

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 28 May 2014 at Patchway Common Pavilion, The Avenue, Patchway.

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

1. Membership and Chairmanship of Committee

It was noted that the membership of the Committee was now as follows:
Cllrs. Martin, Grotzke, Mills, Gordon, Cottrell, Greensword and Pomfret.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Martin should be the Chair of this Committee.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. 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 27 March were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Grotzke, seconded Cllr. Greensword.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Information boards for all play areas

The Clerk was asked to obtain details of the cost and artwork used for the information board in Scott Park so that the Committee could consider extending this facility to the other play areas.

- b) Street Care service changes
The Clerk updated Councillors on the current situation of grass cutting the emptying of litter and dog waste.
- c) Verti-draining of football pitches
It was noted that this work to improve the drainage by verti-draining, sanding and reseeding would be carried out shortly on all pitches.

6. Reports from Advisory Committees

- a) Patchway Common
It was noted that Wheatpatch Club had complained about the condition of the upholstered chairs in the pavilion. The Clerk was asked to enquire about the cost to repair the seats and check how many required repair.
- b) Scott Park
A representative of the Sports & Social Club had reported that the gas water heaters installed by the Council 5 years ago did not comply with the current safety regulations. The Clerk was asked to check the situation with British Gas with whom the Council had a maintenance agreement for these heaters.

7. Groundsmen's Reports

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

The Clerk was asked to discuss with the groundstaff whether they would be able to plant a flower box at each of the boundary signs for Patchway. It was noted that the signs in Stoke Lane and Gloucester Road (southbound) would need to be moved next April, possibly to the railway bridge.

The Clerk reported on bookings for football pitches for the 2014-15 season and it was agreed to circulate this information to members of the Committee.

8. Matters raised by Councillors and Clerk

It was noted that the annual inspection of play spaces and equipment had been carried out on 7 May and it was agreed that this would be circulated to all members for discussion at the next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 26 June at 7.30 pm at Callicroft House.