

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. P. Cottrell (in the Chair)
R. Loveridge
Mrs E. Martin
J. Butler
Ms R. Messenger
M. Greensword

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills, Coleman 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 Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May were agreed and signed by the Chairman proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Loveridge.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Sparrowbill Park

The Clerk reported that Bovis had asked Chamonix to maintain this park until a plan had been drawn up of all open spaces to be discussed with the Town Council.

b) Inspection Chambers on The Tumps

Cllr. Martin reminded the Clerk of the safety hazard of inspection chambers which were protruding in the grass on The Tumps following Network Rail's investigation for electrification of the railway tunnels.

c) Survey of Park

The Clerk confirmed that three companies had been approached for a quotation to survey the Park so that the position of new sports facilities could be mapped.

5. Groundsman's Report

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

The Committee noted the information about a break-in and theft of power tools from the machinery shed at Scott Park and the security measures which were being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. It was noted that a cage would be constructed to protect the power tools and a siren would be fitted to the shed.

Councillors noted that Bovis had not replaced the section of fence of the play area at Ringsfield Lane which had been down for several months, allowing access to a building site.

The groundstaff had requested the purchase of a front deck mower which would be more suitable for cutting the verges than the current side and base cutting mowers. A price had been supplied by TH White for a 12 month old Ransomes mower for £13,950. The Committee understood the need for such a mower but asked the Clerk to obtain additional prices for consideration.

Information was circulated on scooter racks which provided safe storage of scooters. The cost was £329 and it was agreed to look at this possibility later in the financial year.

It was noted that the fencing and high netting work would be carried out shortly and that this would include the installation of a mobility kissing gate, as previously agreed.

7. Other matters

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the presentation to be carried out by McCarthy & Stone at the Planning & Transport meeting the following week concerning proposals to build a housing development and extra care flats in Charlton Hayes near the Travelodge.

8. Date of next meeting

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