

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 25th January 2021 at 10:00am
On-line meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) T Hazard, Y Greenfield, L King and D Wright

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) and D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager - from 10:40am)

- POP/290** **Apologies for absence** - None
- POP/291** **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/292** **Minutes of the meeting held on December 7th 2020** – Unanimously approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair.
- POP/293** **Lockdown III** – Income losses from the closure of the Sports Ground continue in the latest national lockdown. J Sherrin to seek further central government grant assistance from GBC once the announcement has been made on their Website. Cllr R Ringham to also make enquiries for financial support at the forthcoming 3G Steering Group meeting with the FA. Indications from BJFC are that all matches need to be completed by 31st May, so original expectation that the season can be extended is now unlikely. Financial situation under continued monitoring and review.
- POP/294** **Report on discussion with BJFC** – Notes from meeting previously circulated. Cllr R Ringham to contact Severn Trent Water to ascertain possibilities of extending into surrounding field following end of existing wildflower planting contract. BJ Football Club to give presentation of their ideas at the next Poplars Committee meeting. Noted that there would be long term additional costs to any extension of land ownership and facility enlargement to be considered in the review of any proposals.
- POP/295** **Fisherman's Carpark** – Request had been made by a member of the public to consider opening up the car park for visitors to alleviate some of the parking issues on Stoke Lane. Concerns were raised regarding further fly-tipping, staffing costs of opening and closing the gates and the problem of cars getting locked in. Concerns were also raised regarding the encouragement of travelling to the village during lockdown, when advice is not to travel. Agreed unanimously that the carpark should continue to remain closed and only open under the existing regime; for busy match days. Cllr L King noted that in the long term greater demand for parking near the riverside is anticipated and access to the facility will need to be reviewed post pandemic.

- POP/296** **Water Leak** – The two meter readings have now been taken and the bill continues to be suspended until the issue is resolved.
- POP/297** **Bowls Pavilion** – A meeting is arranged for 2nd February to review additional legal, building regulations and licence-change costs for the installation of the Bowls Pavilion and to agree a repayment plan with the Bowls Club.
- POP/298** **Maintenance and Repairs** – D List reported that following a further site visit, the shutter repairs only require changes to broken spindles and will cost less than originally anticipated. Works will be carried out before the end of March. A site visit to quote for repairs the showers took place on 23rd January. Quote to be circulated for the next meeting.
- POP/299** **Replacement Sports Field Mower and Bowls Green Mower** – J Sherrin has submitted the application to NALC for the Public Works Loan to purchase the Sports Field Mower. This has been approved and sent to the PWLB and a response is expected within the next week. The separate purchase of the Bowls Green Mower is being negotiated with the Field Mower to seek a better deal.
- POP/300** **Casual play area** – Cllr Ringham has reopened discussions with the FA regarding the provision of a casual play area at the Poplars Sports Ground. They have confirmed that it remains part of the Gedling LFFP and requested further information regarding the surfaces and partnership funding. Possible in-kind contributions and contributions from s106 to be discussed as part of wider strategy at F&GP meeting and reported back to the FA.
- POP/301** **Information Update** – A 3G Steering Group meeting has been arranged for 9th February. Cllrs Ringham, Hazard and Wright to attend. BJFC representatives will also be attending.
- POP/302** **Date of Next Meeting** – February 22nd at 7pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____