

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 23 February 2016 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Cllrs. P. Cottrell (in the Chair)
C. Mills
Mrs E. Martin

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Grotzke, Gordon, Loveridge and Orpen.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes of Parks & Open Spaces and Planning & Transport Joint Committee

The minutes of the last joint meeting held on 26 January were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Our Place Project

The Committee was very pleased to hear that the project described at the last meeting in Arlingham Way was proceeding and that residents had been involved in workdays over the half term holiday.

The Committee also noted the progress of the project at Blakeney Road allotments. It was hoped that the portacabin donated by 4 Towns & Vale Link Community Transport would be in position by the end of March and available for use by Men in Sheds. It was agreed to monitor the amount of electricity used by this group which, it had been agreed, would be paid by the Council.

b) Update from BMX Club

The Committee noted that the Club had informed the Council that the joint secretaries, Tracy Lovell and Tracey Kite had been re-elected at the AGM. The summer season would commence on Wednesday 6 April and a regional event would be held on Sunday 5 June. The Committee agreed that the Club could use the field on The Tumps for parking and noted that neighbours would be informed in advance and that no loud speakers would

operate before 10.30 am.

- c) Junior Parkrun
Two sports clubs had so far indicated their interest in helping set up a Junior Parkrun in Scott Park on Sunday mornings.

5. Groundsman's Report

The report was circulated and discussed and is attached to the minutes.

6. Request from Pretoria Road Allotments

The request from the association for individual storage huts measuring 6' x 4' had been referred from the last meeting.

After discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously that this request should be rejected on the grounds that individual sheds would create an unacceptable increase in the risk factor for the whole site.

7. Matters raised by Members

- a) Southern Brooks Community Partnerships
It was agreed to invite Corrina Wood, Manager of Family Services at SBCP, to speak at the Council meeting on funding cuts to this service.
- b) Dog signs
Cllr. Martin pointed out that the dog fouling signs were missing from the kissing gate at Blakeney Road.
- c) Electrification of railway line through Patchway
The Clerk reminded Councillors that there would be a presentation by Network Rail on the detail of the work to be carried out through Patchway on 29 February from 3-7 pm at The Aretians Club in Station Road.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 15 March at 7.30 p.m. at Callicroft House.