

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on
27 January 2011 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. M. Grotzke (in the Chair)
L. Gray
J. Thomas
Mrs E. Martin

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Gordon, Hodder and Pomfret.

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 meeting held on 25 November were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Pretoria Road Allotments

The Committee was pleased to hear that the refurbishment of the Allotment Hut was nearing completion and that it would be formally opened by Cllr. Grotzke at a ceremony on Saturday 23 April to which all Councillors would be invited.

The Allotment Committee had requested an amendment to the draft lease and it was agreed to amend section 22 to read:

“The Tenant shall not let any plot to a Plot Holder living outside of the Patchway Town Council area unless such plot has been available for use by a person within the area for a period of 6 months and has not been taken and then only after consultation with Patchway Town Council.”

The Committee suggested that the same paragraph should be applied to the lease for the Blakeney Road site.

b) Play Policy

It was agreed that the Workshop led by Michael Follett had been very useful and it was noted that a Draft Policy would be before the Council at the next meeting for consideration.

c) Scott Park Play Equipment

It was noted that the new equipment agreed at the last meeting had been ordered and would be installed in February.

d) Disabled Toilet in Scott Park

It was noted that this facility, funded by the Aiming High programme, was nearing completing.

5. Groundsman's Reports

The Committee noted the reports on the playing fields and open spaces submitted by the groundsman, which are attached to the minutes.

The street cleaner would be requested to pay particular attention to litter near the elderly persons bungalows in Coniston Road.

6. Matters referred from Advisory Committees

The Committee was shocked to hear of the lack of police response to the break in to the BMX Club's container in October and agreed that this concern should be passed on to the Sergeant at Filton Police Station.

7. Patchway Community Sports Association

It was noted that the next meeting of this Association, which would be the AGM, would be on Wednesday 9 March at 7 p.m. in the office.

8. Matters raised by Members

Concern was expressed at the danger created by cars parking on both sides of Blakeney Road on the bend by the junction with Coniston Road and creating a blind corner. The Clerk was asked to raise this matter again with SGC Traffic Management Team.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Committee was Thursday 24 March at 7.30 p.m.