

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 22nd March 2021 at 10am
On-line meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

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

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

POP/317 **Apologies for absence** - None

POP/318 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

POP/319 **Minutes of the meeting held on February 22nd 2021** - Unanimously approved. To be signed by the Chair when possible.

POP/320 **BJFC Presentation** – Noted that the Working Group had met and considered the presentation in detail. It was agreed that the Club should be invited back to the next Poplars meeting in order for comprehensive feedback to be provided. Cllr R Ringham and D List provided initial feedback to the Club Chair in the interim. Noted that an extension to the 3G pitch had not been considered in the plans and could be explored further, particularly as it would offer greater capacity than grass pitches. Irrigation and more frequent seeding were also possible ways of improving the frequency of use of the grass pitches, but at a significant cost. These issues could also be further explored with the Club.

POP/321 **Request from residents to hold wedding at the Sports Ground** – Issue of extension to entertainment licences to be explored by J Sherrin. D List to confirm that a wedding ceremony is not being requested, as the site is not licenced for marriage services. Committee agreed in principle for the site to be used, contingent on the necessary licences being explored and the hirers to circulate flyers to neighbouring properties if it is agreed.

POP/322 **Lockdown III** – Update on re-opening plans

- i. **Bowls Club** – Aim to re-commence 17th April. Risk Assessments and Club Guidance already provided to D List. To review with J Sherrin.
- ii. **Cricket Club** – Juniors and seniors aiming to re-commence from May 1st. Covid protocols due to be sent to D List. To review with J Sherrin.
- iii. **Football Club** – Due to re-commence 29th March on 3G and then later on grass pitches. FA Guidelines not yet published. May be change to spectator rules. Pavilion will remain closed. Tea bar provision to be assessed according to number of spectators anticipated. D List and J Sherrin to review once FA protocols received.

- iv. **Archery Club** – Want to re-commence 29th March. To send protocols to D List. To review with J Sherrin. Competition being organised for 20th June.
- v. **Petanque**– Want to re-commence 29th March. To send protocols to D List. To review with J Sherrin.
- vi. **Walking Netball** – Want to re-commence 29th March. To send protocols to D List. To review with J Sherrin.
- vii. **Slimming World** – Asked to change meeting day to Wednesday. Clashes with Bridge Club booking, but Bridge willing to change.
- viii. **Bridge** – Still reviewing safe return. Considering outdoor meetings.
- ix. **Yoga** – No requests received to date.

POP/323 **Water Leak** – Chamber at Poplars is leaking. Supply has been turned off. D List to get plumber to make necessary repairs. J Savage sent further info requested to Water Plus regarding bill.

POP/324 **Maintenance and Repairs** – Shutters in lounge have been mended. D List to action repairs to Poplars Office shutter. Showers - D List to seek further quotes. 3G top up and weed killer ordered.

POP/325 **Replacement Sports Field Mower and Bowls Green Mower** – Bowls mower delivery delayed. Due in 1-2 weeks. J Sherrin to chase NALC re PWLB loan for Sports Field Mower.

POP/326 **Information Update** – No further updates.

POP/327 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 26th April 2021 at 10am

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____