

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 11 September 2014 at Scott Park Pavilion, Coniston Road, Patchway.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mills.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held 24 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Information boards for all play areas
The Committee noted that the boards had been erected by the groundstaff.

5. Reports from Advisory Committees

It had been agreed at the Patchway Common Advisory Committee that, as this area would pass to Stoke Lodge Parish in April, a final meeting of the Advisory Committee would be held on 26 March with the Stoke Lodge Councillors to agree the future of the Committee.

The Sports & Social Club had reported that the Royal British Legion Branch was now meeting in the Club.

6. Patchway Branch of the Royal British Legion

The Committee unanimously agreed the following action:

- a) That the Town Council should accept the war memorial and three flag poles from the Legion's HQ in Rodway Road into Scott Park and accept responsibility for maintenance.
- b) That the ground where Four Towns building is positioned should be reinstated as soon as this was vacated to create a suitable site.

On the suggestion of Cllr. Grotzke, the Committee agreed to set up a sub-committee of members of the Parks Committee and the British Legion Branch Committee to discuss the arrangements for the Patchway War Memorial in Scott Park.

7. Groundsmen's Reports

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

8. Environmental Action Day

The Clerk had attended a briefing with Merlin Housing on arrangements for the Action Day on 19 September. All the work would be on Merlin land, The Parade and Willow Close and our groundstaff would be helping the Merlin staff.

9. Skateboard Area

Two Youth Workers joined the Committee for a visit to the skateboard area, which was floodlit. The Committee met a number of young people who were using the area and noted that, although repairs had been carried out during the summer, both ends of the fun box needed extra work. Councillors explained to the young people that the Council was short of funds but would carry out repairs to ensure the area was safe.

Improvements to the teen shelter were discussed to stop the wind and rain entering from the sides. It was not possible to erect a rain cover as this would block the light from the floodlights at each corner of the area.

The Committee thanked the youth workers for arranging this visit and said they would be pleased to meet them and the young people again at any time.

10. Matters raised by Members

Cllr. Martin reported that motorbikes were still able to get across the banana bridge to use the fields in Almondsbury which was very dangerous for dog walkers. The Clerk would discuss this situation with the Public Rights of Way officers at SGC.

11. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 30 October at Callicroft House.