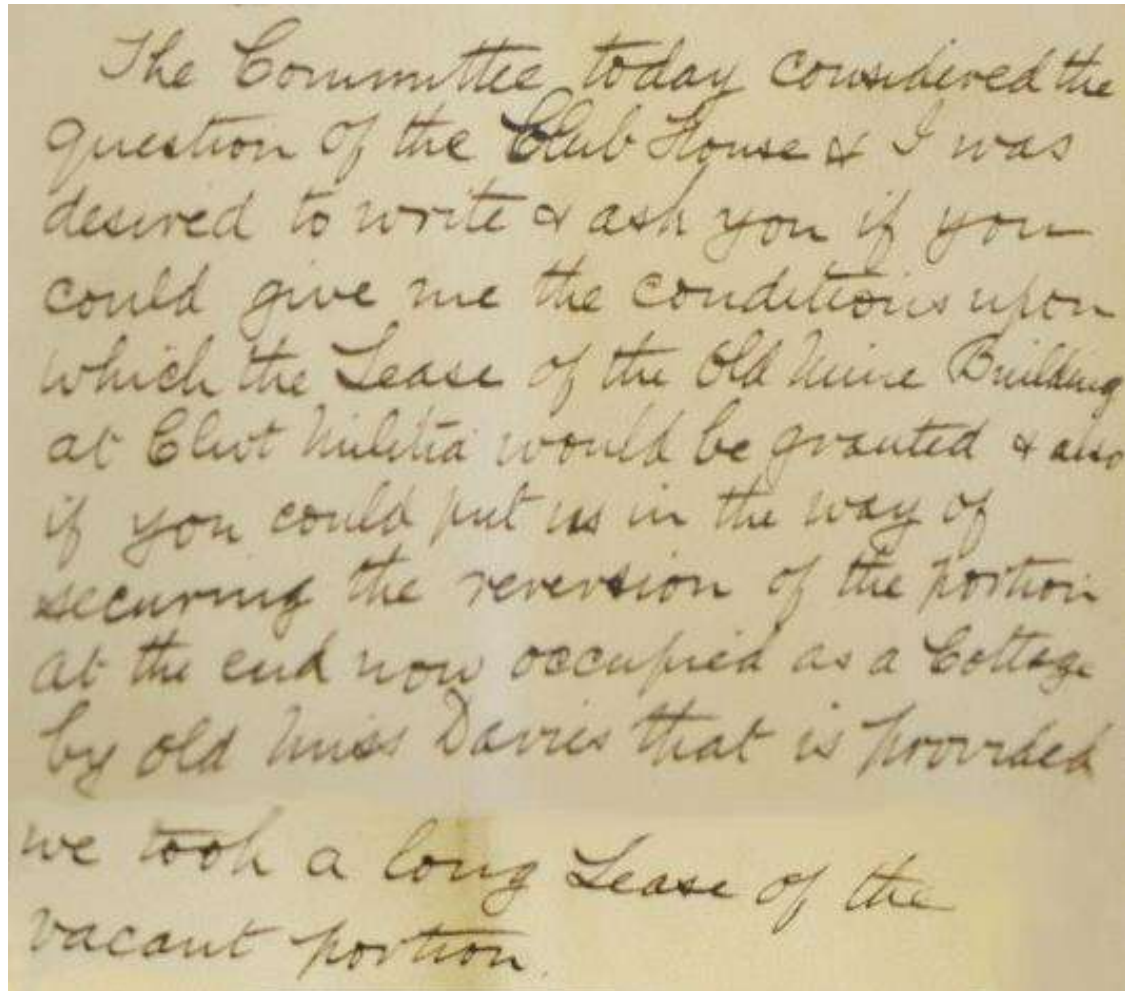
I am much obliged by
your letter of yesterday re proposed
Club House at Clwt Militia. We regret
the decision that the Duke will not ~~be~~^{make}
the suggest alterations. I think the
Committee will try & carry out the
work provided reasonable conditions are
offered on a 60 years Lease. Will you
kindly let me have the Terms.

May 20th 1906 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) proposing that if the club did use the old Clwt Militia mine offices as a clubhouse, they would not disturb the “old woman” living in the end cottage (provided she paid her rent of course!).



We would not of course
disturb the old woman now living at
the end so long as she wished to remain
& paid her Rent.

May 26th 1906 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) still trying to get to use the old Clwt Militia mine offices as a clubhouse by proposing a long lease including the reversion of the end portion currently occupied by “Old Miss Davies”!

A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, yellowed paper. The handwriting is in a cursive script, likely from the early 20th century. The text is written in dark ink and is somewhat faded in places. The letter discusses the possibility of using the old Clwt Militia mine offices as a clubhouse and mentions a long lease and the reversion of the end portion currently occupied by "Old Miss Davies".

The Committee today considered the question of the Club House & I was desirous to write & ask you if you could give me the conditions upon which the Lease of the Old Mine Building at Clwt Militia would be granted & also if you could put us in the way of securing the reversion of the portion at the end now occupied as a Cottage by Old Miss Davies that is provided we took a long Lease of the vacant portion.

May 26th 1906 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) resignedly suggesting a nearby building as a temporary alternative clubroom while negotiations continued for the Clwt Militia offices as the new clubhouse.

In the meantime can you let us have the small Iron Building hitherto used as a mine office near Brynford on the left of the road near no 9 hole as a temporary Club room & if so kindly say where the key may be had.

