

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 10am

The Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road, Burton Joyce

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) T Hazard (Vice-Chair) Y Greenfield and L King

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) and D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

MINUTES

POP/243 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr D Wright (Funeral)

POP/244 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

POP/245 **Minutes of the meeting held on July 22nd 2020** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

POP/246 **Football** –BJFC proposals were reviewed. Agreed that in order to facilitate the re-starting of the football season, new measures are needed to mitigate the risk of transmission of Covid-19. A new Risk Assessment will be written to incorporate the following:

- Players to arrive changed. The exception will be senior teams who can use the changing rooms 6 at a time.
- Maximum group size for supporters is 6.
- 1 toilet to be open as per current arrangement.
- 3G pitch – no 5v5 - 7v7 only i.e. one match at a time.
- Expectation is that FA guidelines will be followed regarding staggered kick-off times.
- Additional appropriate signage to be installed.
- Lounge will remain closed. Tea bar to be set up outside.
- Fisherman's Car park to be re-opened for additional parking space.

3G Freeplay – as per summer play, agreed that it is not possible to control numbers or operate track and trace. Cllr R Ringham to discuss directly with football club to seek suggestions.

With regard for request for becoming stakeholder in the facility, Councillors noted that as this is a community facility for all sports and clubs and that it would not be feasible change the terms of the lease for the Football Club.

POP/247 **Re-opening of site** – updates on issues for:

- i. Archery – No issues with Poplars facility (member numbers have reduced as unable to get indoor facility the winter)
- ii. Bowls – All running smoothly

- iii. Petanque – All running smoothly
- iv. Cricket – 3 senior matches played in the season due to lack of opposing teams.
No junior cricket matches.

- POP/248** **Re-opening of the Main Club House** – Noted that Bridge will not be requesting to hire the pavilion as it is considered to be too high risk and difficult to manage. D List to liaise directly with them regarding request to use the outside of the facility for their AGM. Request for birthday party bookings have been refused to date. Agreed unanimously that the Club House should remain closed. To be reviewed in October meeting.
- POP/249** **Re-opening of Tea Bar** – Agreed that this should be set up outside. To be reviewed in October meeting.
- POP/250** **Fireworks Night** – Under current regulations, would not be possible. To be re-considered at October meeting.
- POP/251** **Sports Ground Hire Rates** – Rates to be increased by 1.5% from 1st October, in line with ONS Annual Growth rate and RPI.
- POP/252** **Tea Bar Prices** – To be reviewed in October meeting.
- POP/253** **Rent** – Lease runs to June 2095. Established that this cannot be adjusted. Three year plan has been proposed and accepted for backdated rent increase. Cllr R Ringham investigated Fisherman’s Car Park Rates in comparison with others similar. Agreed not to dispute.
- POP/254** **CCTV** – Quote provided. To recommend to Full Council to install motion-activated upgrade.
- POP/255** **LED Lights** – D List to get quote from electrician.
- POP/256** **Bowls Pavilion** – Ramp not started due to recent poor weather. D List to contact building regulations again to propose movable, temporary ramp is installed instead.
- POP/257** **Maintenance and repairs update** – Recent sewage service identified corroded guide rails in need of replacement in a year. To include in budget considerations for 2021.
- POP/258** **Information update** - Utility truck purchase has been on hold - D List to contact truck owner to establish if he wants to sell it.
- POP/259** **Date of next meeting** – Monday October 5th at 1pm

Meeting closed at 12:00pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____