

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 20 February 2014 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

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

2. Apologies

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

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman asked members to declare any interests on matters to be discussed.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held 23 January were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Pretoria Road Allotments

The Committee noted that the allotments society were starting work on the construction of the composting bays discussed at the last meeting.

b) Community Sports Association

It was noted that the Association would be meeting SGC officers and the Head of Patchway Community College the following week to discuss s106 money for sport from the Charlton Hayes development.

6. Wessex Water works in Park and Allotment Site

The Clerk reported on a site visit with Wessex officers to look at the line of the overflow pipe which Wessex wish to lay from Coniston Road, along the inside of the fenceline of the Park and Allotment Site to take surplus water to the sewer access point at the Newnham Place gate of the allotment site. She had also been informed of the line of the new sewer connection to Charlton Hayes from the new inspection chamber to be constructed in the Youth Centre grounds. This would cross Coniston Road (to be closed for one week) and then follow Rodway, Lower Thirlmere, Thirlmere and cross Highwood into

Wood Street. Most of this route would be trenched but some parts would be moled.

Councillors were concerned at the health and safety risks of the overflow pipe in the Park and particularly in the play area and asked the Clerk to speak to Wessex about their responsibility for any accidents.

7. Better access to BMX Site

The Committee noted a communication from a resident about the narrow access to the BMX site. The Clerk had explained that this was constructed in order to make it difficult for motorbikes to access the site.

The Committee considered that the access was adequate but the Clerk would look at better signage.

8. Groundsmen's Reports

The Committee noted the reports from the groundsmen which are attached to the minutes.

The Clerk was asked to remind the groundstaff to plant poppies in the grass at the entrance to Scott Park.

Matters raised by Councillors and Clerk

The Clerk informed the Committee of the necessity of replacing the up and over door to the machinery shed and said she had cleared this emergency expenditure of £850 with the Chairman. The Committee asked whether there was any possibility of claiming against the contractor who had installed this door and the Clerk would look into this.

The Clerk also reported that the cooker at Patchway Common Pavilion had broken after more than ten year's use and parts could not be obtained. A new cooker had been ordered and the emergency expenditure of £499 had been cleared with the Chairman. This cooker was used by all three user groups.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 27 March at 7.30 pm at Callicroft House.