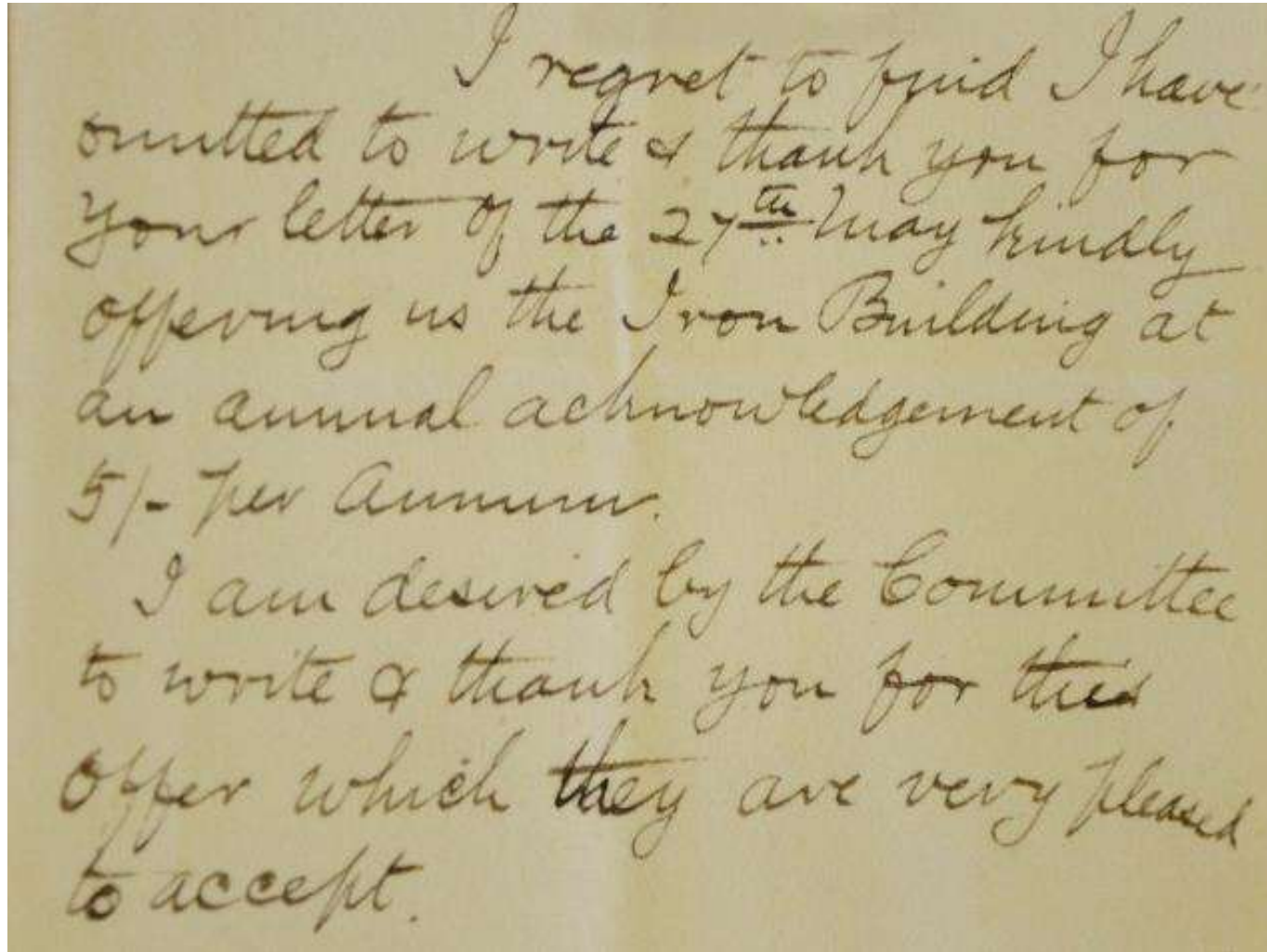


The original Clubhouse as it was in 1965 with the “Iron Building near Brynford on the left of the road near the 9th green” circled in yellow.

Sources:-
Grosvenor Estate Archives
& Flintshire County Council



June 3rd 1906 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) accepting the offer of the “Iron Building” as a temporary clubroom.

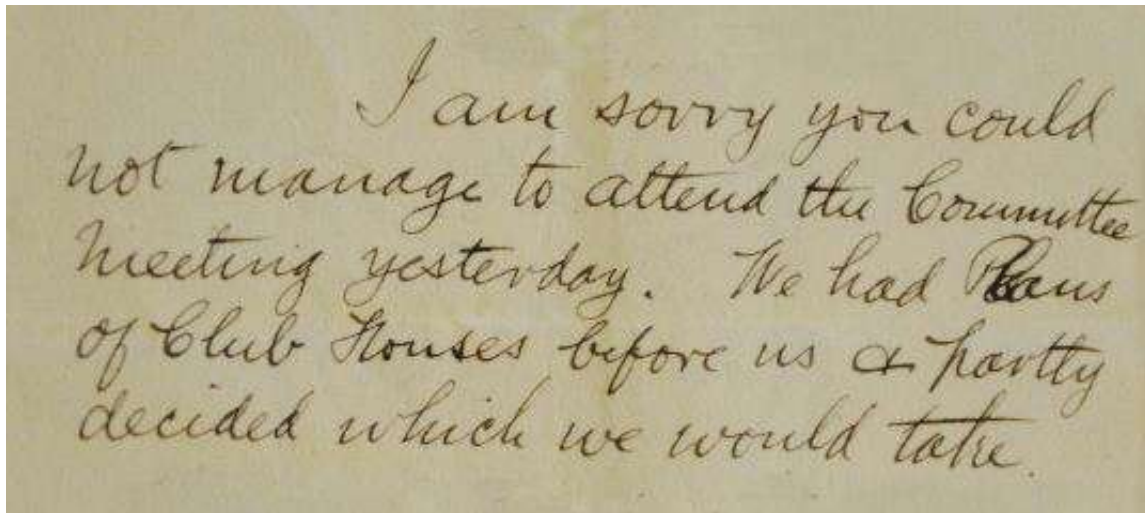
A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, cream-colored paper. The handwriting is in a cursive script. The letter is divided into two paragraphs. The first paragraph expresses regret for not writing sooner and thanks the recipient for a letter dated 27th May, which offered the 'Iron Building' for use as a clubroom at an annual rent of 5/- per annum. The second paragraph states that the committee is pleased to accept the offer.

