

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 21st February 2022 at 7pm
The Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) Y Greenfield, G Hadjigeorgiou and L King

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

- POP/415** **Apologies for absence** Cllrs T Hazard (Isolating) and D Wright (Isolating)
- POP/416** **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/417** **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- POP/418** **Clubhouse Tea-bar** -
- i. **Review for re-opening** – Latest government announcement that all Covid restrictions will be lifted from Thursday 24th February 2022 noted. Tea bar to be re-instated inside, but with maximum capacity at 35 (usual capacity 80) to allow initial management of numbers. This figure to be reviewed at next meeting. Laminated sign to be made to display in club house. Main Bar to be re-opened in May 2022. Mini kegs to be purchased instead of full barrels. D List to contact supplier to arrange pipe cleaning and set up in time for re-opening. Noted that party requests for Saturday mornings are possible as cricket play from 1pm.
 - ii. Review of tea-bar prices. Proposal to Full Council that all tea bar prices remain the same, with an increase in price of hot drinks from £1.00 to £1.50. Alcohol bar prices to be reviewed at next meeting in time for May opening.
 - iii. Review of float system. Concerns that float no longer attainable alleviated – Deputy Clerk to use “change giving” card at Post Office. Laminated sign to be made to encourage use of contactless payments at till.
- POP/419** **Review of 3G maintenance contract** – Two quotes received with £1,425 difference over 5-year period. Discounts on maintenance offered by existing supplier. Delegated authority given to D List price match with existing supplier to enable continued servicing and maintenance of 3G surface in Feb/March. To be reported to next Full Council.
- POP/420** **Club review**
- i. BJFC – Recognise they have too many teams for the Poplars Sports Ground capacity and therefore book venues elsewhere. Potential for 2nd 3G pitch still being explored by BJFC. Have requested a copy of the SLA. Poplars Committee to review terms of agreement in April meeting. February half term - 3G access given to club members and residents on weekdays; not staffed at weekends. Agreed access cards need to be re-instated for full holiday access including weekends to be available by 6-week summer

holiday. D List to look at re-instigating card system during March. Noted changing room 5 has been turned into a storage facility for BJFC as items stored in the loft were being damaged. D List to follow up offer of assistance in clubhouse improvements from BJFC member.

- ii. Bowls – Partnership Agreement – revised wording to be circulated to committee for approval and then to Bowls Club.
- iii. Archery – Have suffered vandalism to their toilet facility and have been rectifying this. They have also put a new storage container on the site. Cllr Ringham to advise Severn Trent Water of this.
- iv. Petanque – Running smoothly
- v. Slimming World – Running smoothly
- vi. Bridge – Have resumed play.
- vii. Yoga – Running smoothly
- viii. Table Tennis – Have dropped one Thursday session, but have now returned.

POP/421 **Accessibility** – Meeting postponed. To take place in 2 weeks time.

POP/422 **Open Day, June 12th 2022** – Open Day planning meeting held 24th January, with ideas discussed further. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou has been liaising with Scarecrow Weekend organisers and PTA. PTA will have ‘pocket money’ stall at the Open Day. Suggestion of “Royal Scarecrow” for Jubilee themed event to be put to organisers, with scarecrows located at the Poplars. To suggest at next meeting on 7th March for clubs attending the Open Day to do their own scarecrow as part of this activity. Decorated paper plates from school to also be displayed.

POP/423 **Casual Play Area** – Decision date for planning application now 4th March 2022.

POP/424 **Broadband** – Agreed to end contract with existing provider once alternative supplier has been found (to keep CCTV running). Cllr Ringham to do further research into 4G / 5G antennae providers and report back.

POP/425 **Access Control / CCTV and IT Equipment** – Cllr Ringham has been provided with the members list from BJFC for access cards. D List to look at getting access control re-instigated (currently can’t open remotely – may need upgrading). Alarm call-outs are frequently false alarms in the early hours as sensors are sensitive to wind and the location is particularly windy. D List to ask alarm company to suggest alternatives.

POP/426 **Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Cricket Club is repairing nets. List to be drawn of short, medium and long term maintenance and improvements. To include consideration of replacing (heavy) tables and chairs to something lighter and more flexible.

POP/427 **Information Update** – No further updates

POP/428 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 25th April at the Poplars Sports Ground

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Poplars

Date: _____