

# MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm**  
**Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) and L King  
**In Attendance:** J Sherrin (Parish Clerk) and D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

- POP/482**      **Apologies for absence** ) Cllr T Hazard (Sick) and D Wright (Sick)
- POP/483**      **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/484**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- POP/485**      **Club review – Updates on the following clubs:**
- i. BJFC – Partnership Agreement / future use and future costing structure. Concerns were raised that allocated slots are not being filled. Cllr Ringham to organise meeting with BJFC Chair and Treasurer to review. To be resolved before new season starts.
  - ii. Bowls – Club is thriving. D List congratulated for being awarded 'Groundsman of the Year' by the Club. Re-start in April. J Sherrin to check donation status.
  - iii. Archery – Path around easement now being installed with consent from STW. Agreement needs to be reviewed.
  - iv. Pétanque - To review estimated costs for additional pistes and consider funding methods / grants. J Sherrin to advise club that Parish Council could fund 50% of material costs (with necessary approvals) if they are able to raise remaining funds and assure increased usage going forward.
  - v. Slimming World - Ok
  - vi. Bridge - Ok
  - vii. Yoga – Ok
  - viii. Cricket - Update on proposal to BJ Cricket Club re next season. Confirmed by Cricket Club that it guarantees that both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Burton Joyce teams will be fully using the site and will pay accordingly. Only free dates for possible Music Gala are 6<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Noted these dates were the King's Coronation and the middle of the school holidays, so neither suitable. J Sherrin to advise Cllr S Smith.
  - ix. 3G – Update on independent clubs. Pitch booked by outside club for walking football, minis and toddler groups.
- POP/486**      **Gate and Pathway from Fisherman's Car Park** – Update from VIA visit – Approval given by STW. Have measured up and will be going ahead.
- POP/487**      **Fireworks Night** – Numbers high due to other cancelled events and good weather. Feedback was display needs more variety and a better crescendo. Same company to be booked for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. PA system and countdown needed as

in previous years. Pre-sale of tickets worked well. To consider revising layouts next year – possible entrance at far end of car park to allow more hard standing for food and drinks vehicles. LED lights needed for darker areas to encourage ingress to the site. Fire brigade to be advised of precise plans for beacons.

**POP/488 Summer Music Festival** – Only available dates 6<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> August. J Sherrin to advise Cllr S Smith.

**POP/489 Casual Play Area** – High levels of concern that material costs have increased greatly. STW have agreed to waive all lease change and solicitor fees for the project. Planning approval in place. Grant funding yet to be secured. Football Foundation to be contacted again to establish if funding is still available.

**POP/490 Other Maintenance and Repairs** – No updates.

**POP/491 Information Update** – BJ History Society have spoken to D List about potential storage. Some can go to Nottingham Archives. Some possibly in loft space at Poplars / Cemetery Portacabin. D List to get **more details from them. 3G suppliers offered free quote for re-laying 3G pitch.**

**POP/492 Resignation of Chair** – Cllr Ringham resigned as Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee. He was sincerely thanked for his many years of hard work in Chairing this committee and playing such a pivotal role.

**POP/493 Election of Chair** – Cllr Y Greenfield unanimously elected as the Chair.

**POP/494 Date of Next Meeting** – TBA

Meeting closed 9:05pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_