

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on
16 May 2017 at Scott Park Pavilion, Coniston Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair)
Mrs E. Martin
R. Loveridge
K. Walker
E. Gordon
J. Butler
K. Dando
Ms R. Messenger
P. Cottrell (for 2nd half of meeting)

1. Walk Round Park

Before the meeting, Councillors walked round the Park to see the new memorial benches and to consider a possible site for a basketball court adjacent to the skateboard park.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence but Cllr. Cottrell would be late so it was agreed to postpone the election of chairman until later in the meeting.

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 20 April were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Walker, seconded Cllr. Martin.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Fencing Contract

The Committee noted that the fencing work would be carried out during the following week.

- b) Arlingham Way Pocket Park
The Committee noted that the cost to supply and install two spring animals in the pocket park would be £1,750 and it was agreed to take this amount from the play equipment budget.
- c) Cricket Club machinery
The Chairman reported that this issue had been resolved and that the Club members were currently maintaining the square and wicket with the groundstaff cutting the outfield due to safety concerns on the Club's machinery.

6. Matters arising from Advisory Committee and Walk

Arising from the Advisory Committee, Councillors noted that the BMX Club had achieved Club Mark accreditation, the floodlighting project was ongoing, damaged fencing had been replaced and a Regional Event would be held on The Tumps on Sunday 4 June.

Arising from the Walk, Councillors noted that the cricket store behind the Sports & Social Club was in poor condition with part of the fence missing and the area unusable due to brambles. The Clerk was asked to raise this situation with the Cricket Club and request remedial action.

It was noted that there would be space beside the skateboard park for a basketball court of 26m x 15m and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries into costings for a suitable surface.

7. Withdrawal of Planning Permission for Scott Park development

A timeline for the Scott Park planning application was circulated and is attached to these minutes, explaining why the application was withdrawn on the advice of the Planning Officer.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the s106 officer but that before this, more information on the sports strategy was required from the Community Sports Association.

It was also agreed that the planning application should be resubmitted when all the information had been received to answer the queries raised by Sport England and the Environmental Protection Team and that both surfaces for the MUGA should be included as alternatives in case the s106 money was only released for "a multi-use games area for tennis, netball, basketball, football and rugby training", which had been the original application. It was agreed to keep in touch with the District

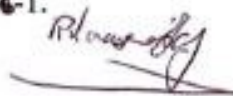
Councillors for advice during this process. Cllr. Dando commented that it was important that the Council worked together as a unit on this matter.

8. Groundsman's Report

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

9. Committee Chairman

Cllr. Loveridge was proposed by Cllr. Butler, seconded Cllr. Cottrell. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Loveridge was elected by 6-1.



10. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 20 June at 7.30 p.m.