

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on
29 January 2015 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Martin.

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 27 November 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Greensword, seconded Cllr. Cottrell.

There were no matters arising which were not listed on the agenda.

4. Reports on Advisory Committees

The Committee noted that Natalie Carr from SGC had attended the Patchway Common Advisory Committee to meet the community representatives and talk to them about her role in the establishment of Stoke Lodge & The Common Parish Council.

At the Scott Park Advisory Committee, the BMX Committee thanked the Council for cutting the hedge along Waterside Drive and informed the Committee that Western Power had helped them to install electricity to the site so that they could now proceed with the floodlighting project. The Committee confirmed that the Council would not object to the Club's planning application for floodlighting as long as the concerns of residents were addressed. The Committee agreed that the Club could use the field opposite the track for camping over the weekend of the Regional BMX Event on Sunday 5 July.

5. Groundsmen's Reports

The Committee noted the reports from the groundsmen which are attached to the minutes. It was agreed to purchase a new dog bin for Spruce Way to replace one which had deteriorated. It was agreed that if a small second-hand vertidrainer could be sourced within the ring-fenced budget for machinery, this should be purchased as it would improve the drainage of the football pitches.

6. Health & Safety Repairs to the Skateboard Park

The Committee noted that the replacement of the Fun Box at a cost of £6,200 had been agreed due to health and safety concerns but that this work could not be carried out until March. The new equipment would carry a ten year warranty.

7. Matters raised by Members or Clerk

a) Footpath at Scott Park

It was noted that the resurfacing of the existing path and the construction of the new section would be carried out by SGC in the week commencing 23 February, weather permitting.

b) 321 Running Route

It was noted that the SGC Active Lifestyles Team was willing to install a 321 Route with 100m markings round the perimeter path when completed and a site visit had been held with the Clerk and Groundsman. Plans were circulated and the Committee was pleased to support this project.

c) Repairs to play equipment

It was noted that repairs to the seat of the zip wire and the support of the air walker (both at Gorse Covert) would be carried out shortly.

d) Training for groundstaff

The Committee agreed that all groundstaff should be trained to use a chain saw for hedging work. Three staff members needed training and two needed a refresher course.

e) Cycle/Pedestrian Route from Eagle Drive to The Parade

It was agreed to refer this to the Council for discussion.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 26 February at Callicroft House, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

