

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on
30 May 2013 at Patchway Common Pavilion.**

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills, Scott and Walker.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Green Dog Walkers Scheme

The Committee was pleased to note that SGC had provided a box of supplies of bags and arm bands but agreed to order 25 lead sleeves and spray paint. It was also agreed to erect posters around Patchway and on the open spaces. A promotion would be carried out at the community fair of Patchway Festival on 6 July to recruit more dog owners to join the scheme.

b) Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Park

The Committee noted that the completion of the sensory garden and new play features by SGC had been delayed by a few months and agreed to launch Scott Park as a QEII Field on Saturday 21 September. The Sports & Social Club had agreed to make the lounge bar available that morning for a reception.

c) Teen Shelter at Gorse Covert

The Committee was pleased to hear that after a long delay SGC had made arrangements for a contractor to install the teen shelter from Durban Road in Gorse Covert. The fitness equipment at this site would also be repaired.

5. Report from Advisory Committees

Scott Park

It was noted that the football season would commence on the weekend of Saturday 31 August but that Patchway Town FC would be permitted two pre-season matches in the second half of August.

The Cricket Club were arranging a week of events to celebrate their centenary and had invited Cllr. Grotzke to attend a planning meeting the following week. The Sports & Social Club would like to install a memorial bench for Bob Stallard in July in the memorial garden.

The Patchway Festival Committee had asked permission to have a fairground in the Park from 4-7 July as part of the community fair on Saturday 6 July and this was agreed.

Patchway Common

No matters to report.

6. Update on skateboard scheme

The Committee noted that the work would commence the following week to remove the old equipment and overlay the tarmac surface before the new equipment was installed.

The Committee discussed the costs of fencing the skateboard area which had been agreed at the last meeting to be covered by the New Homes Bonus grant. After discussion it was agreed to proceed with 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 the fencing should not have spikes on the top for safety reasons. The Clerk would obtain three prices for this work.

7. Perimeter Path at Scott Park

The Committee was very pleased to see an email from SGC confirming the grant of £92,000 over two years for the construction of a perimeter path in the Park. It was noted that three quotations had been received from SGC, Pyramid

Construction and Apre Surfacing and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Apre Surfacing which was for £18,763 to construct the section from the top gate off Windermere Road to connect with the existing path behind Coniston Road. This was a length of 204m. The width of the path would be 1.8m wide with concrete edging. A second quotation from this company to replace the existing path which was narrow and in poor condition by a tarmac path of the same specification as above would be £75,204 for a length of 827m. It was agreed to proceed with work up to the amount of the grant for this financial year, which was £46,000, continuing the path towards the children's play area and to complete the project in the following financial year.

8. Groundman's Report

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

The new seating for the children's play area had been ordered.

Cllr. Mills had suggested that the groundstaff could grow plants for floral displays in a poly tunnel. It was agreed to bear this idea in mind for future discussion.

9. Use of Patchway Common Pavilion for weekend social club

The Committee received a request for the use of the pavilion on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings for a social club for local people and agreed unanimously to this request to commence from the weekend of 14 June. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the daytime children's groups that they would have to clear the hall every Friday of all their equipment and notices so that the hall could be used by another group. It was agreed that the groups should be given two weeks' notice of this arrangement.

10. Request for memorial tree in Scott Park

The Committee agreed to the request of Raychel Johnson for a memorial tree in the Park for her mother, Maureen Boucher, either in the memorial garden or in a position of her choice in consultation with the groundstaff.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Thursday 27 June at Callicroft House at 7.30 pm.