

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on
26 January 2012 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

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

1. Apologies

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 November 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Grit Bins

Cllr. Orpen reported that Merlin Housing Society had installed grit bins outside Charlton and Langdale Courts as requested by the Council.

b) Motorbikes in Gorse Covert

Cllr. Martin reported the police were trying to identify the riders of motorbikes had been seen riding along the cycle path route in Gorse Covert. It was suggested that "No Motorbike" signs with a picture would be useful. The Clerk would ask SGC if they were able to erect such signs in Gorse Covert and the wood behind Bevington. If not, the Council might consider doing so.

c) Allotment associations

The Committee noted that the annual accounts of Blakeney and Pretoria Allotment Associations are attached to these minutes for information.

5. Groundmen's Reports

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

Cllr. Orpen asked that the thanks of a visiting football team for the excellent condition of the pitch should be passed to the groundstaff.

Cllr. Cottrell asked that particular attention should be paid to litter picking in Durban Road. It was agreed that the standard of cleanliness in Stoke Lodge was excellent.

The Committee agreed that, for health and safety reasons, three of the groundstaff should attend a refresher chainsaw course at the cost of £120 each.

6. Reports on Advisory Committees

The Committee noted that the BMX season would commence on 11 April and that there would be a South West Regional Event on the Tumps on Sunday 29 April. The Committee agreed that the field opposite the track could be used for parking as long as this was controlled by the Club.

It was noted that 2013 would be the centenary of Patchway Cricket Club and that special events were being planned.

7. Other matters raised

Cllr. Orpen asked that the names of past councillors should be put forward for new roads in Charlton Hayes. This was agreed.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Thursday 29 March.