

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on
31 January 2013 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills and Orpen.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Green Dog Walkers

It was agreed to invite Alison Richards, the SGC officer dealing with this scheme, to attend the next meeting of the committee. Councillors were invited to bring questions for the discussion on introducing this scheme to Patchway.

b) Pretoria Road Allotments

It was noted that four allotments had recently been ploughed to improve the drainage.

c) Budget for next year

It was confirmed that the Parks & Open Spaces budget proposed by the committee for 2013-14 had been agreed by the Council. This included new play equipment and perimeter fencing for the Park.

5. Report from Advisory Committees

Patchway Common

Wheatpatch Club had brought a list of complaints in advance of their OFSTED inspection and the Clerk would deal with these.

Scott Park

The BMX Club wished to install an additional container for first aid and welfare provision and there was no objection to this.

Patchway Town FC had presented a letter from the Gloucester County League but the Committee was unable to agree to its terms.

6. Programme for 2013-14

The Chairman asked the Committee to confirm the programme which it wished to carry out in the next and future financial years and this was agreed as follows:

Refurbish the skateboard area and install new equipment

Funding had already been secured for this project (£25,000) and work would commence in the spring when the temperature was warm enough for the resurfacing of tarmac area.

Perimeter path at Scott Park

The Committee wished to complete missing section of perimeter paths in Scott Park and widen the path behind the bungalows and to site outdoor fitness equipment at various points round the Park.

It was proposed that funding be sought through the New Homes Bonus and other grants available to Queen Elizabeth II fields for this project, which might be phased over several years.

Perimeter fence of Scott Park

The Committee wished to replace the rusty fencing with galvanised panels and would like to carry out this work at the rate of 100m per year.

Memorial Garden

The Committee wished to continue to develop the Memorial Garden in Scott Park.

Play equipment

There were still sections of wooden equipment which needed to be replaced with new, metal equipment as funds permitted.

7. Groundman's Report

The Groundman's Report was discussed and noted and is attached to the minutes.

Councillors pointed out that the fence behind the old people's bungalows adjacent to Scott Park needed attention. The Clerk would look at this and report back.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Thursday 28 February at 7.30 p.m.