

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 6th September 2021 at 7pm
The Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street

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

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

MINUTES

POP/367 **Apologies for absence** - None

POP/368 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

POP/369 **Minutes of the meeting held on July 19th 2021** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

POP/370 **Clubhouse, Tea-bar and Alcohol Bar re-opening** – Agreed that with Covid cases still rising that it would be safer to continue to operate the tea bar on Saturdays and Sundays outside on the veranda. The alcohol / can bar will be finishing on Friday 10th September. Supplies have been purchased from a wholesaler for the summer period as it was not viable to reopen the draft bar. Turn-over has been down on bar sales, primarily due to the need for staggered match and training times.

POP/371 **Burton Joyce Football Club**

- i. Feedback from latest discussions with BJFC – Still waiting to hear from FA
- ii. Summer Freeplay – Despite some initial problems, this has been well used and was successful.
- iii. Extension on 3G Pitch – No further update

POP/372 **Coronavirus Update** - Review of the following:

- i. Football Club – Junior and Senior teams have both now re-started
 - ii. Bowls Club – Finals day at the weekend went well. Improved quality of green from new mower noted by players.
 - iii. Cricket Club – Finished matches weekend of 4th September
 - iv. Archery Club – Interclub competition on 10th October
 - v. Petanque – All going smoothly
 - vi. Slimming World – Reopened with new Risk Assessment
 - vii. Bridge – Now playing Wednesday afternoons. Standard Pavilion Hire Risk Assessment
 - viii. Yoga – Booking for Tuesdays – New Exercise Class Risk Assessment sent
 - ix. Pilates – Booked for Tuesdays – New Exercise Class Risk Assessment sent
- D List noted that at request had been made to hold a children's party at the Pavilion. To advise that max capacity is currently 20.

POP/373 **Table Tennis** –Request from U3A to hire pavilion for table tennis use considered and fully supported. D List to advise enquirer.

- POP/374** **Hire Rates and Bar Prices** – Bar prices to remain as they are and reviewed for a 1st April 2022 start, to bring in line with other Parish Council price increases. Hire rates to increase by 2% from 1st October 2021. To consider bringing them in line with other hire rate increases in the future.
- POP/375** **Accessibility** –Request for improved accessibility for Petanque club members considered. D List and Cllr R Ringham to meet with enquirer to discuss and explore possible accessibility grants.
- POP/376** **Fireworks Night** – Postponed last year and provisionally booked for 5th November this year. Concerns raised regarding current increasing cases of Covid and hospitalisations. Money handling and crowd control of particular concern. D Wright to look into contactless payment options, J Savage to enquire about deposit commitments with fireworks supplier, Y Greenfield to find out what other local organisations are deciding. Agreed to have working group meeting to review this on Monday 27th September at 2pm.
- POP/377** **Casual Play Area** – Pre-application advice has been returned to advise that planning permission will be required and building regulation approval will not be.
- POP/378** **Badger Damage** – An electric fence has been installed to be operational when pitches are not in use.
- POP/379** **Sewage System Repairs** – Quote for £934 received to replace guide rails in sewage. This is a specialist service so other quotes not possible. To recommend to Full Council to proceed.
- POP/380** **Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Repairs to office shutters – waiting for parts and then will repair. Showers – waiting to see if any ‘Social Values’ projects may help. D List noted some of the bricks on the corner of the Clubhouse building have split. Agreed to monitor.
- POP/381** **Information Update** – Wedding taking place on Saturday 11th September. Music is due to stop at 11pm and venue to be vacated by 11:30pm. J Riley to lock up. D List to chase organisers regarding distribution of flyers to neighbouring properties.
- Cllr Ringham reported that the route of switching to fibre broadband has been explored with no success after many visits from engineers. It is not possible to reinstate the phone line until 15th September and the old number can not be retained. A formal complaint has been lodged with the Complaints Office for the time wasted, with a request for compensation.
- POP/382** **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 1st November at 7pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____