

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday July 23rd at 7:00pm

The Parish Office, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) T Hazard and L King

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) and
2 members of the public

- POP/068** **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs C Blandamer and P Blandamer (holiday)
- POP/069** **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/070** **Minutes of the meeting held on May 14th 2018**
(i) Signed and approve as true record by the Chair
(ii) Matters arising not covered by the agenda - None
- POP/071** **Public Session** - Representation was made by 2 members of the public, noting that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation with Burton Joyce pupils at Carlton Le Willows School had identified the desire for better access to the open grassed area at the Poplars Sports Ground. The request was made to open up the ground or an area of it for the summer period for casual games of cricket, football, rounders etc. In addition to this, a longer-term solution for better access / full access was requested. The necessity of fencing the whole ground was queried and example given of an open play area in East Leake. Noted by the committee that procedurally it would not be possible to address the summer holiday request in time, but that the views regarding a long-term solution would be listened to and progressed.
The 2 members of the public left at this point
Proposal to go to September Full Council for a working group to be set up to reconsider future (controlled) access.
- POP/072** **Bowls Club Pavilion** – The Pavilion has been built and is being painted, the kitchen fitted, carpeted and furnished. All running smoothly. Cllr Ringham to remind Bowls Club that Parish Council are awaiting Service Level Agreement proposal.
- POP/073** **FA Report** – Annual data review completed. Shows male football as being static, female football increased and male and female non-football (cricket, pétanque, bowls, archery) also increased.
- POP/074** **Funding for / Purchase of aerator** – Cllr Ringham to discuss length of warranty with FA. D List to get remaining quotes.
- POP/075** **Contingency funding for Poplars** – Proposed that an additional £5k is either earmarked in reserves or budgeted for as a contingency budget during next budget setting exercise.
- POP/076** **Personnel Gate** – Cllr Johnson is requesting funding from Gedling Borough Council.
- POP/077** **BJFC presentation day** – D List reported that it was an exceptionally busy day as weather was good. Future events such as this will require senior staff presence for

whole day to oversee the event. Proposal to Full Council for Grounds Manager to have TOIL or additional payment for large events such as this. Thanks were extended to D List for his hard work in organising the Presentation Day.

- POP/078 World Cup Football sessions** – Noted that these events were organised at the request of Burton Joyce Football Club and facilitated by the Parish Council. Very popular and successful.
- POP/079 Fireworks night** – Fireworks display is booked for Friday 2nd November. Gates open 6pm, firing time 8pm. Proposal to Full Council - £5 Adults, £2.50 Children, £13 Family. Sparklers £2 per pack. Volunteers for gate – Cllrs L King, R Ringham, T Hazard (reserve). Clerk to check if Cllrs Johnson and C Blandamer are also available.
- POP/080 Izettle review / till purchase** – Izettle not used to its full capacity and in particular for stock checking. As stock range is so small, not considered cost effective to spend time keeping Izettle updated. Proposed to seek other options to bring to next Poplars committee and introduce monthly stock takes.
- POP/081 Flailing of easement near archery range** – Archery are required to account for any lost arrows and are unable to find them in the easement which has become too overgrown. Budget of £200-300 approved for D List to contract a flailer.
- POP/082 CCTV** – D List to ask alarm company to review.
- POP/083 Report on meeting with BJFC** – Notes previously circulated. Need for barriers and dug-outs around Pitch 6 for first team, unanimously approved. Noted dug-outs around Pitch 3 need to be moveable as Archery cannot have them in their firing range. D List to advise BJFC. Request for hot food provision – D List to Liaise with BJFC to ask for suggested alternatives as this has already been done in the past and was too costly. Requires stringent food hygiene and health and safety regulations to be followed when run by the Parish Council. Request for trophy cabinets and honours board – D List to speak to Bowls Club first. Contingent on them moving their honours board unanimously approved for BJFC to have wall space allocation proportionate to other clubs. Drinks options – prices to be reviewed, suggestions to be presented at next Poplars Committee. Outdoor seating - request to install vandal-proof picnic style benches outside the pavilion. BJFC to cover costs - unanimously approved on the basis that it would be monitored for abuse / mis-use and removed at the discretion of the Parish Council. D List to source a digital clock for the 3G pitch, funded by BJFC. D List to change access pass code. J Sherrin to publish new free-play dates in September issue of Parish Magazine.
- POP/084 Information update** – Walking football – Cllr Hazard to advise team to contact D List. Request for walking netball team – D List to organise netball hoop at 3G pitch.
- POP/085 Date of next meeting** – Monday 24th September 7pm

Meeting closed 8:55pm

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Chair of Poplars Sports Ground Committee