I regret to find I have omitted to write & thank you for your letter of the 27th May kindly offering us the Iron Building at an annual acknowledgement of 5/- per annum.

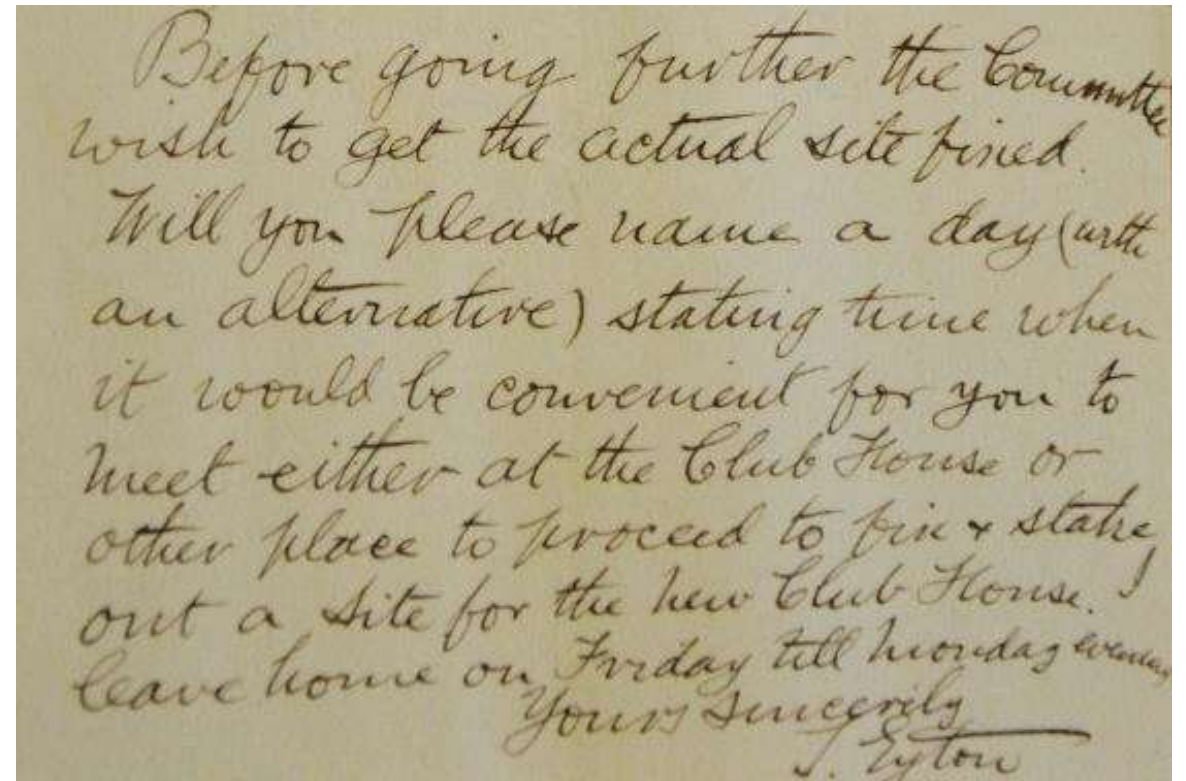
I am desired by the Committee to write & thank you for this offer which they are very pleased to accept.

Five bob a year rent, not too bad!

August 8th 1906 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates). The Club have by now given up on the Clwt Militia offices, and now the Duke has agreed to the building of a new clubhouse near the “Iron Building”. After considering various plans, the golf club now want Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) to mark out and agree with them, the site for the new clubhouse.



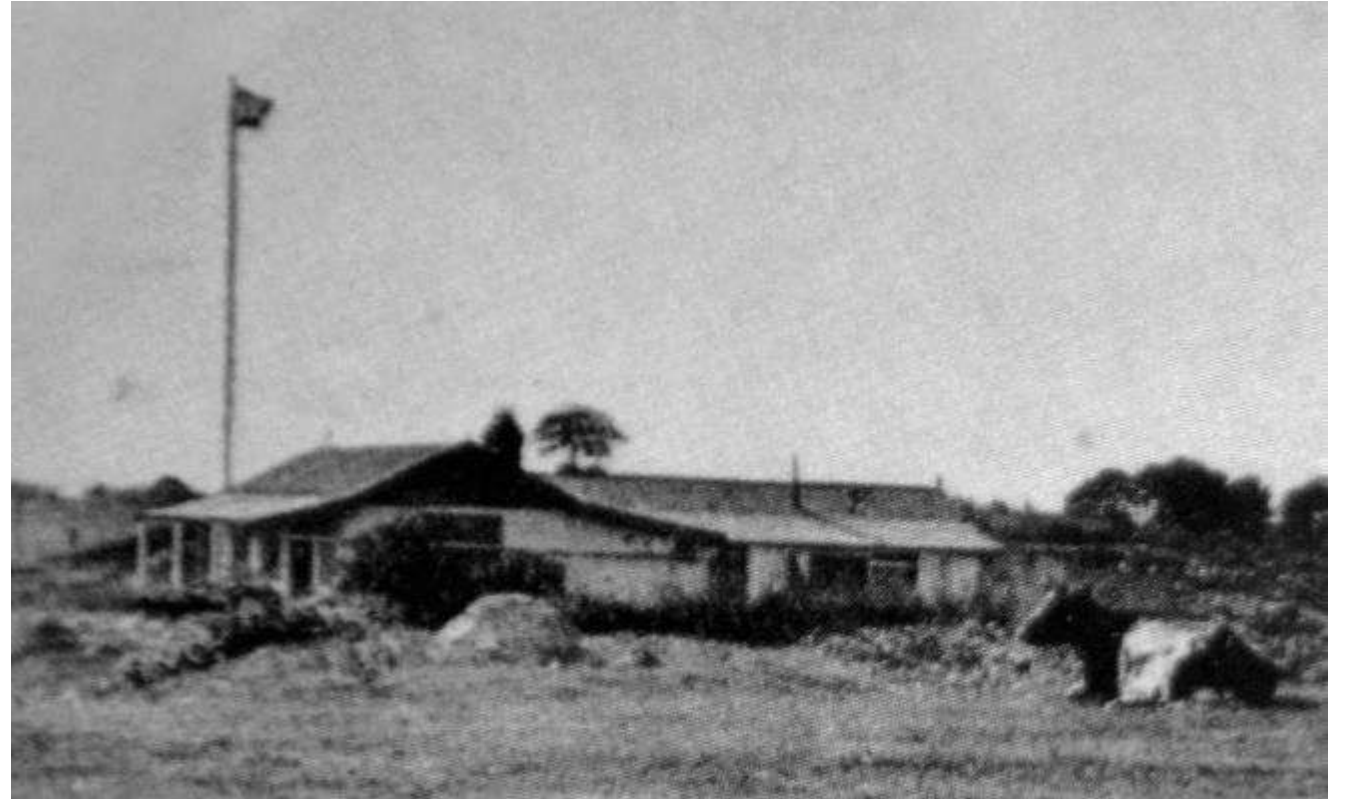
I am sorry you could not manage to attend the Committee meeting yesterday. We had Plans of Club Houses before us & partly decided which we would take.



