

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces held on 19 June 2018  
at Scott Park Pavilion, Coniston Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. R. Loveridge (in the Chair)  
P. Cottrell  
J. Butler  
Ms. R. Messenger

In attendance: Mr. J. Franklin (Patchway Community  
Mr. J. Thomas ( Sports Association

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Martin, Orpen and Dando.

**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 15 May were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Butler, seconded Cllr. Cottrell.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Update of Sports Development in Scott Park

Cllr. Loveridge reported that Nick Morley, the architect who had drawn up some of the plans for the planning application, was now acting as agent for the application and sorting out remaining issues. He was keeping the Clerk in touch with developments.

b) Picnic area in Scott Park

In response to a request from the police, the groundstaff had reduced the height of the hedge surrounding the picnic area behind Windermere Road.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that a company which specialised in 3D printing was expected to discuss the list of names of those servicemen lost in the two World Wars to be added to the memorial in Scott Park for the Remembrance Parade.

## **5. Gorse Covert**

In Cllr. Gordon's absence, this item was deferred.

## **6. Annual Safety Inspection of Play Equipment**

It was noted that the Clerk and Groundsmen had looked at the minor items raised in the report which could be repaired by the staff. It was agreed that prices should be obtained for repairing the disabled swings and disabled slide, replacing one spring animal and new surfacing under the disabled roundabout in Scott Park. The other play areas had only minor repairs needed.

## **7. Groundsman's Report**

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

It was suggested that the Fire Risk Assessment should be checked to ensure it was up to date, including the new vehicle.

Patchway Town FC asked that the clips on the goal posts were replaced and the sockets for the goal posts cleared out before the new season.

## **8. Items included in budget for 2018-19**

The discussion followed a walk around the Park before the meeting.

The Committee agreed that it wanted to make a positive difference to the Park. They discussed the previously considered priority to install a basketball court in the Park, adjacent to the skateboard area, to replace the facility which would be lost when the hard court was converted to a sand-based MUGA. The quotation already obtained was £16,500 but it was possible that a cheaper price could be given if the work was carried out by Slatter at the same time as the other work in the Park.

Items included in the budget for 2018-19 were

- a solar lamp by the entrance to the MUGA (£3,000): Suggested that it might be cheaper to run a cable for a lamp when the work was being carried out for the floodlighting
- 100m of fencing (£12,000): Noted that the park fence with the allotments was rusty but not dangerous and that this work could be postponed to the next financial year.
- Table tennis table (£3,000)

It was agreed, proposed Cllr. Butler, seconded Cllr. Messenger, to recommend to Council that the items included in the budget should be deferred to the following year and that the money saved should be put towards the basketball court. It was also agreed to ask Ternaya Cummings to apply to Quartet for funding for this project as the basketball court is regularly used by young people. It was suggested that Slatter should be asked to supply a quotation with floodlighting directed away from the adjacent housing.

**9. Other urgent matters**

a) Theft of machinery

The Clerk reported that information was being collected to claim from the insurance company for the power tools stolen during the break-in on 28 May. It was suggested that, in the long-term, the Council could look at solar CCTV in the Park on remote control to monitor the sports equipment and tools against theft and damage.

- b) Jason Franklin reported that Patchway Town FC had been approached by an U-15 side which would like to join the Club and play on Sunday mornings. He would like them to use the main pitch if possible, if not, the top pitch.

**10. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 17 July at 7.30 pm. at Callicroft House.