

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 20 June 2017 at Scott Park Pavilion, Coniston Road, Patchway.

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

In attendance: Mr. P. Thompson) Patchway Community
Mr. S. Payne) Sports Association

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed two members of the Community Sports Association. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Orpen and Walker and Jason Franklin from the Community Sports Association.

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 12 June were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Cottrell, seconded Cllr. Martin.

4. Discussion with Community Sports Association on business plan for MUGA and phase two development at Scott Park

The Community Sports Association reported that they would be holding a meeting to confirm the business plan and would confirm this at the next meeting. The Clerk would send Mr. Thompson the questions raised by Sport England so he could ensure these were covered by the business plan.

It was agreed to hold a meeting with the contractors once planning permission had been granted so that the specification could be confirmed and a start date agreed. The Clerk would confirm with Slatters whether the price quoted for the work would still stand in the event of an autumn start to the work.

Cllr. Butler commented that Bradley Stoke football club had sponsorship boards round the pitch which raised funds for the club.

It was noted that part of the s106 money was to cover new changing rooms and that these would be both at the pavilion and adjacent to the main pitch.

The Committee discussed phase two which was to redevelop the pavilion. Cllr. Dando suggested that the Council could borrow money as rates were low at present. It was noted that the Council had obtained drawings from Kitto for both changing rooms and a new pavilion and it was agreed that these should be discussed at the next meeting, with a possibility that the plans for the pavilion could be used for an outline application for phase two.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Sports Association for their attendance and they then left the meeting.

5. Report on Safety Inspection of play equipment

The Committee noted that the annual inspection had been carried out in May and considered the matters which had been raised. The Clerk had been round all the sites with the groundsman and the Committee noted that one swing seat would be replaced, damage to the safer surfacing in Scott Park would be repaired, missing bars on a bridge would be replaced, vandalised railings in the disabled play area would be replaced, the skateboard ramp would be repainted with non-slip paint, the practice goal posts at Gorse Covert would be re-concreted, vandalised wooden play equipment at Gorse Covert would be repaired and the vandalised concrete litter bin at the same site would be removed. The Cricket Club had been asked to secure the frames of the sight screens to the railings for safety.

The Committee agreed that the door frame to the disabled WC in the Park should be replaced at a cost of £414 and that sufficient supplies of play bark should be ordered to replenish the areas round equipment at Scott Park and Blakeney Road to a safe depth.

The Committee agreed that a costing for a metal foot-plate should be obtained to replace the plywood platform on the tower at Blakeney Road play area in order to make this item safe and that new edging in treated timber should be fixed to form a pit for the play bark.

6. Former garage site at Newnham Place

The Committee considered the proposal of SGC to divert the surface water drainage pipe into the Pretoria Road allotment site which would create the loss of a 4 metres wide strip of allotment land. The Committee was not agreeable to this proposal and agreed to respond that, although this land was currently vacant, it was earmarked for future allotment plots as demand increased from Charlton Hayes

residents. Looking at the proposal for house building on the former garage site, the Committee considered that the drainage pipe could be diverted under the road in front of the new properties, where it would also drain this road.

Councillors were concerned to see that the indicative layout of the site made no provision for access from Newnham Place by Wessex Water to the inspection pit to the main sewer running under the allotment site at a depth of 30m. Neither was there mention of the footpath running along the allotment fence from Pretoria Road to Coniston Road which had been well-used by residents for many years. It was agreed to draw these concerns to the attention of the SGC Valuer and also query the previous communication regarding the boundary line between the land owned by Patchway TC and SGC.

7. Groundsman's Report

The report was circulated, discussed and is attached to these Minutes.

8. Date for a meeting to discuss plans for the 2018 commemoration of the end of WW1

The Sports & Social Club had suggested a Thursday evening would be convenient for them and it was agreed to discuss this in September and fix a date to meet in the autumn.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 18 July at 7.30 p.m.