

## MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm**  
**The Clubhouse, Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road**

**Present:** Cllr T Hazard (Chair) L King and J Johnson

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

### MINUTES

**POP/528**      **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Y Greenfield, G Hadjigeorgiou and D Yates

**POP/529**      **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

**POP/530**      **Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**POP/531**      **Club review – Updates on the following clubs:**

- i. BJFC –Grounds & Amenities Manager reported on meeting with BJFC. Request for easements to be cut back to assist with retrieving lost footballs. Noted these were left long at the request of the Climate Action Group. Estimated cost of flailing them £350. Agreed to propose to BJFC that they Club covers the cost and as a compromise this is done in the autumn /winter months and allowed to grow wild in the spring/ summer months. D List to advise both groups. Request for storage unresolved. Installation of additional container considered. Agreed more appropriate long-term solution is to clear changing room 5. As furniture has not been itemised to be sold, agreed that it could be donated to charity to clear the space. D List to organise collection from charity. Change in communication structure implemented by the Club. All correspondence to be sent to [committee@burtonjoycefc.co.uk](mailto:committee@burtonjoycefc.co.uk) and the Club will establish which members should respond. Finalisation of Partnership Agreement for signature considered. D List requested postponement until next meeting, as BJFC will be submitting proposal to alter the usage of the 3G pitch and changes to Friday night training.
- ii. Bowls – Membership is now up to c60. Coming to the end of the season. New product available for leatherjacket control costs £500. Agreed that Bowls Club should be asked to cover this cost. Green to be spiked, scarified, fertilised and top-dressed before close of season by D List.
- iii. Archery – Vandalism to portacabins suffered due to gap in fence by train station. Network Rail to be contacted to assess repairs needed. Police to be invited to future communities committee meeting.
- iv. Pétanque – Concerns from users that new pathway is not obvious, so D List will cut grass shorter over the mesh. Request for piste surface to be 6mm to dust now actioned, Club to cover additional cost. £250 to be donated by club to cover cost of conifer planting as wind-break for the pistes.

- v. Slimming World – No issues
- vi. Bridge – All ok
- vii. Yoga – Request for reduced fees considered. Agreed consistency needed for all users, so not approved.
- viii. Cricket – All fixture fulfilled
- ix. 3G – 1 independent club starting Wednesdays and another Mondays. D List to email available slots to J Sherrin to add to website. There are currently 4-5 regular slots available.

**POP/532**

**Clubhouse Bar**

- i. Quote for decoration – D List to seek quote from local builder
- ii. To agree date for stock take – 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30am – J Johnson
- iii. Feedback on signage regarding consumption of drinks not purchased on site. D List reported that attendance had dwindled to nothing in August. Awaiting feedback from BJFC but anticipates that they will no longer request Friday Night bar opening.

**POP/533**

**Fireworks Night** – D List to ask BJFC if their PA system can be used. Pre-ticket sales to be implemented again due to success of previous year. Retailers to stop selling at their own closing time on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. External coffee supplier to be re-located to petanque end of the ground. Draft taps not to be used this year as will require cleaning and re-setting just for one event. Cans to be supplied instead. Following feedback on last year, fireworks display company to be asked for bigger crescendo this year and for full 10 minute display time. Sparklers to not be allowed this year due to the short time available for grounds checks for football matches the next day. Impact to be reviewed after event. D List to get prices and send link for free-standing re-chargeable LED lights for darker areas of ground to encourage crowds to spread out more and for more mats for independent food / drink suppliers to be located on grass areas. Bar prices to be agreed at the next meeting.

**POP/534**

**Film Request** – Request for “She Will Play On” mini film to be produced considered. Require 1 pitch and 1 changing room. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October preferred date. Proposed fee £200 approved. D List to liaise with film makers.

**POP/535**

**Casual Play Area** – Meeting with FA postponed. To be re-arranged by J Sherrin.

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**3G Pitch Testing** – Still awaiting confirmation of FA registration due to a backlog their end. Advised new nets are required on 3G pitch.

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**Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Only pitches 1 and 6 were fertilised this year as it was not required on others due to good weather. Repairs to steps on pathway completed. Additional help in summer months from temporary grounds staff proved very helpful. 2 temporary tea-bar staff still working on tea-bar.

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**Information Update** – Items not requiring a decision

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**Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

**Meeting closed 8:10pm**

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

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