

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mills.

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 26 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, with a correction to minute 6, line 4 where the figure should read £1,240.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Memorial Garden

Most members of the Committee were present for the tree planting ceremony for Les Bosisto and the groundstaff were thanked for preparing the area, installing the Silver Jubilee bench and planting out the flowerbeds. The Bosisto family had been very appreciative of the arrangements and the Sports & Social Club had laid on refreshments for all who had attended. The Committee agreed that they would like to extend this area in future. The Sports & Social Club had asked if a memorial bench for Bob Stallard could be installed and this was agreed.

b) Queen Elizabeth II Field

The Clerk reported that a response from the Land Registry was still awaited. It was suggested that a reminder should be sent.

5. Report from Advisory Committees

It was noted that these meeting had gone well and that there were no complaints from user groups.

6. 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.

7. Skateboard Area

The Committee noted that a meeting would be held the following day of a group of partner organisations to look at improvements and to engage with young people. This group would include Cllr. Scott and Cllr. Grotzke and would look at ways to raise additional funds for the project. Cllr. Grotzke emphasised that this area was the responsibility of the Town Council.

8. Other matters

Cllr. Grotzke reported that he had spoken to Cllr. Scott about 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. Scott had agreed to request that this work should be brought forward in view to the danger to pedestrians from increased traffic on Coniston Road.

The Clerk reported that she had made an application for funding for an outdoor table tennis table for Scott Park and was awaiting a response. The cost of this outdoor concrete table was £2,200 including installation.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that this Committee was now meeting monthly. The next meeting would be on Thursday 28 June at Scott Park Pavilion at 8 p.m.