Before going further the Committee wish to get the actual site fixed. Will you please name a day (with an alternative) stating time when it would be convenient for you to meet either at the Club House or other place to proceed to pin & stake out a site for the new Club House. I leave home on Friday till Monday evening.
Yours Sincerely
T. Eyton

January 9th 1907 – Letter from Trevor Eyton (first secretary) to Humphrey Lynes (Grosvenor Estates) asking him to check out the building work as he will be away.

As I have to leave home again today I fear it will be quite impossible for me to visit the Golf Pavilion. Will you therefore very kindly check the Builders' Work. I enclose you the Specification & letters re same & you have the Plans. If you find anything wrong please refuse to accept & point out. I am so very sorry to give you so much trouble. Yours sincerely Trevor Eyton.

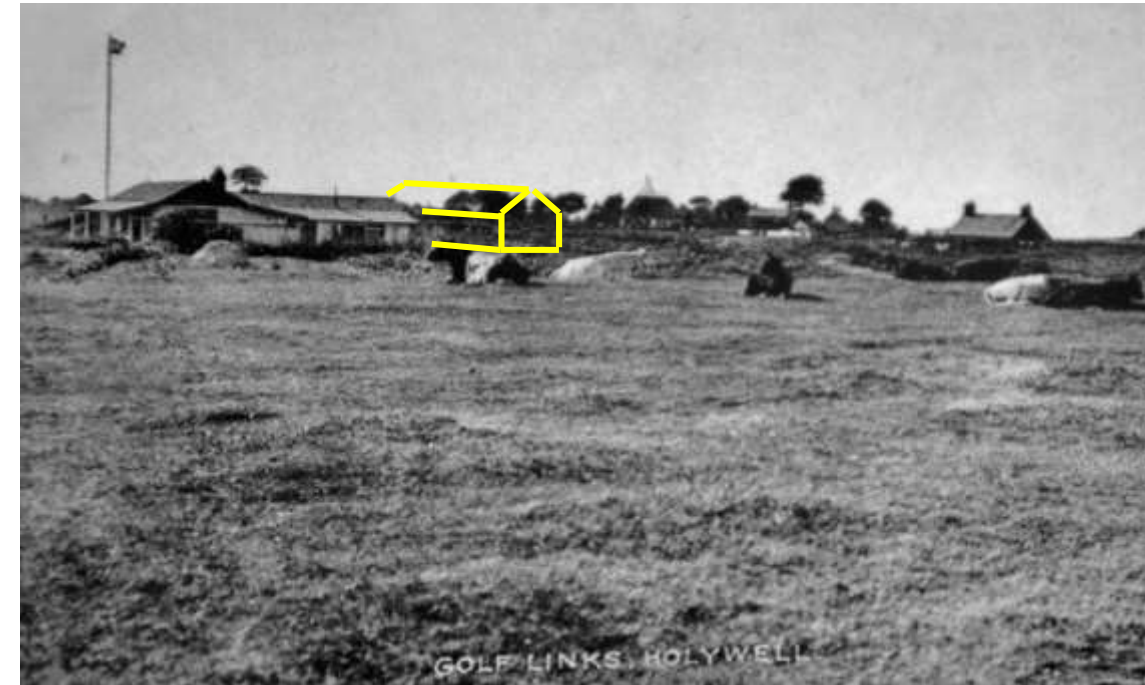
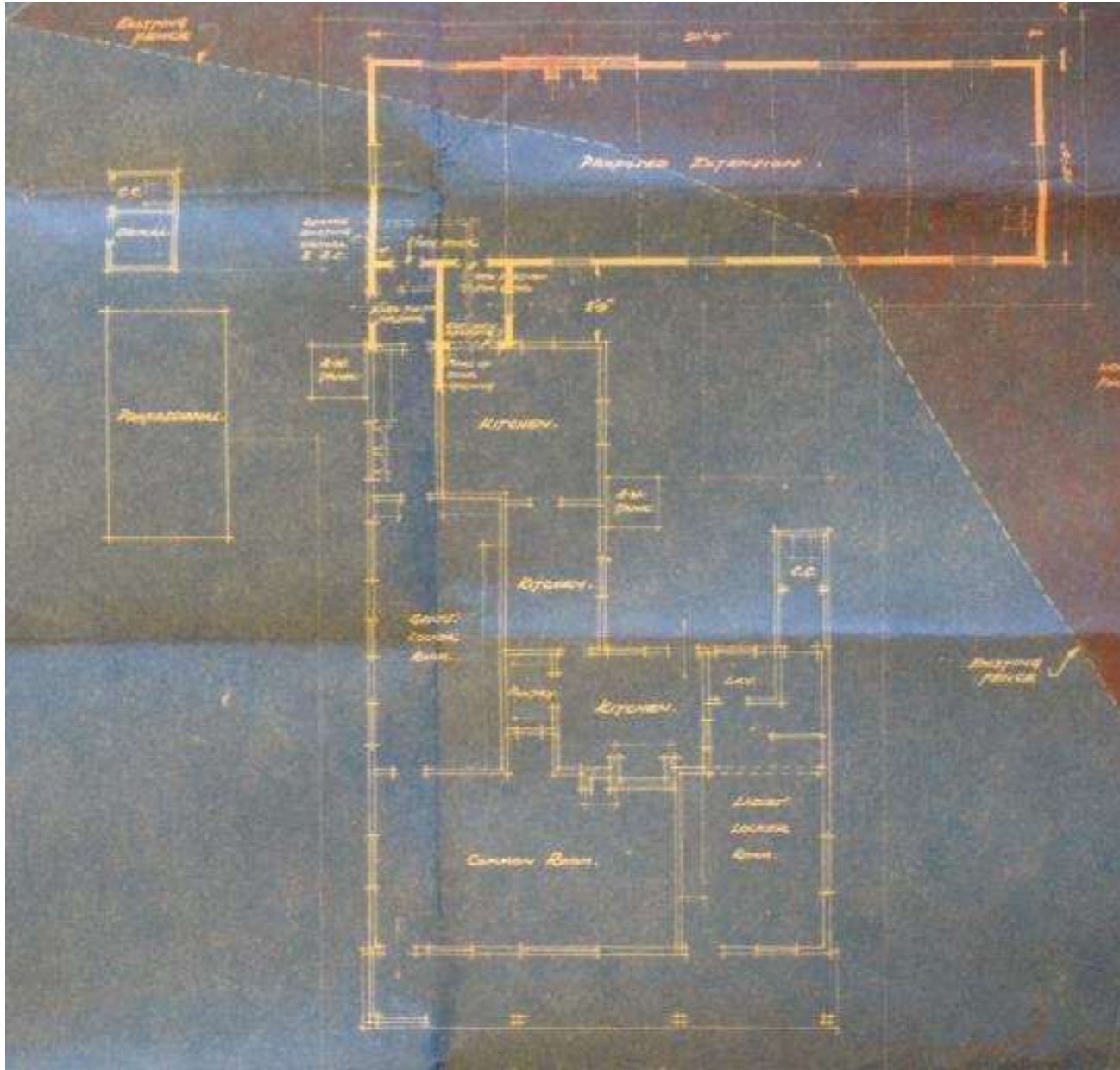


