

## MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm**  
**The Clubhouse, Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs T Hazard (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) G Hadjigeorgiou, L King, R Rolls and D Yates.

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

**POP/540**      **Apologies for absence** – Cllr J Johnson (Sick)

**POP/541**      **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – Cllr Yates member of Bowls Club

**POP/542**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Unanimously approved and signed by the Chair

**POP/543**      **Fireworks Night** – Bar prices reviewed and agreed – D List to update till. After event Lucozade price to increase to £1.80. Ground layout discussed, with options for wet weather agreed. Noted fisherman's car park not fit for use due to recent floods. St John's Ambulance last minute cancellation discussed. Cllr Hazard referred to HSE advice document for public displays. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou had identified alternative suppliers. Agreed to book 1 x First Aider with vehicle. Noted J Savage and Cllr Chadbourn-Doyle also qualified First Aiders for any additional support needed. Signposting needed for First Aid. Stewards to be informed. New signage stating "use of own fireworks / sparklers strictly prohibited" to go on entrance gates. Noted 2 local displays had been cancelled today due to weather. Aim to have limit of around 1200 spectators – new clickers purchased. Update on pre-paid ticket sales to be provided mid-week. FB Post to say tickets selling fast and spaces limited and car parking is very limited this year. Volunteer and staff allocation agreed. Clearing up volunteers to attend 9am Sat morning (no football til Sunday). Beer and wine purchase quantities agreed (800 cans total of larger, bitter and cider. 36 bottles mulled wine). De-brief to take place soon after.

**POP/544**      **Club review – Updates on the following clubs:**

- i. BJFC – Proposed changes to Partnership Agreement from BJFC reviewed. Most suggestions agreed with. BJFC to suggest appropriate rate for independent food / drink providers and to be advised re ownership of vertidrain and goals. J Sherrin to send back for their review. Committee content with it being signed off if Club are happy with changes. Cllr Rolls keen to play a liaison role with BJFC.
- ii. Bowls – All fine.
- iii. Archery – Fencing issue at platform - Network Rail passed on to EMR
- iv. Pétanque – Nearly complete. Tree barrier to be planted by D List in 'bare root' season – end November. Club from Carlton requested to play. D List liaised with BJ Bowls to agree to Carlton playing on a different day to BJ. Cllr Yates offered Oak trees for planting on site. D List to plant to replace dead ones.
- v. Slimming World – All fine
- vi. Bridge – All fine
- vii. Yoga – 1 hour 1 night per week now

- viii. Cricket – Proposal from BJCC received by D List requesting approval of merger with Carlton Cricket Club, which does not have its own ground. Proposal to be ratified in due course by the South Nottinghamshire Cricket League for BJCC’s two Saturday XI Senior teams. This will assist in ensuring the Club can continue to play competitively. The Club also intends to re-start the Sunday XI team in the forthcoming season after a 5 year break. This proposal was welcomed by the Committee and served to allay previous concerns regarding the Club’s continuation. D List to advise BJCC of the Parish Council’s support in this proposal.
- ix. 3G – Update on independent clubs. D List reported that there are now 3 independent clubs using the 3G facility regularly. There are still some slots available. D List to advise G Hadjigeorgiou of days available in order to publicise.

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**Clubhouse Bar**

- i. To receive quote for decoration – deferred to next meeting.
- ii. Feedback from stock take, update on plans for winter season – Cllr Johnson undertook stock take with D List. Opening tea bar on Sat afternoon no longer required.

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**Film Request** – Film crew very happy with all help and support from Parish Council and particularly D List. Will advise when the film will be released.

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**Flooding** – Feedback on impact of recent flooding. One night of matches plus BJFC half term freeplay lost revenue.

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**Casual Play Area** – Cllr Hadjigeorgiou been in contact with previous poplars chairman. Aim to pick up in new year.

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**3G Pitch Testing** – Approval now received and FA registration confirmed.

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**Other Maintenance and Repairs** – Boot brushes have been replaced. Steps and pathway in front of clubhouse repaired. Goal nets for 3G purchased. Main gate now has key locks as combination codes were being given out to non-permitted users.

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**Budget Considerations for 2024-5** – Poplars budget working group – Cllrs T Hazard, Y Greenfield, R Rolls and D List to feedback to J Sherrin on any anticipated additional expenditure for next financial year.

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**Information Update** – No further information.

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**Date of Next Meeting** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

**Meeting closed at 8:35pm**

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

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