

MEETING OF THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 6:00pm

held at

**The Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road, Burton Joyce,
Nottingham, NG14 5AN**

Present: Cllrs R Rolls (Chair), T Hazard and J Johnson

Apologies: Y Greenfield, L King, G Hadjigeorgiou, H Gregory

In Attendance: C Brettell (RFO/Ops) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

DRAFT MINUTES

POP25/665 **Apologies for absence** Cllrs L King, Y Greenfield, H Gregory and G Hadjigeorgiou

POP25/666 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** - None

POP26/667 **Minutes of the meeting held on February 5th 2025** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

POP25/668 **Matters arising from previous meeting not covered in the agenda, and update from Action Log** – The Chair went through the Action Log - Item 654 to now be removed. All other actions to be ongoing

POP25/669 **Club review – Updates on the following clubs:**

- i. BJFC - Agreement sent through for signing for 25/26 season, The 8th June is the Presentation Day. They have extended use of 3G for 3 weeks, which will help with the loss of income due to the floods and snow.
- ii. Bowls – 17th April start, fixture list sent through. Now have 63 members
- iii. Archery – several competitions now booked
- iv. Pétanque – Weather dependant but have taken £130 this month which is a success
- v. Slimming World – Now not using the Poplars for their meetings have relocated to the Village Hall
- vi. Bridge – Regular users of Clubhouse, membership is increasing, and they have requested the use of more tables
- vii. Yoga - Regular users of Clubhouse
- viii. Cricket – Fixtures set. Only 1 Junior team this season. All Saturdays booked for cricket.
- ix. 3G – additional booking by BJFC as above, plus numerous contracts from outside hirers

POP25/670 **To discuss suggestions from the Flood Warden regarding the flood store, additional sandbags, signage on Stoke Lane and access to the Poplars**

Correspondence from the Flood Warden was discussed, and use of the old substation near to the railway for use for 'Flood' related storage was agreed – To liaise with the G&AM for access. The current store at the OSB to be retained, to discuss further

after work to the Community Garden complete. The Flood warden to discuss funding with NCC for additional sand bags and signage.

POP25/671 3G Pitch

- i. To receive update regarding the maintenance and inspection of the 3G pitch - The maintenance of the surface (lifting and filling of the crumb) has been carried out.
- ii. To received update from Tiger Turf – this still to be arranged

POP25/672 Update on future events at the Poplars Sports Ground

The G&AM updated regarding the events arranged:

Archery competitions had been arranged, as well as extra cricket.

A Charity event arranged by the football club had been organised (approx.. 60 players) for the 12th April. It was agreed to purchase 2 beerwolf beer kegs for this event.

An outside Company had made contact regarding use of the Poplars on a Sunday evening for use of the full pitch and bar. The G&AM to discuss pricing with them as agreed by the Poplars committee. This was welcomed as a positive opportunity for use of the Poplars on a Sunday. The Bar being open could also be trialled.

The local school are also having their Year end event at the Poplars.

The G&AM had been approached by a film crew, wanting to use the Poplars to make a promotional football film on the 7th April. The G&AM to go back to them to say due to access a Monday would be more viable, if this is suitable to them.

POP25/673 CIL projects including quotations for:

- i. The Poplars corridor and changing room refresh – To be deferred to the F&GP committee
- ii. Outdoor hard standing area – It was resolved to go ahead with this work at a cost of no more than £5000. 3 quotations to be obtained.
- iii. New fridge/freezer for bar area. The 3 quotations were discussed, and it's cost of £649 were agreed. Full details to be circulated to Committee members and to proceed with the purchase.

POP25/674 Update on summer freeplay and re-establishing holiday access via card system

The G&AM updated as to the huge undertaking and cost this would be to reinstate the card access system.

It was **resolved** for the card access to not be reinstated at the present time.

POP25/675 Plans and priorities for next year - to promote and make more of the facilities, and to link in with the Parish Councils Strategic Plan

POP25/676 Other Maintenance and Repairs Quotations for a 'protective skirt' for the newly painted walls to the Clubhouse is being looked at.

The 5 year electrical safety testing had been carried out to both the Poplars and the 3G pitch.

POP25/677 Information Update – Items not requiring a decision

The RFO updated that she had carried out a stock take on the 1st April and that a full Risk Assessment of the premises is to be carried out as agreed by the F&GP Committee.

The Chair updated that BJFC had asked if they could use the Clubhouse on the 26th April to watch a football game. The G&AM to look if this is viable.

POP25/678 Date of Next Meeting – Date agreed as Tuesday 17th June at 6pm at the Poplars Sports Ground

Meeting closed 6:50pm

Signed:_____

Date:_____

Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground Committee