

## **MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at 7pm**  
**The Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) Y Greenfield and L King

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

**POP/383**      **Apologies for absence** – Cllr T Hazard (Isolating) and D Wright (Sick)

**POP/384**      **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None

**POP/385**      **Minutes of the meeting held on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

**POP/386**      **Clubhouse Tea-bar** – Agreed to continue to serve outside as this was working well. To be reviewed again in December meeting.

**POP/387**      **Burton Joyce Football Club**

- i. Feedback from latest discussions with BJFC. A Club member has offered support in providing improvements to the Clubhouse, for example shower repairs. D List to follow up and explore other ideas with him. Regarding request to expand 3G pitch or create new additional pitch, this is being explored by Cllr Ringham with FA contacts, who will visit the site as soon as they are able. With 6 years remaining on existing 3G mat, considered appropriate to start planning now. Holiday and weekday freeplay discussed. D List reported that holiday freeplay works well, with access 10:30am to 3:30pm in the school holidays for Club members and BJ Residents. Providing winter weekday freeplay would require the pitch being flood-lit, which is a significant cost, so to suspend weekday access during the winter. New access cards not to be printed. Current system works well. Reporting data can be gained from match spreadsheets.
- ii. Defibrillator – Prior approval (via email) for installation of additional defibrillator at the 3G pitch, funded by BJFC noted. New unit to be installed shortly. Monitoring to be carried out by BJPC staff and replacement pads and batteries to be funded by BJFC.

**POP/388**      **Coronavirus Update** - Review of the following:

- i. Football Club – As above
- ii. Bowls Club – Season finished. J Sherrin to set up Partnership Agreement Review.
- iii. Cricket Club – Season finished.
- iv. Archery Club – All ok.
- v. Petanque – Busy.
- vi. Slimming World – On Wednesdays. No problems.

- vii. Bridge – Now on Tuesdays, All ok.
- viii. Yoga - Tuesdays
- ix. Pilates – Finished – moved away.
- x. Table tennis – Mondays and Thursdays. First session today.

- POP/389**     **Accessibility** – Meeting still to be organised. D List to follow up.
- POP/390**     **Movember** – Men’s Cancer Charity. To recommend to Full Council that a donation is made by the Parish Council to cover the cost of 3G pitch hire for this session. J Sherrin to advise team rep.
- POP/391**     **Open Day** – Feasibility of holding an open day at the Sports Ground considered and agreed to be positive step. D List recommended a Saturday at the end of May to tie in with the Sports Ground booking commitments. J Sherrin to contact clubs to organise an initial planning meeting and to gauge interest.
- POP/392**     **Casual Play Area** – GBC Planning officer has requested a number of additional items of information for planning application submitted. J Sherrin to organise site meeting with the GBC officer and Cllr R Ringham.
- POP/393**     **Badger Damage** – No further damage to pitches.
- POP/394**     **Sewage System Repairs** – Repairs complete.
- POP/395**     **Broadband** – Continuing issues with switch to fibre and now back to copper. Five engineer visits have taken place to date. Should be reverted to original system on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Cllr R ringham to check speed once the router is working again.
- POP/396**     **Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Front door shutter has stopped working. D List has received quote for £595 for repairs. To recommend to Full Council to carry out the repairs.
- POP/397**     **Valuation Office** –Request for Non-Domestic Rating information for Fisherman’s Car Park noted.
- POP/398**     **Budget considerations for 2022-23** - Proposed that the following items should be considered in the annual budget review:
- 3G reserve – currently £2,500 per year – suggested it should be doubled to meet future costs of replacing mat.
  - Machine replacement reserve – to cover future replacements and consider replacing hand tools with electric equivalents when they are due for replacement.
  - Possible LED lighting in the Clubhouse lounge
  - Contingency budgets to be reviewed
  - Brickwork on Pavilion starting to deteriorate in one corner
  - Consider swapping flood lights to LEDs
- POP/399**     **Information Update** – No further updates
- POP/400**     **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Meeting Closed 8:35pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_