

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Monday 26th September 2022 at 7pm

The Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs R Ringham (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) T Hazard and D Wright

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

- POP/470** **Apologies for absence** – Cllr L King (Holiday) and G Hadjigeorgiou (Work)
- POP/471** **Council members’ declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None
- POP/472** **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2022** – Unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chair
- POP/473** **Clubhouse Tea-bar / Bar** - Tea bar still located in doorway of clubhouse. Noted it may need to be moved back inside in the winter months. Noted that beer deliveries need to be improved next year and become bi-weekly.
- POP/474** **Club review – Updates on the following clubs:**
- i. BJFC – the club is facing a big change to the committee membership from next season and is currently endeavouring to seek new members.
 - ii. Bowls – Cllr Ringham was delighted to have attended and participated in the end of season presentations with his wife and was grateful for the invitation. Thanks were extended by the Bowls Club to D List and the grounds team for their help. The revised Partnership Agreement has now been signed by both parties.
 - iii. Archery – Going well
 - iv. Petanque – Request received for additional pistes, with funding potentially available from the Queens Jubilee Fund. D List to cost. Cllr Ringham to respond to Club to advise the committee is supportive in principle.
 - v. Slimming World – Going well
 - vi. Bridge – Going well
 - vii. Yoga – Have now returned on Tuesdays
 - viii. Table Tennis – Have gone back to original venue
 - ix. Cricket – Two requests to use the cricket pitch have been recently received. One to the Parish Council and the other to the Cricket Club directly. Burton Joyce Cricket Club currently has 2 teams and there is concern that the 2nd team may not continue. Cllr Ringham and D List have met with the chairman to discuss. Advised by BJCC that the 2nd team will continue and there is no space for other teams. Agreed to proposed to BJ Cricket Club that if they wish to maintain the slots for both teams that they must guarantee payment in advance for the whole season for both teams. Cllr Ringham to advise BJCC. Rabbit problem was raised. D List noted that regular rabbit control is in place, but will always be an issue due to the countryside location of the site.

- POP/475** **Casual Play Area** – Confirmation has now been received that the foul main is redundant. Severn Trent Water have agreed to waive the surveyors’ fees as it is for a community project. Cllr Ringham is seeking to have the solicitor fees for the licence change also waived for the same reason. The grant application can now be progressed. Cllr Ringham and J Sherrin to action. D List to seek updated quotes.
- POP/476** **Fireworks Night** – Noted that date is set for 4th November 2022 following on-site meeting with new supplier. D List to seek alternative supplier for timber for beacons. Times agreed as follows: 5:30 bar open, 6:45 beacons lit and 7:30 fireworks. If beacons not available adjust to 6:00 bar open and 7:30 fireworks. Ticketing options discussed. Agreed that it would be preferable to set up on-line purchase once the new Website was up and running for next year. This year to request local businesses to supply tickets in advance to help with queues on the night – Nola, Rhubarb’s, and Post Office to be asked. Tea-Bar staff also to supply tickets at the Poplars at weekends. At the gate to have 2 cash, 1 pre-paid and 1 contactless station. D List to test contactless payments from outside to ensure it will function on the night. Pricing structure - £7 Adult, £4 Child, £20 Family of 4 on the night. £6 adult, £3 Child and £15 Family of 4 for tickets in advance. Not refundable unless event cancelled by the Parish Council.
- POP/477** **IT Equipment** – D List has spoken to IT support. System still functions, but it is not possible to open gates remotely. The system has been running for 3 years without use of the remote access. Only drawback is that it cannot be used for 3G summer access and needs to be staffed to open and close.
- POP/478** **Summer Music Festival** – Working group meeting taking place on 11th October at 2pm. Cllr Wright advised his son is an events manager.
- POP/479** **Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Alternative supplier will be providing quote for galvanised steel shutter. D List unable to find any other suitable suppliers. Bulb supplier looking at flood lights to assess if LED bulbs can be used and advise on period of time to get investment payback. Bowling green not been top-dressed this year, but with other intensive works carried out in it over the year should not need it.
- POP/480** **Information Update** – Email received from VIA re pathway from Fisherman’s Car park. On-site meeting to take place to review.
- POP/481** **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 24th October 7pm

Meeting closed 8:10pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee

Date: _____