

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on  
22 July 2010 at Scott Park Pavilion, Coniston Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. E. Gordon (in the Chair)  
L. Gray  
J. Thomas  
Ms S. Pomfret

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Grotzke and Hodder.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman asked Councillors to declare any interests in items to be discussed at the meeting.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 27 May were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Installation of play equipment at Patchway Common

A quotation was expected shortly from a second contractor and it was hoped that this could be presented to Councillors at the Planning Committee the following week so that work could proceed over the summer.

b) Tarmac parking area at Pretoria Road allotments

The Committee agreed to accept the quotation of John Evans in the sum of £2,250 to create 4 additional concrete parking bays inside the entrance to the allotment site, to move 2 containers to better positions on the site with 4 concrete pads for each and a ramp to each door. This compared with the quotation supplied by SGC of £7,795 for the same work. It was hoped that this work could be carried out during the summer when the land was dry.

c) Playbuilders Projects

The Committee was very pleased to hear that the new equipment in *Gorse Covert* had been installed and was being well used. The BMX humps had still to be created and a litter bin and teen shelter installed.

In *Scott Park*, phase 1 was completed in time for Patchway Festival and the Clerk had been informed that funds to carry out phase 2 would be found by SGC. In addition,

funds were being found to convert the Council's machinery store into a WC for the disabled. Councillors were very pleased to receive this report.

d) Animals in the Park

It was noted that favourable comments had been made by residents at the farm animals corner in the Park during the Community Fair.

**5. Groundsmen's Reports**

These reports were noted and are attached to the minutes.

The Committee asked that thanks should be given to all the staff who worked on the Saturday of the Community Fair for their hard work and dedication.

The Committee was very sorry to hear that Gary Osborne and Richard Jarrett were off sick for extended periods during the summer and noted that the Clerk had arranged for temporary cover.

It was noted that stolen power tools had been replaced and the Clerk was asked to look into any type of alarm which could be fixed to equipment to prevent this happening again.

**6. Matters raised by Members**

Cllr. Pomfret reported on a SGC planning meeting that day when agreement had been given to a proposal to defer the issue of an Off Site Notice for Charlton Hayes for one year to give sufficient time to negotiate with the developer on the 106 Agreement on community facilities. The Committee agreed that the Council should prepare a welcome pack with a letter from the Town Council which could be delivered to the new residents of Charlton Hayes as they moved in. It was noted that the first residents would be moving in during August. It was suggested that a pack should be made up for approval by the Planning Committee the following week.

Cllr. Thomas was pleased that the impasse over the play area in Scott Park had been overcome.

Cllr. Gordon pointed out that the area in Gorse Covert surrounding the fitness equipment was badly fouled by dog mess.

The Clerk reported that the company which could supply a mechanical pavement sweeper (guide price £30-37,000) was willing to bring a machine for a free demonstration. It was agreed to wait to see if Cllr. Dando's suggestion was supported by the other SG Councillors before arranging a demonstration.

**7. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 30 September at 8 p.m. but that this would be preceded by the Advisory Committees at 7 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.