

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. P. Cottrell (in the Chair)
M. Greensword
Mrs E. Martin
S. Scott
Ms S. Pomfret

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills and Grotzke.
It was noted that Rob Stirzaker from SGC was unable to attend but would speak at the September meeting on the Strategic Sports Vision.

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 27 June 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 more residents had joined the scheme. The Committee agreed that posters in all of the four designs sent by SGC should be produced and laminated for use at appropriate locations.

b) Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Park

There was a discussion on arrangements for the launch on Saturday 21 September. It was agreed to invite all users of the Park at 10.30 a.m. (2 representatives per organisation) as well as Town and SG Councillors. It was suggested that the Mayor should unveil the plaque inside the Park gates and that Ian Boulton should be the guest of honour.

It was noted that SGC wished to invite the group of disabled children and their parents who had been consulted about the new play equipment and sensory garden and it was suggested that we should also contact local primary schools to invite any of their pupils with disabilities. It was agreed to ask the Sports & Social Club to provide coffee and biscuits to be available in the Lounge after the unveiling. The Committee noted that the SGC Wild4Life Project would be providing environmental activities for children in the Park that day.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting of the Committee to discuss the final arrangements on Tuesday 3 September at 6.30 p.m., immediately before the Finance Committee.

c) Patchway Cricket Club Centenary

The Committee was very pleased that the Centenary celebrations this week were proceeding well.

d) Skateboard Area

It was agreed that the Committee would visit the Park after the meeting to see the progress of the work to install new equipment and the site of the new sensory garden.

e) Green Connect

The Committee agreed to recommend that Patchway Conservation Group should become a member of this network at a cost of £50 per year and that this amount should be paid as part of the grant for this group by the Council.

5. Groundman's Report

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

Cllr. Pomfret offered to provide information on material which could possibly be used instead of play bark.

It was agreed to make enquiries into different types of diesel tank before an order was placed to replace the tank in Scott Park.

The planting of wildflowers, including poppies for the WWI centenary, in open areas of Patchway would be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Thursday 26 September at Scott Park Pavilion at 8 pm. (following the Advisory Committees).

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.

A special meeting would be held on Tuesday 3 September at 6.30 pm to discuss the Scott Park Jubilee Park event.

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

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

In attendance: Mr. R. Loveridge (Patchway Sports & Social Club)
Mr. L. Brooks (Patchway Conservation Group)
Mrs R. Kenny (SGC Wild4Life Project)

1. Apologies

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

2. Celebration of QEII Jubilee Park and new play area

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of other organisations attending the meeting to discuss the event on Saturday 21 September.

The Committee was pleased to hear that Cllr. Ian Boulton, Chairman of SGC, had agreed to attend the event and it was agreed to ask him to unveil the QEII plaque.

It was noted that we also had a plaque from Fields in Trust stating that a major sponsor of the scheme was Asda and it was agreed to approach the Community Organiser of Asda Patchway to see if a local employee could attend and unveil the second plaque.

Roger confirmed that the Sports & Social Club would offer refreshments and that, if the skittle alley were free, the access would be more suitable to use that room rather than the lounge.

Rowena offered to liaise with SGC Corporate Communications to produce an invitation for the event to incorporate both the accessible play area and the QEII designation. This would be sent to local schools, particularly focussing on those with disabled children. New Siblands School was the main school for the Patchway area for children with access needs.

Rowena will arrange for children's activities in the Park from 11 a.m. with an environmental theme.

It was agreed to meet at the main gate of the Park for 10.30 a.m. and then to proceed to the play area to cut a ribbon for the Jubilee Oak Tree, which Rowena will ask the contractors to plant while they are laying out the sensory garden. It would be good to have music playing, if we can find anything suitable.

After the ceremonies, everyone will be directed to the Club for tea and coffee. The Committee thanked the Club for offering to provide these facilities.

3. Close

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation. It was noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee would be Thursday 26 September when Rob Stirzaker will speak on the Patchway Strategic Sports Plan. This meeting will be at Scott Park Pavilion at 8 p.m.