

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on  
5 April 2012 at Scott Park Pavilion, Patchway.**

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

In attendance: Mr & Mrs Bosisto  
Mr. R. Loveridge

Before the meeting, Councillors were shown round the enlarged facilities for machinery storage behind the pavilion.

**1. Les Bosisto**

The Chairman welcomed Bob Bosisto and his wife, who had asked to attend the meeting with Roger Loveridge.

Mr Bosisto asked if the Council would agree to his family planting a tree in the proposed landscape area in memory of his father and also burying Les' ashes under the tree. They would also like to erect a plaque to his memory. The Committee walked up to the area, beside the Four Towns office, and discussed a possible layout.

The Committee agreed with the family's wishes that the tree planting ceremony would be held at 12 noon on Saturday 28 April. Mr. Loveridge offered to arrange a buffet lunch in the Club afterwards. It was agreed that members of the Club and former Councillors who had known Les would be invited to the event and that the tree would be paid for by the family, would be a eucalyptus. The Clerk would obtain the tree, stake and guard and ask the Conservation Group to dig the hole in preparation. This would be in the centre of the proposed garden.

Mr Bosisto thanked the Committee for their agreement and said that his father would have been delighted with the arrangements as Patchway was such an important part of his life. The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance and they then left the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

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

### **4. Proposal to increase frequency of meetings to monthly**

After discussion, the Committee agreed that meetings would be held monthly in future in view of the considerable responsibilities of the Committee in many areas of Patchway. The next meeting would, therefore be on Thursday 26 April.

The Chairman said he would like to discuss the committee's plans for the future at the next meeting.

### **5. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2012 were agreed as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **6. Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **a) Pretoria Road Allotments**

The Committee noted that work was shortly to be carried out to an area of the allotments which was flooding; it was thought that this was caused by compaction due to the previous use of the land as community compost storage area. It was noted that, as this site was Statutory Allotment Land, it was not possible to use it for other uses not connected to allotments.

#### **b) Cuts to Parks budget 2012-13**

The Committee noted that cost-saving cuts had been made by the Finance Committee and circulated to all Councillors. The Committee hoped that it would be possible to reinstate programmes in the following financial year such as the perimeter path, fencing and skateboard improvement.

All members agreed that the new project of a Remembrance Garden in Scott Park as discussed with the Bosisto family, would be carried out at minimum expense with the expertise of the groundstaff.

**7. Application by Council for Scott Park to be a Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field**

The Committee welcomed the discussion of the Council and agreed to discuss the matter in more detail at the next meeting, including possible sources of funding for improvements to the Park.

**8. Groundsmen's Reports**

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

It was noted that the annual safety inspection had been carried out at the end of March. No major items had been reported and the groundstaff were carrying out minor repairs which had been highlighted.

One of the user groups at Patchway Common pavilion had asked for the new equipment at that site to be checked. This had been included in the inspection and found to be satisfactory. The Clerk had informed the user group of the outcome.

**9. Financial Matters**

The Committee agreed to the following items of expenditure;

Repairs to noticeboards at seven sites. £822.00

Replacement of damaged gutters at Scott Park pavilion £380.00

Repair of rear wall of pavilion due to subsidence £242.00

The groundstaff would be asked to paint the shower room.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be on Thursday 26 April at 7.30pm at Callicroft House. The following meeting would be on Thursday 24 May at Patchway Common pavilion at 8.pm. This would be preceded by the Advisor Committees at 7 and 7.30pm.