**The completed clubhouse as it was in 1935.
Note the cow!**

Sources:-
Grosvenor Estate Archives
& Flintshire County Council



December 1929 – Proposal to extend the clubhouse grounds and build an extension to the rear of the clubhouse.

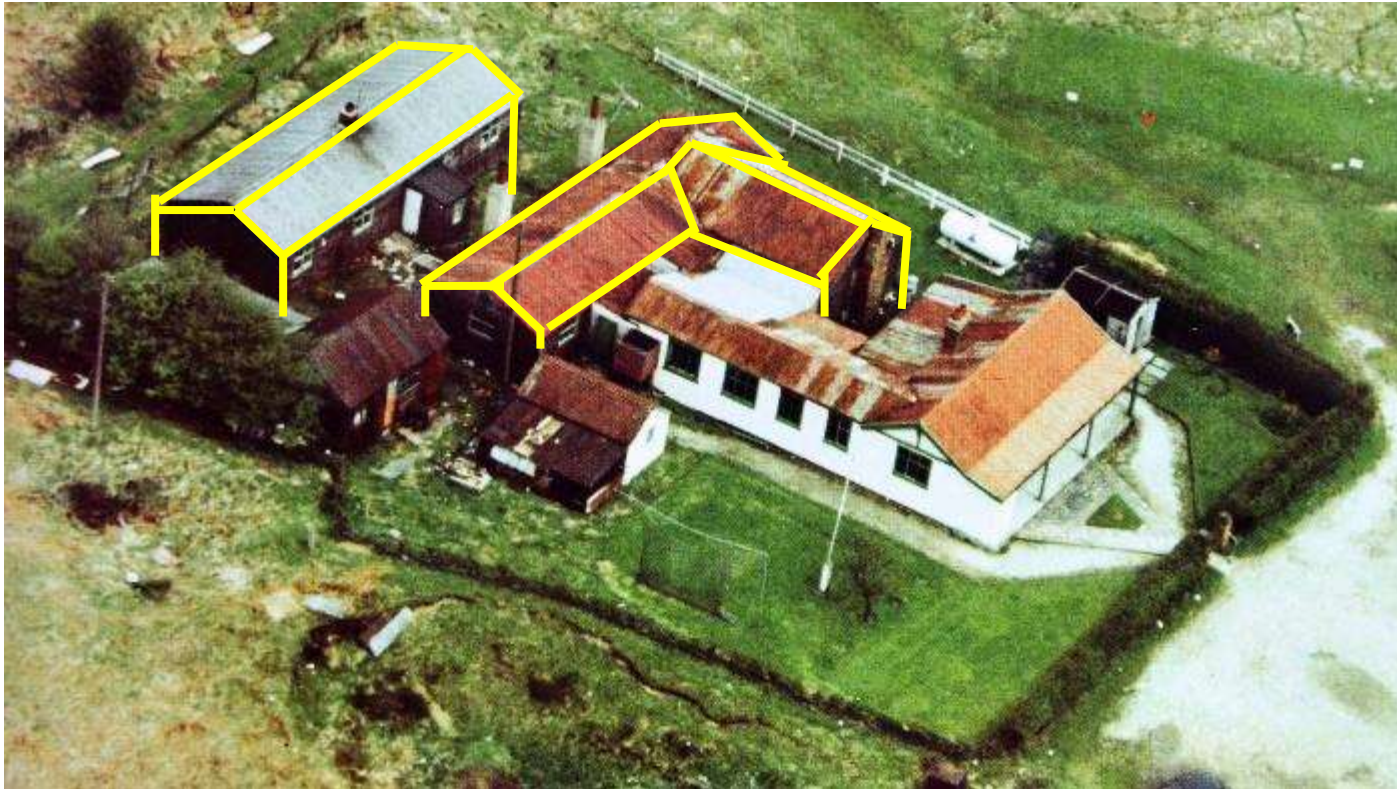


However, by 1935, the extension had not been built.

