

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Mr. P. Thompson) Patchway Community
Mr. J. Franklin) Sports Association

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed two members of the Community Sports Association. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Orpen and Butler and Steve Payne 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 20 June were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Dando

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Repair to the slide platform at Blakeney Road play area
The Committee noted that the requested quotation for repair had been obtained and it was agreed to accept the price of £409 for a metal Foot plate.
- b) Safety inspection of play equipment
It was noted that other items highlighted in the report were in hand by the Groundstaff.
- c) Former garage site at Newnham Place

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

The Community Sports Association reported that they had prepared a draft of the Business plan and would forward this to the Clerk for circulation to members of the Committee. Mr. Franklin asked the Clerk to send him copies of the old paperwork Which would help preparing the business plan, including the original application for S106 funding.

It was noted that part of the S106 money was to cover the changing rooms and That these would be both at the pavilion and adjacent to the main pitch. The plans Prepared in 2014 by Kitto were circulated and discussed. It was suggested that it Would be preferable for all changing rooms to be downstairs in the new pavilion With the viewing area over, although this would necessitate a disabled lift.

It was agreed to hold the September meeting in the Park to ask the architect, Dominic Taylor, to attend to advise on layout in order that an outline application Could be prepared. The Committee noted that in 2014 the Council had proposed Both a new pavilion with a ground and first floor and an indoor sports hall as This had been requested by the judo and gymnastics clubs.

6. Patchway Common & Bradley Stoke Town Council

The Committee noted that Bradley Stoke Town Council would be considering at Its next meeting whether to take on the maintenance of Patchway Common, which Was registered common land off The Common East, from Patchway Town Council. The advice of SGC was noted, as was the view of Bradley Stoke Clerk that the Council had no budget for this item and that the land could be left Unprotected.

The Committee was very concerned at this situation and asked the Clerk to contact Bradley Stoke to emphasise the importance of this land to the community and that Patchway had spent very little over the past 20 years on maintenance as routine Work was carried out by the local conservation group.

7. Groundsman's Report

The report was circulated, discussed and is attached to these Minutes. It was Suggested that more “no dog fouling “signs should be erected.

The Clerk was asked to obtain prices for concrete table-tennis tables so that this Item could be considered for inclusion in the budget for the next financial year.

8. Other matters raised

- a) Patchway Town Football Club reported that the clips were broken on the Goal posts for the main pitch and needed replacing before the start of the Season
- b) Patchway Cricket Club reported problems with the function of the showers In the pavilion. The Clerk said that an electrician would be attending the site The following day to assess the problem and repair it.
- c) The Clerk reported on the poor condition of the noticeboard in Parkleaze and showed a section of rotten wooden frame. It was noted that this board was over 20 years old. Prices had been obtained for replacement in painted metal with a header strip and metal legs -£536 from Coker Exhibition Systems or £995 from Whitehill Direct. It was agreed to recommend to Council this expenditure should be covered by contingencies and that the Clerk would obtain additional prices and specifications over the summer to ensure a good quality replacement.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 18 July at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed to hold the meeting in Scott Park and to start with the Advisory Committee at 7.pm so that the site for the new pavilion/sports hall could be discussed while the evening was still light.