

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 21 February 2017 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs E. Martin (in the Chair)
R. Loveridge
Ms R. Messenger

1. Apologies

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

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 January were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Loveridge, seconded Cllr. Martin.

The minutes of the meeting of the Scott Park Advisory Committee held on the same date were circulated for information.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Memorial Garden

Councillors were pleased to hear that the Sports & Social Club had agreed to purchase a WW1 bench so that both benches could be set in the memorial garden when the weather improved.

b) National Centenary Events in 2018

It was hoped that a fitting commemoration, to include the lighting of the beacon, could be held in Patchway in 2018 as part of the national centenary events for the end of WW1. It was agreed to hold a planning meeting at the Sports & Social Club on a date convenient to their committee and to invite other interested organisations such as the Fleet Air Arm Branch, local history society, air and army cadets.

An idea suggested by the Committee was an exhibition, asking residents and BAe/RR for any memorabilia from their archives to include. The Clerk would also contact the new aero museum for any suitable material they might have.

The Clerk was progressing the project to have the names of the fallen of both World Wars engraved on plaques round the memorial cross and would report to a future meeting. Cllr. Grotzke had previously suggested that reconstructed marble could be used for the plaques.

c) Dog fouling

Councillors noted that SGC had sprayed “no dog fouling” signs on the tarmac at various sites requested by Councillors. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the Town Council could have a stencil of this sign so that it could be resprayed when the paint faded. It was reported that this was already happening at some sites near The Parade.

There was a discussion on luminous signs with eyes and the text: “Thoughtless dog owners we’re watching you!” The cost of these A3 signs on corrugated plastic was £25 from the Keep Britain Tidy Group.

5. Solar Lights in Scott Park

The Committee noted information on solar lights at a cost of £3,000 per light. It was noted that a request had been received from a resident for additional lighting at the Longney Place end of the Park.

It was agreed that it would not be possible to purchase these lights in the 2017-18 financial year but that investigations should be carried out into the places in the Park where lights would be most beneficial, with the aim of including an amount for this item in the autumn when budgeting for the next financial year.

6. Groundsman’s Report

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

7. Other matters raised by Members and the Clerk

No matters raised.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 21 March at 7.30 p.m. at Callicroft House.