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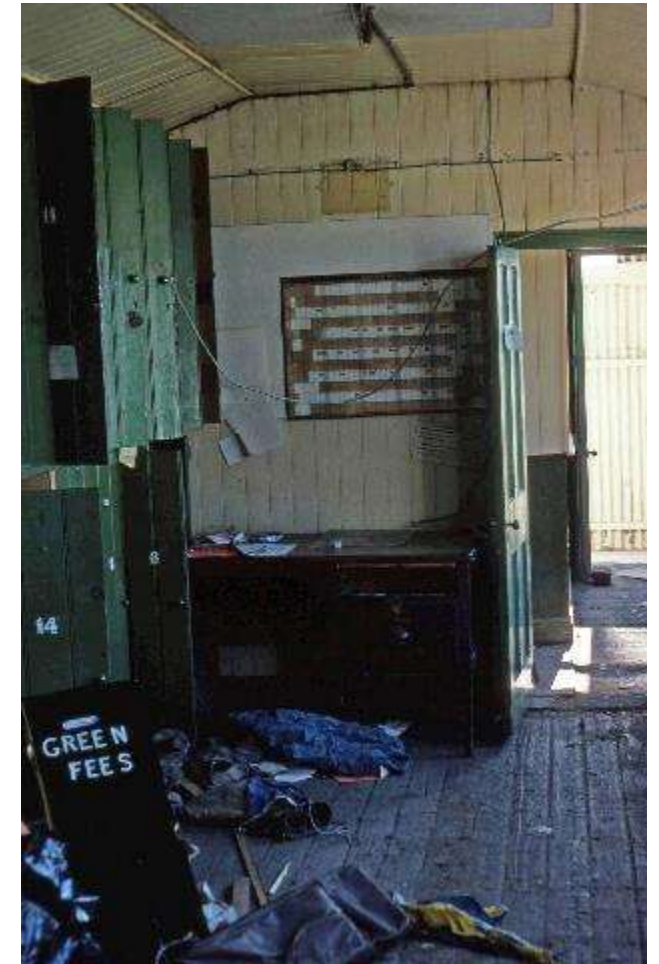
In fact the 1929 proposed clubhouse extension was never built. Some years later the extension took the form of wooden sheds donated by Courtaulds Ltd. One, at the rear of the clubhouse, was used for club staff accommodation.



Here are a couple of photos of the interior of the old clubhouse on the day it was knocked down in 1977.



Bar and Snooker Room



Gents Locker Room

Here is the clubhouse exterior on demolition day in 1977



Extension of the Course to 18 Holes

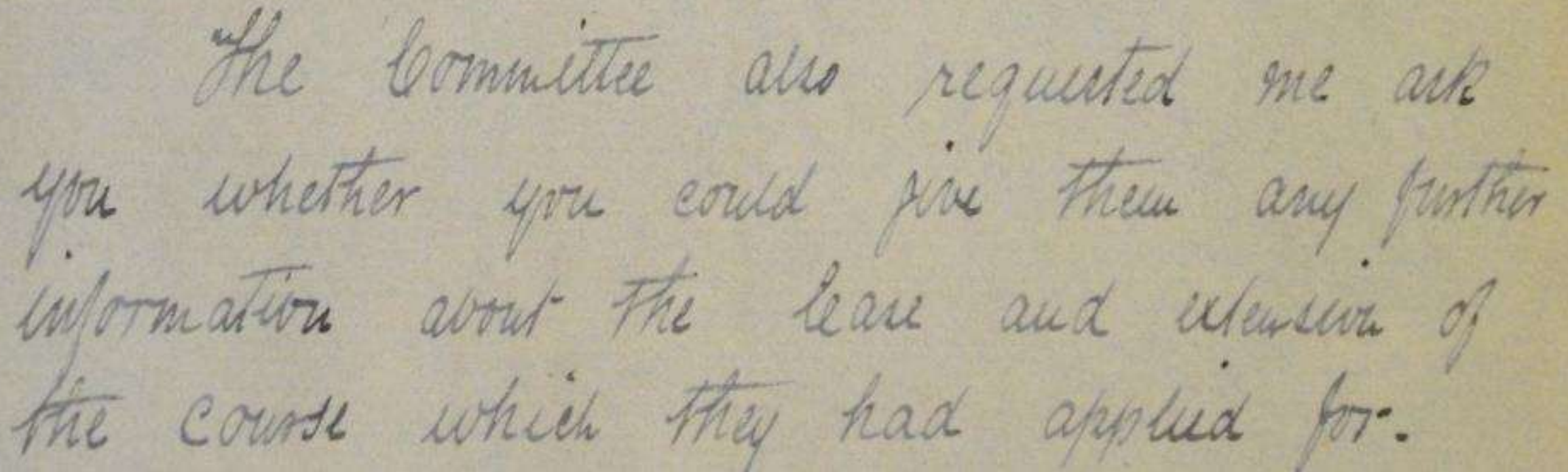
July 5th 1913 – Letter from H.A. Cope (first chairman) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) asking for permission to extend the course to 18 holes and giving supporting information about improving the grazing on the course.

