

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. Mrs E. Martin (in the Chair)
C. Mills
Mrs E. Orpen
R. Loveridge

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Cottrell, Messenger, Gordon and Grotzke.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held 28 May were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) War Memorial

The Committee noted that the RBL Committee had requested that the cross be raised with a step and the names of the fallen be engraved on a wall at the rear. The Committee decided that it would be preferable to raise the cross with two steps and to engrave the names on the steps as originally planned. The Clerk had already approached the Co-op Funeral Service to clean the cross and would now get a price for raising the cross by two steps. It was possible that finance for this project could be obtained from the New Homes Bonus and the Clerk would speak to the relevant SGC officer on this matter.

b) Skateboard Area

The Committee was pleased to hear that the new fun box had been installed in the skateboard area and that the youth officer had asked that the thanks of the young people should be passed to the Council.

c) Surfacing in play area

A visit was awaited from the usual supplier of safety surfacing to see the areas of concern raised by a local parent.

5. Barriers to replace kissing gates for disabled access

Illustrations of various types of barrier were circulated and discussed. A design was selected which would allow wheelchair access and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for discussion at a future meeting. It was agreed that the gate at the top of Windermere Road should be the first to be replaced, funding permitting.

6. Groundsmen's Reports

There was no written report as the last meeting was only two weeks before. The Clerk gave a verbal report that work on the flower beds on the roundabout was in progress, the hedge round Waterside Drive had been cut with a side-flail by contractors in view of the forthcoming use of the field by the BMX regional event and the circus during the Festival.

Cllr. Mills reported that a resident of Lee Close had complained that the grass was not being cut. The Clerk would ensure that this area was being covered.

7. Matters raised by Members or Clerk

a) Bevington Play Area

The Committee noted that work was in progress to create a cycle path parallel to Coniston Road behind the houses. Some of this route used the access roads to houses in Bevington and Falcon and residents had expressed safety concerns which were supported by Cllr. Martin.

b) Memorial Benches

The Clerk showed Councillors illustrations of metal benches, one for World War I and one for World War II. The cost per bench was £595 plus VAT and delivery. The Councillors were very impressed with these benches and agreed that they would be ideal additions to the memorial garden when extended. It was possible that the Fleet Air Arm Association might wish to donate a 2nd WW bench and the RBL might donate a 1st WW bench. The Clerk would make enquiries. It was understood that Four Towns Transport were still hoping to move from the Park during the summer.

c) Boundary signs

The Committee noted that a site meeting would be held with SGC in July to determine the best position for the boundary signs which had been removed from Stoke Lodge in March.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 21 July at 7.30 pm.