

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

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 26 September were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Skateboard Area fencing

The Clerk reported that the report from youth workers had been received and the Committee agreed to proceed with a bow-topped fence round the tarmac area with a double gate on one side and a single gate opposite for safety reasons. It was suggested that if additional access was required for repairs a section of the fence could be unbolted. The young people would still like a graffiti wall and it was agreed a price for this should be sought along the line of the beer garden fence. This work would be covered by the grant from the New Homes Bonus.

b) WWI Centenary

Poppy seeds had been purchased and it was agreed to plant these in Scott Park opposite the main gate and on Patchway Roundabout (if agreed by SGC).

Cllr. Grotzke agreed to attend a meeting with officers of the RBL Branch to discuss a plinth for the war memorial listing the names of the Patchway war casualties.

c) Diesel tank in Scott Park

The Committee noted the quotation for constructing a bund of membrane-lined breeze-block walling from Wilmott Building was £2,250 and agreed to accept this. It was noted that the price for cleaning and fitting a filter would be £505.60.

d) Maintaining open spaces

The Committee noted that a meeting between the Clerks and Groundsmen of Patchway, Filton and Stoke Gifford had been held to discuss the feasibility to working together to maintain grassed areas currently maintained by SGC. It had been agreed that, while it would be helpful to borrow equipment from each other in case of emergency, the work for each council was so different and the distances between them so great that it would not be practical to undertake grass cutting in each other's parishes.

5. Groundman's Report

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

The Committee was concerned at SGC's plans to close the community compost site but noted that the Clerk was seeking clarification on this proposal.

Cllr. Martin had noted confusing wording on a footpath sign at the Waterside Drive access to Aztec West, referring to Gorse Covert. The Clerk would check this.

6. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be on Thursday 24 October at Callicroft House, commencing at 6.30 p.m. with a meeting with the two allotment associations.