

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mills.

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 16 June were agreed as a correct record, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Loveridge, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) War Memorial

It was noted that the cross would shortly be cleaned by monumental masons at a cost of £230. The Clerk would ascertain the latest position with the removal of Four Towns Transport from the Park to enable the memorial garden to be extended.

b) Surfacing in play area

It was noted that Mant Leisure had quoted £2,999 to cover the concrete areas with wet pour and £1,537 to infill gaps in the existing safer surfacing tiles. The Committee agreed that, for safety reasons, these repairs should be carried out as soon as possible and the cost taken from the Maintenance budget. This expenditure was proposed by Cllr. Gordon and seconded by Cllr. Martin.

c) Barriers to replace kissing gates for disabled access

Prices were still awaited for this item.

- d) Memorial Benches
The Clerk would approach the Fleet Air Arm Association to donate a 2nd WW bench and the RBL to donate a 1st WW bench. The cost of each bench was £595.

5. Groundsmen's Reports

The Report was circulated and discussed. The groundsmen had requested the purchase of a base cutting deck to be fitted to the Iseki tractor to make for more efficient grass cutting. The cost of this would be £1,725 and this was agreed by the Committee.

Further to a report in the national press of a fatal accident in a playground, the Committee asked that the groundsmen ensure that swings and the zip wire are checked regularly for safety.

Councillors would like to see a planting trough of flowers at each boundary sign. The Clerk said this would be attended to in the autumn when all the signs were in their new positions.

6. Matters raised by Members or Clerk

- a) Merlin Housing
Cllr. Grotzke had received complaints from residents of Epney Close that Merlin were storing flammable material in the garages behind their houses and removing equipment early in the morning. They were concerned at the danger and disturbance and the Clerk would refer this to the Area Manager.
- b) Changing Rooms at Patchway Sports & Social Club
The Clerk reported that work was being carried out in the changing rooms to ensure that they were in a good state for the beginning of the football season. It was noted that, in addition to Patchway Town and Stoke Lane teams, the changing rooms would be used on Sunday afternoons by Bristol United Ladies FC.
- c) Railway Embankment
It was noted that the area under the railway bridge was badly littered and the Clerk would ask Network Rail to clear this area and also cut back bushes which obscured the view of residents turning out of the old section of Gloucester Road.
- d) Repair to damaged patch in car park at Scott Park
South Gloucestershire Council had quoted the sum of £6,955.51 to repair the patch at the side of the Sports & Social Club if this was carried out at the same time as other tarmac work in Patchway. The Committee agreed that this work should be carried out with £3,500 taken from the maintenance of machinery budget and £3,500 from the maintenance of grounds, proposed

Cllr. Gordon, seconded Cllr. Martin.

e) Cycle path

The Committee was pleased that SGC were installing barriers and bollards to prevent the use of this path behind Coniston Road by vehicles but asked the Clerk to request that the work be carried out as soon as possible. The Clerk stated that the groundstaff would tidy up the edge of the woodland area at Bevington where a tree had been felled to widen the path.

7. **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 15 September in the Park at 8 pm, following the Scott Park Advisory Committee.