

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. P. Cottrell (in the Chair)
Mrs E. Martin
R. Loveridge
K. Walker
E. Gordon

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Orpen and Messenger.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Memorial Garden

The Committee asked if publicity could be given in Patchway People on the purchase of the two benches.

b) National Centenary Events in 2018

The Clerk had contacted the Sports & Social Club about setting up a meeting to discuss events for 2018.

c) Dog fouling

Councillors noted that SGC had re-sprayed “no dog fouling” signs on the tarmac at various sites requested by Councillors.

The Committee agreed to purchase 10 luminous signs and 10 bin stickers with eyes and the text: “Thoughtless dog owners we’re watching you!” The cost of these A3 signs on corrugated plastic was £25 and the bin stickers £5 from the Keep Britain Tidy Group, so the total cost would be £300.

5. Sport Development in Scott Park

It was noted that the Clerk had taken advice from Rob Stirzaker, Community Sport Officer at SGC, on the planning application in the light of an objection from Sport England. It was agreed to set up a small group to work together to respond to Sport England, using information from the survey carried out by Patchway Community Sports Association to justify the need for a sand-based pitch with shock pad which would enable its use for both football and rugby practice.

It was agreed that, at the May meeting, the Committee would look at an area for a basketball court in the Park.

It was agreed that in future the Parks Committee would be the only committee which dealt with this issue.

6. Groundsman's Report

The report was circulated and noted and is attached to the minutes. The Committee commended the groundstaff on the flowers on the roundabout and in the various planters.

7. Other matters raised by Members and the Clerk

a) Fencing

The Clerk read out a quotation received for the next section of perimeter fencing planned for the new financial year, which was along the back lane of Pretoria Road for the allotment site. It was agreed that two additional quotes should be obtained.

b) BMX Club

The Committee noted that the Wednesday Regional BMX Event would be held at The Tumps on Sunday 4 June and agreed that the Club could use the field for parking.

It was noted that neighbours would be informed of the event and the gate and loud speaker would not operate before 10.30 am. The Committee was pleased to note that the Joint Secretaries had been re-elected at the Club's AGM.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 20 April at 7.30 p.m. at Callicroft House. Councillors were reminded that this was not the normal Tuesday for this meeting.