At the general annual meeting of the Club, the question was again raised of approaching His Grace for a lease of the Golf Course & Club house & also for an extended area of land to enable the Club to construct another nine holes.

Stowing to our cutting the rough grass & fern, the husbandry & grazing have been considerably improved to

The advantage of the cottagers & small workers living in the neighbourhood all of whom I think I can fairly say, have welcomed the Club, & any extension of the course will add to these benefits.

January 3rd 1914 - Letter from Mr. Pulford (secretary) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) asking for an update on the position of the extension of the course to 18 holes.

A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, cream-colored paper. The handwriting is in a cursive script, written in dark ink. The text is a request for information regarding a golf course extension.

The Committee also requested me ask
you whether you could give them any further
information about the lease and extension of
the course which they had applied for.

August 17th 1923 – Letter to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) from the secretary offering him honorary life membership of the club

The Executive Committee of the Club wish me to ask you to do us the honour of becoming an Honorary Member of the Club. I hope you will see your way to accept this small expression of our appreciation of the many courtesies and unfailing sympathy you have at all times shewn towards the Club, and I hope also that we shall see you on the course, accompanied by a bag of clubs, very often in the coming days.

August 23rd 1923 - Letter from E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) to Mr. Lawson (secretary) accepting the offer of honorary membership of the club.

E. Redfern, Esq.,
Halkyn.

Would you kindly convey to the Executive Committee
of the Club my grateful thanks for their ~~kindness~~
~~kindness~~ kindness in offering me an Honorary
Membership of their Club and I have the greatest
pleasure in accepting their offer.

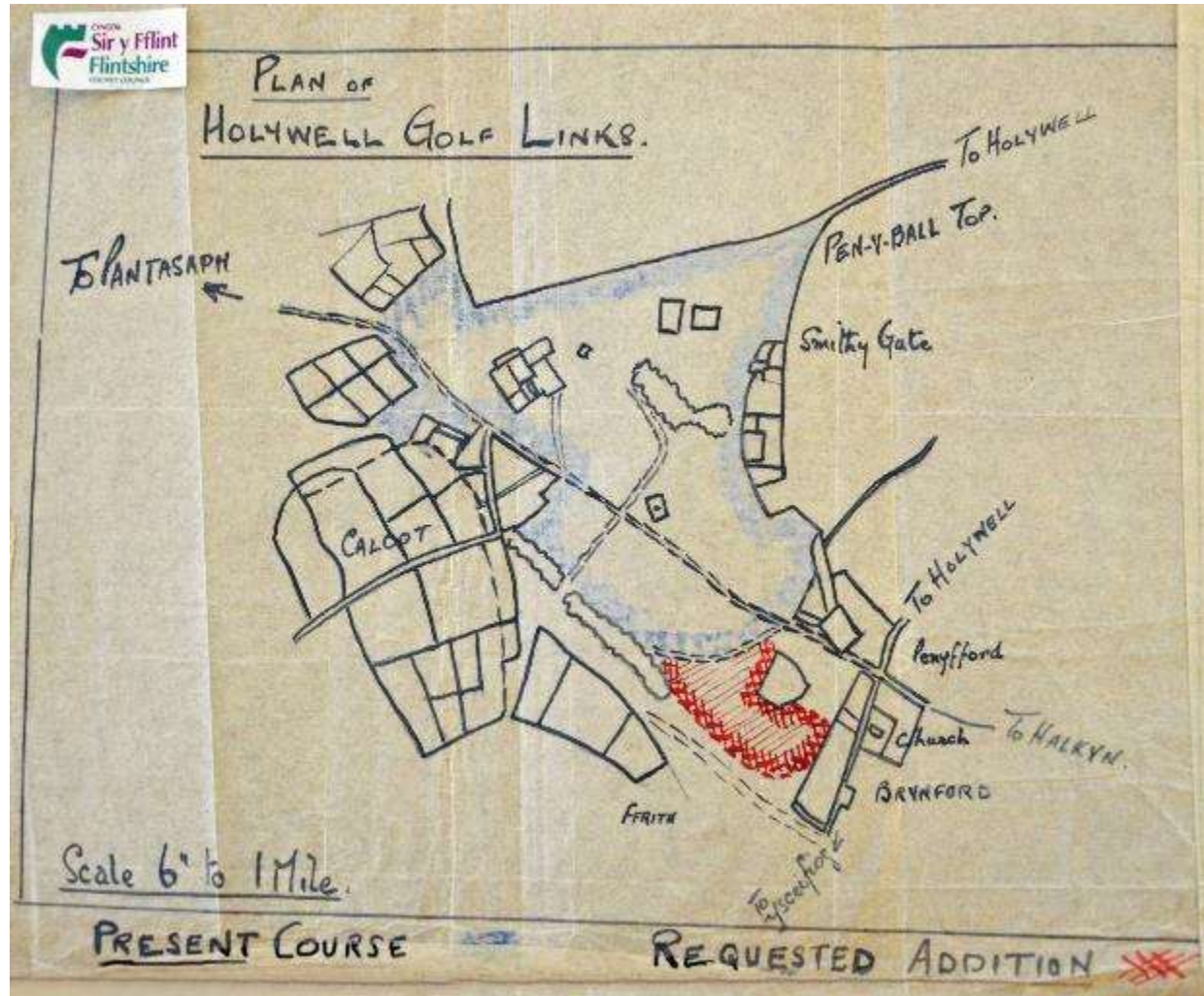
November 23rd 1923 - Letter from Mr. Lawson (secretary) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) again applying for an extension of the course to 18 holes.

The Holywell Golf Club are extremely desirous of making a small extension to the area at present covered by their links, in order to enable them to provide an eighteen hole course instead of the present nine hole course.

