

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on  
29 September 2011 at Patchway Common Pavilion, Patchway.**

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

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gordon.

**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 May were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the July meeting had been cancelled due to unavailability of Councillors.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Grit Bins

It was noted that although SGC were unlikely to supply additional bins, Merlin were being asked if bins could be supplied outside Charlton and Langdale Courts.

b) Litter in Scott Park

The Committee was pleased to note that staffing had been agreed to collect litter for two hours a day on Saturday and Sunday mornings to comply with health and safety concerns in the play area.

c) Gorse Covert Picnic Area and Cycle Route

It was noted that these items had been moved on over the summer by other committees and that a metal sculpture was shortly to be installed

by SGC in the picnic area and that safety signs had been agreed along the cycle route.

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

### Patchway Common

The Committee had been very pleased to see the new play equipment in the field outside the pavilion which had been completed this day, protected with fencing and surrounded by safety surfacing. Much of this work had been carried out by the Council's groundstaff.

### Scott Park

Apart from requests from the football clubs that the grass on the pitches should be cut shorter, there were no problems raised.

The Committee was pleased to note that work on rebuilding the storage sheds in Scott Park was to begin the following week.

## **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. Orpen reported that a planning application had been granted that day by SGC for 51 houses at Catbrain Lane. One of the members of Development Control West had suggested that Patchway Town Council should contribute towards the maintenance of the play area/public open space for this development.

The Committee noted that this development was in the parish of Almondsbury and that it was not the responsibility of Patchway to be involved in this matter.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be the budget meeting on Thursday 24 November at 7.30 p.m. preceded by a meeting with the Allotments Associations at 6.30 p.m.

The next meetings of the Advisory Committees would be on Thursday 26 January 2012.