

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Mr. L. Brooks (Pretoria Road
Mr. D. Howell Allotments)
Mr. L. Richardson (Blakeney Road Allotments)
Mr. J. Franklin (Patchway Community
Mr. J. Thomas Sports Association)

1. Discussion with representatives of Blakeney Road and Pretoria Road Allotments

Pretoria Road

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Howell presented a rent cheque for £1,344.47 and reported that they currently had 9 half-plots vacant with 110 plots taken. They had several enquiries for plots in the spring.

The society had organised several fund-raising events, the most recent being a bonfire night with BBQ. The committee had 4 or 5 events planned for next year and wanted to raise funds for an extension to the roof of their shed to give shelter outside the shed. There had been no security issues recently.

Thanks were expressed to the Council for the new car park, which was almost finished and which would benefit tenants by providing more car parking just inside the gate. This would prevent parking on the grass which damaged the surface in wet weather.

The society would like to have an additional container for members to keep their machinery safely and Cllr. Walker suggested that they could apply for SGC Member Awarded Funding for this.

Mr. Brooks pointed out that the next section of Scott Park fencing which needed replacing was 100m from the middle gate to Longney Place and this was noted by the Councillors.

Blakeney Road

Mr. Richardson presented a rent cheque for £810 and reported that he had 6 half-plots vacant with 21 full-plots and 18 half-plots taken.

Mr. Richardson had plans to have an angled roof installed on the community room so that water could be collected. At present there was no committee for the allotment association and Cllr. Walker offered to speak at a meeting of the tenants

to inform them of funding opportunities to carry out improvements if the association was run by a committee. Councillors were pleased to note the success of the Men in Sheds project and the Community Allotment project, both of which shared the site and the community room.

Mr. Richardson drew the Council's attention to the rusty fence posts supporting the palisade fencing between the site and the pond. It was estimated that a length of 100 might need replacing from the gate to the motorway. The Clerk would check on this section and interested Councillors were welcome to join this visit.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Orpen.

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 17 October were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Butler.
There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Update of Sports Development in Scott Park

Members noted that there would be a meeting on 27 November with the SGC s106 officer to discuss the funding of the project. Following this, a meeting would be arranged with the Sport England Planning Manger to ensure that he had no objections if the MUGA were moved to the site of the hard court. When all was in order, the sub committee would meet to agree the new planning application. The committee hoped that this application could be agreed by the Council and submitted before Christmas. The Sports Association circulated plans of the park showing the new site of the MUGA, which could be included with the planning application.

It was agreed that it was important to check that the contractor was available to carry out the work in the spring to avoid additional delay.

An issue with the new site was to ensure that the access was from the perimeter tarmac path and not across the turf of the pitches. It was suggested that for this reason, a light was located and a break-out area created on the Windermere Road

side of the court. The possibility of getting local firms to sponsor this area was discussed.

It was noted that an application had been made for s016 funding for a new basketball court for Scott Park as this facility would be lost through the construction of the MUGA. It was agreed that, if there was no objection from either of the consultees, that this should be included in the new planning application. The first price obtained for a fenced and floodlit court was £67,000 but other prices would be sought.

6. Groundsman's Report

The report was circulated, discussed and is attached to these Minutes. Councillors expressed thanks to the groundsman for facilitating the arrangements for the Remembrance Parade, which had been very well attended.

7. Items for inclusion in next year's budget

It was agreed to include £6,000 for 2 solar lights, one for the footpath at the Longney Place end of the park and one for the Windermere Road side of the MUGA. Cllr. Dando was concerned at the possibility of theft of the generators on the top of the poles.

Another 100m section of perimeter fence from the middle gate to Longney Place would cost approximately £10,000.

A concrete table-tennis table would cost £2,300 (supply and installation).

The Committee considered other items in the budget and agreed small adjustments. The draft budget would be presented to the Finance Committee.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23 January and would follow the Advisory Committee at 7 pm.