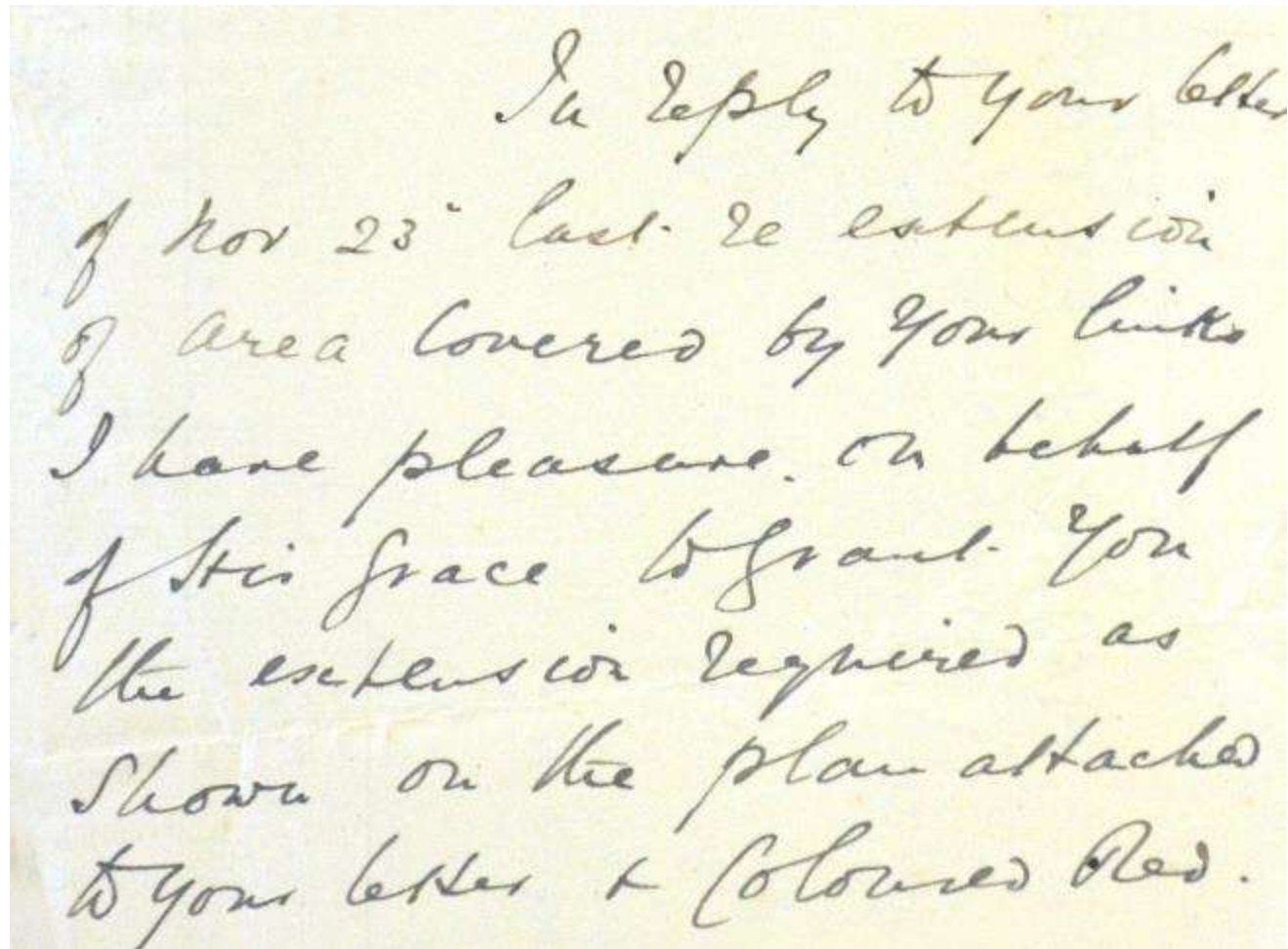
There has been a considerable increase in club membership during the last two years, and a great number of visitors playing on the links during the Summer months. This increase of membership and visitors has made the present nine hole course much too cramped, especially on Saturdays and general holidays, and present conditions are most inconvenient.

On behalf of the Club I now formally beg to make application through you to His Grace the Duke of Westminster for permission to extend the course in the direction and to the extent shaded red on the enclosed plan.

November 23rd 1923 - Here is the plan attached to the letter from Mr. Lawson (secretary) to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) applying for an extension of the course to 18 holes. The additional area requested is shaded in red.



January 21st 1924 - Letter from E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) to the secretary granting approval for the extension of the course to 18 holes. It appears to have taken 11 years since the first request.

A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, yellowed paper. The handwriting is in a cursive script. The text of the letter is as follows:

In reply to your letter
of Nov 23rd last. re extension
of area covered by your links
I have pleasure on behalf
of His Grace to grant you
the extension required as
shown on the plan attached
to your letter & coloured Red.

January 23rd 1924 - Letter to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) from the secretary expressing thanks for Mr Redfern's efforts in getting approval for the course extension.

I have to express to His Grace, through you, the very sincere gratitude of the Committee and of the members of the Club who much appreciate his kind compliance with their request. Also I have to convey to your good self our best thanks for the kindly and sympathetic manner in which you have received our proposals and helped them forward.

We shall always value your advice and help, and hope that you will spend as much time as you can spare on the Links.

Perhaps the carrot of honorary life membership the previous August might have smoothed the application as well!

February 26th 1924 - Letter to E. Redfern (Grosvenor Estates) from the secretary expressing thanks from the members for the Duke and Mr Redfern's efforts in getting prompt (on this occasion?) approval for the course extension.

At the Annual Meeting of this Club held on Thursday, very much appreciation was expressed at such prompt and gracious consent being granted to our application for extra territory for the extension of the course, and I was instructed to request you to be good enough to convey the sincere thanks of the Members to His Grace the Duke of Westminster.

The Members also wish me to thank you on their behalf for your help in this matter.