

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 1st August 2022 at 7pm
The Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road

MINUTES

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

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

POP/458 **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs G Hadjigeorgiou and D Wright

POP/459 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

POP/460 **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

POP/461 **Clubhouse Tea-bar / Bar** – All going well. Currently running with one staff member whilst it is quiet, but will increase to 2 again at the end of the school holidays. Beer in stock has long enough shelf life to last to bonfire night. Contactless payments are increasingly popular. The wi-fi crashed when many terminals were being used on site for the Presentation Day. Cllr Ringham to give suppliers a call try and ensure this will be avoided next time there is a big event.

POP/462 **Club review** – Updates on the following clubs:

- i. BJFC – Awaiting team information from BJFC for next season. Contract remains in need of review in the medium term.
- ii. Bowls – Revised partnership agreement to be sent to Chairman. Bowling green much improved.
- iii. Archery – Vandalism to container reported to police. Police to visit to review CCTV
- iv. Petanque – New path to be installed in October. Materials to be ordered asap.
- v. Slimming World - Ok
- vi. Bridge – Ok
- vii. Yoga – Ok
- viii. Table Tennis – Not playing in August, but otherwise continuing throughout the year. Going well.
- ix. Cricket – Request made from external club for used of pitch when unused by BJCC. Noted BJCC 2nd team has folded. Season finishes at the end of August. Contract with Cricket to be reviewed and Cllr Ringham to set up meeting with BJCC with a view to considering the request for next season.

POP/463 **Casual Play Area** – STW have confirmed the sludge main is redundant. Cllr Ringham awaiting reply from STW regarding associated solicitor's fees. Next step to complete grant application. Cllr Ringham and Clerk to action. Noted a Gedling Play Pitch Strategy consultant visited the site last week as part of GBC's assessment of sports facilities.

- POP/464** **Summer Freeplay** – Summer freeplay on the 3G Pitch is in place from 10:30-3:30 daily. Not age restricted this year.
- POP/465** **3G Access Control / CCTV and IT Equipment** – Cllr Ringham and D List met BJFC and discussed access cards. Agreed that they were not necessary and the system of gate opening and locking was working. Clerk queried the needs for stats for FA monitoring – advised these can be drawn from club membership data, also concerns that the pitch is only available if staff were present – advised BJFC were content with this arrangement. IT support to be asked for expected costs of re-instating the card control system.
- POP/466** **Summer Music Festival** – Suggestion of a Music Festival in summer 2023 considered. Noted that previous festivals had been well attended – one was from the back of a lorry trailer and the other a more major event with a marquee. The key was to have a competent and willing group of volunteers to manage the event. Would need to be held in May/June to allow recovery time for the pitches. Trent Valley Councillor Sam Smith to be invited to informal meeting to discuss ideas in more detail. Clerk to action.
- POP/467** **Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Goal mouths need watering, the rest of the pitches should recover from the dry weather. Many pre-season friendlies are booked in. 3G wooden fence – on list of repairs. Will be done in winter months by grounds staff. Local engineering firm to be contacted by D List to resolve shutter problems in clubhouse.
- POP/468** **Information Update** – Fireworks display had been postponed in previous years and will need to be re-booked. Deputy Clerk to propose 4th November 2022 to company.
- POP/469** **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 26th September at 7pm

Meeting closed 8pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____