

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Ellen Segalov

**1. Patchway Green Spaces Project**

Ellen Segalov attended the meeting to inform Councillors about the Green Spaces Project which was now operating in four sites in Patchway. The first three sites are funded by Our Place, a government fund. This has paid Ellen's salary until the end of March.

Blakeney Road Allotments

Ellen was using the allotments' portacabin, which was a great community resource, as a base and a disused allotment plot outside the portacabin. She was currently running a "Grow Your Own" course with 9 members and they will look after this allotment once a week. She was also working with 3 pre-school groups: Play Station, Little Gems and Patchway Community Centre and was about to set up a women's mental health group through Southern Brooks Community Partnership.

The Parade

With co-operation from Merlin, the project was looking after one of the raised beds outside Shiva Stores, working with the residents who live above the shops. A regular after-school session is held with the families and this could extend to another bed.

Youth Centre

Raised beds have been constructed at the rear of the Centre and a Horticultural Therapy Course is being run by Thrive, engaging young people is growing flowers and vegetables.

Arlingham Way Pocket Park

Funding was applied for through Patchway Conservation Group for government funding which has granted £10,000 for capital expenditure and £1,345 for salary costs. Ellen has held several work days with families living in Arlingham Way to design the area and the official opening is on Thursday 7 April. Additional funding has been obtained from Kew Gardens to plant native species in the corners of the plot.

The Committee noted that in order to maintain and improve these four sites, additional funding was urgently needed to fund Ellen's time for at least twelve hours a week.

The Committee thanked Ellen for her presentation and said they would consider how it would be possible to assist with maintaining the project which was benefiting so many local people.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Orpen.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

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

## 4. Minutes of Parks & Open Spaces Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February were agreed and signed by the Chairman proposed Cllr. Mills, seconded Cllr. Martin.

## 5. Matters arising from the Minutes

### a) Scott Park development

The Committee noted an email from SGC confirming details of the s106 allocation from the Charlton Hayes development. The amounts allocated were as follows:

Multi-use games area	£181,313
Floodlighting for main pitch	£50,000
Cricket Nets (new facility)	£25,147
Hard surface removal to accommodate new pitches	£20,000
<b>Total capital allocation (Phase 1)</b>	<b>£276,460</b>

The Committee confirmed that no action would be taken on this development until the result of the additional grant application had been received at the end of April.

### b) Junior Parkrun

Two sports clubs had so far indicated their interest in helping set up a Junior Parkrun in Scott Park on Sunday mornings. It was agreed to await response from more clubs before deciding on future action.

**6. Groundsman's Report**

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

**7. Matters raised by Members**

a) Litter in Charlton Hayes

It was noted that no response had been received from Bovis to the Council's request to keep Sparrowbill Park clean and empty the bins. It was suggested that a further request should be made to install litter and dog-waste bins in other areas of the development.

b) Dog signs

Councillors asked if additional signs could be erected, particularly in the footpaths in the Bradley Road area.

**8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 April at 7.30 p.m. at Callicroft House.