

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces held on 20 February 2018  
at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

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

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

**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 23 January were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Dando.  
There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**4. SGC Sports Strategy**

The long-awaited Strategy document had been published and copies had been forwarded to all Councillors for information. It was noted that the issues raised in the Strategy relating to lack of facilities, would be taken up in the plans for Scott Park. Councillors were surprised that there was no mention of the BMX Club in the Strategy, despite its popularity, and would raise this point with SGC.

**5. Update of Sports Development in Scott Park**

It was noted that the meeting with SGC and representatives of sporting groups had

been arranged for 5 March at 1 pm and all interested Councillors were invited to attend.

It was noted that there were various surfaces available for the MUGA but that the preferred surface was for a 3G surface, which would be suitable for football and rugby but would also be suitable for walking football for older people. This surface would give the best return in revenue for the Council.

Mr. Thompson said he had send an email to Patchway Journal advertising the plans for new developments in the Park to keep residents informed.

#### **6. Groundsman's Report**

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

Mr. Franklin commended the groundstaff for their work on the main pitch.

It was agreed to advertise the availability of football pitches for the next season.

The Committee was pleased that Stoke Lane FC would like to use a pitch for a new men's team next season.

#### **7. Public Spaces Protection Orders**

The Committee noted information from SGC on a new policy for the use of this power to address anti-social behaviour in public areas.

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30 pm.