

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 29th January 2024 at 7pm
The Clubhouse, Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road

Present: Cllrs T Hazard (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) J Johnson, L King and R Rolls.

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

DRAFT MINUTES

- POP/565** **Apologies for absence** – Cllr D Yates (Prior Engagement)
- POP/566** **Council members’ declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/567** **Minutes of the meeting held on December 4th 2023** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- POP/568** **Matters arising from previous meeting not covered in the agenda** – D List to action getting wi-fi extender for the bar to improve signal for contactless payments.
- POP/569** **Club review – Updates on the following clubs:**
- i. BJFC – Partnership Agreement still with BJFC for approval, on their next agenda.
 - ii. Bowls – Not playing in winter months
 - iii. Archery - OK
 - iv. Pétanque – Want posts for score boards, D List actioning
 - v. Slimming World – Extended room hire to include Wednesday mornings
 - vi. Bridge – Received email re-leaky tap. Has been fixed. Consider swapping for one with lever handle to make easier to fully close.
 - vii. Yoga - OK
 - viii. Cricket – Liaison with BJFC to agree ‘Presentation Day’ date in summer - agreed to be Sunday 30th June 2024 (one day instead of 2 this year). Once D List has fixtures for Sunday play for BJCC it will be possible to organise fixtures for new team. Start beginning of May, runs until August. Noted that cricket run the bar themselves.
 - ix. 3G – Turn-style system needs to be operational again to enable Freeplay. D List to contact original installers to get quote and advice on re-instating it. Cllr Rolls was provided with summary of available 3G slots (on Wednesdays and Thursdays) to pass onto BJFC to try to fill.
- POP/570** **Storage** – Cllr Hadjigeorgiou had arranged for removal of excess furniture from Changing Room 5. Thanks to be passed onto her. It is now being used by BJFC for storage, with a small amount of space for Parish Council use.
- POP/571** **Clubhouse Bar**
- i. Refurbishment / redecoration update – Quote for £400+VAT received to paint walls, ceiling and all doors in the Clubhouse and Bar. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to choose colour scheme. Cllr Hazard to arrange date with D List to refurbish the tables.
 - ii. Feedback from introduction of new coffee machines and agreement on pricing. Agreed for price for pod-coffee to be set at £2.50. D List has sourced milk with longer shelf-life. Staff advised that both instant and pod coffee are to be served. Will speed up service. Pod-coffee well received. More pods to be ordered.

- POP/572** **Flooding** – Feedback on impact of recent flooding. Approximately £1,300 of income lost from closure of site in flooding. Emergency services could not have accessed the site if needed due to flooded road. J Sherrin to investigate compensation grants from GBC/NCC.
- POP/573** **Fencing by 3G Pitch** – Timber fencing behind 3G pitch has blown down in storm. Site is excessively windy. D List proposed that a more suitable replacement would be mesh fencing (as installed in the rest of the ground). Effect of no wind barrier on the pitch discussed. Advised that netting wind barriers are available to add to the mesh fencing if required. D List to get quote.
- POP/574** **Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Lighting and emergency lighting works all now complete. LED in carpark has recently gone – D List to organise replacement. Additional camera in car park still required – D List to organise. Hinges on front door broken and not repairable. D List to get quotes for replacement. All mowers have gone for service, including the Baroness, which is having a full service.
- POP/575** **Poplars Open Day** – Will need to be on a Sunday to fit in with cricket. Or possible May Day Bank Holiday. Aim to “showcase” the ground and involve all clubs / site users. Cllr King to liaise with Cllr Hadjigeorgiou for ideas.
- POP/576** **Information Update** – BJFC requested slots for friendlies for the girl’s team. D List has advised that they can do this on the understanding that it is only them. Suggestion with BJFC for them to discuss.
- POP/577** **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 25th March at 7pm.

Meeting closed 7:40pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Poplars Committee

Date: _____