

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 21st June 2021 at 7pm
The Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street

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)

DRAFT MINUTES

POP/341 **Apologies for absence** - None

POP/342 **Election of Chair** – Cllr R Ringham unanimously elected as Chair

POP/343 **Election of Vice-Chair** – Cllr T Hazard unanimously elected as Vice-Chair

POP/344 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

POP/345 **Minutes of the meeting held on April 28th 2021** – Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair

POP/346 **Burton Joyce Football Club**

- i. Meeting with new BJFC Chair – D List and Cllr R Ringham met informally with the new Chair and the Treasurer. They have requested a meeting with the Poplars Committee members in the near future to discuss capacity from September as the Club now has 34 teams (increased from 29). The Club is sourcing some pitches elsewhere and the cricket square has been moved and the mound between pitches removed to enable a different configurations of pitches, to try and increase capacity. There are more 9v9 teams this year, so D List will look into changing an 11v11 pitch. Approximate costs of increasing seeds and fertiliser to cope with more matches being played on pitch estimated to be approx. £1,000. BJFC treasurer looking into getting grant from Notts FA to help with pitch improvements, but as probably will be classed as 'very good' or 'excellent' condition, funding is unlikely. Security of tenure would be required to the Club from the Parish Council for the grant and an external contractor would need to do the additional work. Income and expenditure for all sports clubs at the ground and level of subsidy discussed. Noted that most sports operate with a level of subsidy.
- ii. Discussions regarding expansion proposal – No further discussions have taken place – BJFC plan to attend the next Poplars Committee meeting.
- iii. Request to have 'Burton Joyce Parish Council' Cup – Supported and noted.
- iv. Bar arrangements for presentation weekend 25th / 26th June – Existing Covid-protocols for match days to be practiced over the weekend. Presentations to take place at the pitch side. Teams and spectators encouraged to leave after each set of presentations. D List to discuss practicalities of running the bar with the Football Club. Would require table service to serve alcohol under current regulations.

- POP/347 Clubhouse, Tea-bar and Alcohol Bar re-opening** – Tea bar was re-opened in April. Clubhouse has been re-opened to some groups. Agreed not to re-open bar due to table service requirements. To be reviewed following national re-opening date of July 19th announcement.
- POP/348 Coronavirus Roadmap** - Review of status following latest announcement. D List reported the following:
- i. Bowls Club – unaffected by delay in roadmap stage 4
 - ii. Cricket Club – junior matches have been cancelled due to Covid outbreaks. Not using pavilion yet.
 - iii. Football Club – Running ok.
 - iv. Archery Club – Successful event last Sunday.
 - v. Petanque – Unaffected by delay in roadmap stage 4
 - vi. Slimming World – Have recommenced – 1 session to date
 - vii. Bridge – Want to return by have not yet
 - viii. Yoga – Made an enquiry but not followed up yet
 - ix. Pilates – Want to commence on July 5th 6:30-7:30pm. Will need Risk Assessment.
- POP/349 Casual Play Area** – Cllr Ringham and J Sherrin met with Notts FA on site to talk through plans. Positive feedback and advice given on making application for grant to fund the project. Maximum grant £25k. Maximum funding from project 75%. Three quotes from fence suppliers required. Cllr R Ringham has made a start on the applications process.
- POP/350 Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations** – Cllr R Ringham and D List met with representative from the Group following request for water bowser on site. Noted location decided, keys provided and permission given.
- POP/351 Water Leak** – The pipe at the Poplars had a significant leak, causing supply problems when it was particularly dry. Assistance from Balfour Beatty requested by J Sherrin. Balfour Beatty responded very quickly, met Cllr Ringham on site and resolved the leak the following day. Sincere thanks were extended to BB for their rapid and effective assistance.
- POP/352 Maintenance and Repairs** – Office shutters still to be fixed. No progress with showers. Brick BBQ to be demolished. Bowls Club have repainted Bowls Pavilion.
- POP/353 Replacement Sports Field Mower** – Sports Field mower has been delivered and is working well. Vast improvement in cutting quality of old machine. **Proposed and resolved unanimously** to accept offer of £1,250 for old fairway mower.
- POP/354 Information Update** – No further updates
- POP/355 Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 19th July at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____