PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 28 May 2015 at Scott Park Pavilion, Coniston Road, Patchway.

Present: Cllrs. P. Cottrell (in the Chair)

Mrs E. Martin R. Loveridge

1. Walk round Park

Prior to the meeting, Councillors walked round the Park to see the new perimeter path, the skateboard area and parts of the car park and play area which are still to be repaired.

2. Apologies

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

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held 30 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) 321 Running Route

Having seen the new path and the 321 route markings, the Committee decided that it would be dangerous for this path to be used by cyclists and asked the Clerk to inform the BMX Club that this should not be used by their members for training.

The Committee agreed to the cost of £530.34 for ten distance markings on the path, e.g. 100m, 200m etc, with white lettering on a green strip.

b) <u>Grassed Area to top of Callicroft Road</u>

It was noted that the SGC funding for benches and planting at this site was ring-fenced in the Council's accounts and that the plans to carry out the work would be publicised in the June issue of Patchway People.

c) Car park and footpath repairs

The Committee noted a letter from SGC Highways Maintenance who were to carry out repairs to the path from the main gate to the carpark with slurry seal in June, stating that the cause of the cracking in the path could be due to tree roots and any structural problems could re-occur. The Committee decided that the slurry seal work, which had already been agreed, should proceed without any structural investigations due to financial restrictions. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation from SGC for repairing the two damaged sections of car park which had not been covered by the work carried out in 2013, one by the skip on the left of the gate and one by the Club, for future consideration.

d) <u>Disabled access to Scott Park</u>

The Clerk was asked to research possible barriers to replace the kissing gates at the top of Windermere Road and Longney Place which would make access by disabled people and parents with buggies possible while still deterring motorcycles.

5. War Memorial site in Scott Park

The Committee noted that a meeting had been held with officers of the RBL Branch and it had been agreed that a raised plinth should be built round the memorial and that the cross should be raised up above it to make it more prominent. The plinth would be used to lay wreaths round.

At a later date a wall would be constructed behind the memorial and the names of the fallen in the two Wars would be engraved on the wall.

The Clerk would speak to the Co-op Funeral Service about cleaning the marble cross and about the cost of the engraving.

A member of the Sports & Social Club, who is a bricklayer, had agreed to build the plinth at no cost and the RBL would purchase the materials.

It was agreed that on Sunday 15 November when the Patchway Remembrance Parade was held in the Park, the main gate would be closed in the morning and access for the parade would be by the gate into the carpark which was usually locked. The Clerk would ensure that there were no football matches in the Park on that morning.

6. Groundsmen's Reports

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

The Clerk informed the Committee of the bookings for the 20215-16 football season in Scott Park:

Main Pitch:

Saturday: p.m. Patchway Town 1st Sunday: a.m. Stoke Lane 1st

p.m. Bristol United Ladies

Top Pitch:

Saturday: p.m. Patchway Town 2nd Sunday: a.m. Almondsbury Athletic

Stoke Lane u-14

Bottom Pitch:

Saturday: p.m. Stoke Lane 2nd

p.m. Lloydy United

Sunday: a.m. Patchway Sports u-13

7. <u>Matters raised by Members or Clerk</u>

a) Play area surfacing

A letter was noted from a parent complaining about the dangerous areas of concrete in the play area in the Park which surrounded the equipment, although there was safety surfacing under the equipment.

The Clerk was asked to get prices for safety surfacing or tarmac to cover the concrete so that a decision could be taken at the next meeting.

b) Other areas

Cllr. Martin raised concerns passed to her by other Councillors: a broken Gate at Eagle Meadow, overgrown paths in Gorse Covert and along motorway bund. The Clerk would ask the groundstaff to attend to these areas.

8. <u>Date of next meeting</u>

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 16 June at 7.30 pm.