

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

**1. Apologies**

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

**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 30 May were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Green Dog Walkers Scheme

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 launch of Scott Park as a QEII Field would be held on Saturday 21 September. The Sports & Social Club had agreed to make the lounge bar available that morning for a reception.

c) Perimeter path

The Clerk had held a site visit with Apre, the selected contractor, and they would be commencing work on the first section of the path shortly.

d) Patchway Common pavilion

The agreed use of the pavilion at weekends had commenced and initial adjustments by the existing user groups were being dealt with.

- e) Patchway Cricket Club Centenary  
The Committee noted that the week of events would start on Sunday 14 July with a match against an MCC Team, which Councillors were invited to support.  
The Committee agreed that two tubs of white emulsion should be purchased for the Club to decorate the ceiling of the pavilion. The Club would be providing paint for the walls. As previously notified, the Club would erect a marquee during the week adjacent to the pavilion and would be responsible for its security.
- f) Skateboard Area  
It was noted that old equipment would be removed and the tarmac resurfaced before the Festival and that the new equipment would be installed after the Festival. The Clerk was awaiting a third quotation for the fencing agreed at the last meeting.

## **5. 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 delivered and a quotation will be obtained for installation. Some of the work will be carried out by the groundstaff.

It was agreed to purchase the necessary quantity of play bark to refill the pits surrounding play equipment at Scott Park, Patchway Common and Blakeney field at a cost of £2,035.

The Committee was sorry to hear that the safer surfacing round the disabled roundabout had been vandalised and would have to be patched.

## **6. Other matters raised by Members and Clerk**

- a) Poly tunnel  
Advice had been obtained from SGC Planning Department about the request from Pretoria Road Allotments to erect a poly tunnel. As this is a fixed structure, the officer considered that planning permission would be required and that the allotment society should speak to an officer for a pre-application enquiry.
- b) Hempton Lane  
A resident of the Merlin properties, of which there are three, in Hempton

Lane had complained that the Order for Residents' Parking Permits had not been approved and this was causing these residents great inconvenience. It was suggested that the Council should arrange a meeting with Merlin to discuss what help can be given to the residents of nos. 9, 10 and 24.

c) Green Connect

The Committee noted information on a new network for local authorities and organisations managing public open spaces which has been set up in the South West offering support and information. The membership was £250 per year and the Committee decided to look in more detail at the possibility of joining Green Connect at the next meeting.

**7. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be on Thursday 25 July at Callicroft House at 7.30 pm. Rob Stirzaker, Sports Development Officer with SGC, would attend the meeting to discuss the Patchway Strategic Sports Plan drawn up by Patchway Community Sports Association and all Councillors would be invited to this meeting.