

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. M. Grotzke (in the Chair)  
Mrs E. Orpen  
P. Cottrell  
E. Gordon  
Mrs E. Martin  
Miss R. Thorne  
M. Greensword

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed members to their first meeting. It was agreed that an evening walk-about should be arranged for Thursday 2 June for all Councillors to see the various open spaces and play areas maintained by the Council.

There were no apologies for absence.

**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 24 March 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 refurbished hut was opened in April by Cllr. Grotzke. The premises comprised a shop, flush toilets and community meeting room and had been completed by the voluntary work of the plot holders.

b) Scott Park Play Equipment

The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that they consider

providing staffing at weekends in the Park to ensure safety. It was agreed that a litter picker for two hours a day on Saturday and Sunday mornings would be sufficient to pick up litter and broken glass to comply with health and safety concerns and it was suggested that we should approach our own staff before advertising the post.

c) Gorse Covert Picnic Area and Cycle Route

The Committee agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting when Councillors had had the opportunity to see the site.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the cycling officer of SGC to discuss the new cycle route and the shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.

## **5. Report from Advisory Committees**

### Patchway Common

Concern had been expressed by the leaders of the children's groups at uncontrolled dogs and dog mess in the field which made it difficult for the children to play outside. A number of children had written letters to the Council on this matter and it was agreed to send these to the Dog Warden. It had been pointed out to the leaders that when the new play area was erected this would be fenced to keep dogs out and would be just outside the pavilion.

There had been a request for better lighting of the area surrounding the pavilion so that people felt more secure in using it in the winter evenings. The Clerk was asked to obtain an estimate for security floodlighting to supplement the existing lighting.

### Scott Park

The Committee was pleased to note that young people from the Dreamscheme had been working in Scott Park during the Easter holidays planting bulbs in the woodland areas.

The BMX Club had reported that they had a Regional Event on 26 June. The Committee agreed that the Club could use the field in Waterside Drive for parking during the day as long as marshals on the gate prevented illegal entry. The Club had thanked the Council for cutting the grass surrounding the track.

The Committee supported a request for signs fixed to existing posts showing the access to both allotment sites and asked the Clerk to obtain a price.

## **6. 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.

**7. Matters raised by Members**

Cllr. Thorne asked whether additional grit bins could be located in Patchway. The Chairman asked her to give a list of sites to the Clerk so that these could be discussed with South Gloucestershire Council.

**8. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be Thursday 28 July at 7.30 p.m.

The next meetings of the Advisory Committees would be on Thursday 29 September.