

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7pm
On-line meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

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

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

- POP/328** **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Y Greenfield and D Wright
- POP/329** **Council members’ declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/330** **Minutes of the meeting held on March 22nd 2021** – Unanimously approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair
- POP/331** **BJ Football Club** – Club have stated that they will respond to the email from Cllr Ringham either by email or by attending the next Poplars Committee meeting.
- POP/332** **Removal of Junior Cricket Square** – This has now taken place. A donation of £500 from BJFC towards the costs of re-turfing will be made. Should be completed next week.
- POP/333** **Coronavirus Roadmap Stage 2-** Review of Club re-starts
- i. **Bowls Club** – Restarted 17th April. Thirteen new members have joined. Protocols will be adapted on 17th May and fixture list will begin.
 - ii. **Cricket Club** – Restarted. First match 1st May. Both Juniors and seniors will be playing and training.
 - iii. **Football Club** – Well into their fixtures, trying to catch up on missed matches. Last booking is for 1st week in June.
 - iv. **Archery Club** – Restarted and all going smoothly
 - v. **Petanque** – Have restarted and playing 7-8 times a week.
 - vi. **Slimming World** – Want to return 17th May
 - vii. **Bridge** – No updates – D List will contact
 - viii. **Yoga** – No updates – D List will contact
- POP/334** **Clubhouse, Tea-bar and Alcohol Bar re-opening** – Tea bar is closed on Saturday afternoons when both cricket and football are present, as the numbers are too great and there is a risk of crowding on the veranda. Needs to be monitored. Cllr R Ringham to arrange meeting with BJFC’s Chair to discuss possibilities for re-opening the bar, e.g. outside.

POP/335 **Wedding at the Sports Ground request** – J Sherrin passed GBC licencing form onto D List for customers to complete and sign. D List to check contents of form returned to him. Couple will carry out leafleting to neighbours before the event.

POP/336 **Water Leak** – Bill still being chased up by J Savage. Cllr R Ringham to seek plumber to mend the joint on the new leak, which has a temporary fix at the moment.

POP/337 **Maintenance and Repairs** – D List to seek another quote for the showers. Office shutter not yet fixed, will chase. To forward quote for showers to Cllr L King for details.

POP/338 **Replacement Sports Field Mower and Bowls Green Mower** – Bowls Green mower has arrived. Fairway Mower on order and due for delivery in 1-2 weeks. £1,500 offered for old mower.

POP/339 **Information Update** – Badgers have been digging up pitch 5. Licence to block sets had been explored. Advice taken from STW who use electric fences and can loan the Parish Council some to see if they are effective. D List to contact their pest control person for advice. Needs to be resolved before the start of the next football season in September.

Two incidents of damage to cars in the car park reported by BJFC. CCTV footage has been checked and followed up accordingly. Highlighted need for re-positioning of camera for better view of car park. D List to speak to installation firm.

3G Pitch – Recommended a 2mm top-up is needed.

BJFC have requested electrical cables to be installed to BBQ area in front of veranda. D List to contact electrician.

POP/340 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 21st June at 7pm

Meeting closed 7:55pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____