

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on  
25 April 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 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 28 February were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Green Dog Walkers Scheme

Most members of the Committee had been present at the Safer & Stronger Group the previous evening at which a speaker from Frampton Cotterell had explained the operation of the scheme and at the end of the meeting a vote had been carried to start a scheme in Patchway. Advice would now be obtained from SGC on the launch of the scheme. It was noted that SGC provided packs of bags and agreed unanimously that £100 worth of promotional materials should be purchased from the GDW Scheme (badges and lead sleeves) using funds in the Committee's open spaces budget.

b) Sensory Garden and new play features

The Committee noted that the completion of this work by SGC had been delayed by a few months and may not be carried out before the summer holidays.



**5. Update on skateboard scheme**

The Committee noted that the tarmac contractor was willing to carry out the resurfacing of the area in June and that the Clerk had contacted the skateboard equipment contractor for his availability at that time. It was noted that the old equipment would be removed, except the half-pipe, before the resurfacing was carried out. It was noted that £25,000 had been raised in grants for this work, which would cover the quoted costs.

The Committee discussed phase two of the project which had been made possible by an additional grant of £15,000 through the New Homes Bonus. The Committee agreed unanimously, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Greensword, that the Clerk should obtain prices for the second phase to include fencing three sides with a gate in steel paling and constructing a block wall for the fourth side which could be used as a graffiti wall. It was also agreed that arrangements should be made for the toilets behind the pavilion to be left open until 10 pm which was when the floodlights went out at the skateboard area. These requests had been made by the young people and were supported by the police.

**6. Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Park**

The Committee was pleased to see the metal circular plaque to mark the designation of the Park which would be displayed at the entrance.

It was noted that the Sports & Social Club had agreed to arrange a reception for the launch event and it was hoped that this could be held as early as possible in September, although the date would depend on SGC completing the sensory garden and new play features and the availability of the Club.

**7. Groundman's Report**

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

The Committee noted that verti-draining of all pitches had been carried out today to improve drainage at the end of the football season at a cost of £5,740. The Committee noted that the report of the Annual Inspection of Play Spaces and Equipment carried out in March had previously been circulated.



**8. Expenditure already agreed for this financial year**

The Committee agreed, proposed Cllr. Greensword, seconded Cllr. Cottrell, that the expenditure budgeted for in the new financial year should be put in hand. This was as follows:

Fencing replacement from the top gate to the beginning of the Clermont Close gardens, a length of 68.25m green galvanised steel paling at a cost of £6,383 by Fencing Services Ltd.

Play area in Scott Park: 6 seater round metal picnic table set for adults and 4 children's mushroom seats at a cost of £1,500 from David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd.

**9. Matters raised by Members**

Men in Sheds project

The Committee agreed that this project could use the Scott Park Pavilion for its weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings. It was noted that Les Brooks attended this group.

Double yellow lines in Scott Park

It was noted that SGC had not replaced the double yellow lines after the resurfacing work. The Clerk would follow this up.

Fence line

The Clerk would ask the groundstaff to scrape the accumulated soil from along the fence line of Scott Park when the section of fence was replaced.

Circus on The Tumps

The Committee agreed that John Lawson's Circus could visit The Tumps from 28-30 June on the usual terms.

Zip wire at Gorse Covert

Brambles need cutting back here and path round woods by fitness equipment is very muddy.

Teen shelter at Gorse Covert

As SGC have not installed the shelter removed from the site of Patchway Library, the Committee agreed that the groundstaff should carry out this work round the existing concrete base and also install a litterbin.



**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be on Thursday 30 May at 8 p.m. at Patchway Common Pavilion. This meeting would be preceded by the Advisory Committees.

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