

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 26 April 2012 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Thorne.

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 5 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Tree planting

The Committee was pleased that all the agreed arrangements had been made for the tree planting ceremony on at 12 noon on 28 April in memory of former Councillor Les Bosisto and that the groundstaff had planted out bedding plants to create a garden. The Silver Jubilee Bench formerly outside the library had also been installed.

b) Queen Elizabeth II Field

The Clerk reported that there had been a delay in registering Scott Park as only part of the land was registered as being owned by the Town Council by the Land Registry. This was because the Park was acquired in two separate pieces, one was purchased and the other was exchanged for the previous playing field at Stroud Road. The second Deeds were now being sent to the Land Registry so they could be merged with the original registration.

5. 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.

6. Financial Matters

The Committee agreed to refurbish 5 damaged litter bins in Scott Park at a cost of £191.92 each plus carriage.

The Committee noted a quotation of £1,240 to sand and seal the floor of Patchway Common Pavilion and agreed to obtain another quotation.

7. Skateboard Area

The Committee noted that a proposal had been made at the Patchway Safer & Stronger Group to upgrade the skateboard area in Scott Park. It was pointed out that it was 17 years since the area had been installed.

Cllr Scott, who had been present at the meeting, had offered to contribute the remaining £10,000 of the HRA money to this project and this had subsequently been agreed by Cllrs. Orpen and Walker.

The Committee agreed to accept these funds with thanks and to set up a group to look at improvements and to engage with young people. This group would include Cllr. Scott and would look at ways to raise additional funds for the project.

8. Future Expenditure

The Committee discussed future expenditure on projects which were important for open spaces and playing fields in Patchway.

It was noted that the Committee had established a programme of improvements to Scott Park but that these had been cancelled for this financial year due to financial restraints. It was agreed that the Committee would like to reinstate these projects in the next financial year: completion of the perimeter path; outdoor fitness equipment; continuation of the replacement of sections of the perimeter fence (100m per annum). It was agreed to establish the cost of these projects so that the Committee could prioritise them for future years.

9. Other matters

Cllr. Grotzke raised the matter of the Coniston Railings, which were the responsibility of SGC. It was noted that SGC had programmed this work for the next financial year (2013-14) but Cllr. Grotzke felt that this should be

brought forward in view to the danger to pedestrians from increased traffic on Coniston Road.

10. Date of next meeting

It was noted that this Committee was now meeting monthly. The next meeting would be on Thursday 24 May at Patchway Common Pavilion at 8 p.m. This would be preceded by the Advisory Committees at 7 and 7.30 pm.