

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7:00pm
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)

Burton Joyce Football Club: Paul Chapman (Chair) Rob Jovanovic (Vice Chair) Sam Harper (Treasurer) Louise Putnar (Secretary) Will Greasley (Youth Development) and James Shaw (Junior Development)

POP/303 **Apologies for absence - None**

POP/304 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda - None**

POP/305 **Minutes of the meeting held on January 25th 2021** – Unanimously approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair.

POP/306 **Presentation by BJFC on future expansion of the Club**

A presentation was given to the committee of Burton Joyce Football Club's plans and aspirations for the future. The Club would like to see the development of the Poplars Sports Ground to cope with the projected increase in capacity of team numbers from 29 to 37 by 2023. Proposals were presented to re-configure the existing use of land at the Sports Ground, to acquire additional land from Severn Trent Water or an amalgamation of the two. A further proposal to develop the existing Club House was presented. The first was to demolish the existing building, re-orientate it and replace it with a 2-storey building. The second was to maintain the existing structure and modernise it. Within the presentation proposals were made regarding assistance with staffing and maintenance. Following any agreement to pursue the proposals, funding and grants could be explored by the Football Club.

POP/307 **Open discussion following presentation, including update on STW communication**

The Club was thanked for their presentation. It was clarified that the number of Club members resident in Burton Joyce was 40%. The youngest group, the Mini Greens, has the highest proportion of Burton Joyce residents, as most are from the primary school. As the teams get older more members are from outside the village, within approx 1-3 mile radius. STW have been asked about extending the boundaries of the existing land and advised that this is currently not possible. Suggestions were made regarding exploring other pockets of land in the vicinity of the site, for example the area off Shaftesbury Avenue. It was concluded that the Poplars Committee needed to consider the detail of the presentation before being

able to make comment on it. P Chapman to send a copy of the presentation to the R Ringham to circulate to councillors for their initial comments and queries to be sent to J Sherrin by 4th March. A follow-up meeting to be organised subsequently.

- POP/308** **Lockdown III** – The government announcement made on 22nd February was that sports will be able to recommence from 29th March 2021. More guidance is anticipated before then. It is likely that all necessary procedures will already be in place from previous lockdowns and re-openings. D List and J Sherrin to review procedures following the publication of the new guidance.
- POP/309** **Water Leak** – The large bill that was on hold has now been cleared by Water Plus as non-payable. Refunds have also been issued for previous bills during the period of the leak.
- POP/310** **Bowls Pavilion** – A working group meeting with the Bowls Club to review costs has taken place. It was proposed and resolved unanimously to increase the rates to £48.50 to cover the additional running costs associated with the installation of the Pavilion, alongside an annual re-payment of £1000 per year to cover all one-off legal and surveying fees until the point at which these are paid in full.
- POP/311** **BJ Cricket Club** – Saturday senior fixtures have been provided to D List, with Junior fixtures due shortly. There is no longer a Sunday team.
- POP/312** **Maintenance and Repairs** – Shutters are due for repair before the end of March. A quote for £15k had been received for the replacement of the expansion tanks and emersion heaters for all 5 changing room showers. Noted that only rooms 4 and 6 were not working. D List to seek further quotes for just the 2 showers which are not working.
- POP/313** **Replacement Sports Field Mower and Bowls Green Mower** – Three field mowers have been quoted and reviewed. The application to the Public Works Loan Board has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A request has been made from NALC to priorities the application as it is time sensitive. A preferred supplier has been identified based on the quality of the machine, its durability, running costs and availability of spare parts. R Ringham to discuss delay with the preferred suppliers.
- POP/314** **Review of 3G Steering Group meeting and update on Casual play area** – The FA remained positive about supporting the Casual Play area and have a visit to review the site as a priority on their list once the Covid restrictions are relaxed.
- POP/315** **Information Update** – No further updates
- POP/316** **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 22nd March at 10am

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____