

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces held on 18 September 2018
at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon and Walker.

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 17 July were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Dando.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Sports Development in Scott Park

Cllr. Loveridge reported that there were still a few queries to be overcome before the planning permission was granted but he was hopeful that these would soon be resolved

Although the Committee was in support of a new basketball court, it was agreed to check with Sport England that they would not be concerned about the loss of green space. The Clerk had not actioned this decision pending the granting of planning permission for the MUGA.

Mr. Franklin said that he had all the required information for the business plan for the site which SGC were requesting before the s106 funding could be released. He would cut and paste his information into their format.

It was agreed to check whether SBCP had been able to source any funding for the basketball court.

b) Repairs to play equipment in the Park

The Committee was pleased to note that all repairs had now been completed following the safety inspection.

c) War Memorial

The Committee was pleased that the Council had agreed the expenditure for the upgrading of the war memorial and suggested that the photographs of the design should be put on the website to inform residents.

c) Solar Lights

As an alternative to solar lighting, it was agreed to seek a price from SGC for adding lights at the Longney Place end of the Park to the street lighting circuit.

5. Groundsman's Report

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

Arising from the use of The Tumps by travellers during August, the Committee asked the Clerk to check whether the debris had been cleared from the large tump by the beacon. It was agreed that at the next Parks meeting Future Security of The Tumps should be an agenda item and that information should be produced on various options, e.g. metal barrier, concrete blocks, CCTV, for consideration. Cllr. Orpen recorded her thanks to the groundsman and office staff for their help in dealing with the traveller problem and for the assistance received from the Traveller Unit at SGC.

6. Other urgent matters

a) High fencing

It was noted that ball-stop fencing was required in the Park, along the boundary fence of the bungalows in Coniston Road as the bottom pitch had been moved nearer to the properties to make space for the MUGA. The Clerk had obtained 3 prices and it was agreed to proceed with the lowest price of £3820 which was from Fencing Services.

b) Raised drain cover at Scott Park

It was noted that no remedial work had been carried out to this hazard at the entrance to the Park despite SGC being informed several months ago. The Clerk would contact the Street Inspector for action.

c) Meat sales in Scott Park

The Committee noted that a butcher from Nailsea was interested in operating a butchery service in the car park at Scott Park once a week. The Sports and Social Club were supportive, and no Councillor had raised an objection. The Clerk had informed the butcher and he would be applying for a licence from SGC.

d) Memorial Plaque in Scott Park

The Committee were happy to agree to the request of the family of Betty Britton to erect a plaque in the Park next to the existing tree and plaque to her sister Trudy Boulton. The site was by the path along the rear of Pretoria Road.

7. **Planning applications referred from Council meeting**

The Committee noted the following planning application received:

60 Pretoria Road	Single storey side extension and 1 st floor Rear extension with side dormer window
148 Gloucester Road	Detached garage (retrospective)
66 Callicroft Road	Two storey and single storey rear extension & 2 parking spaces
Parcels H1, H2a and H2b Highwood Road	Variation to condition no. 1 for revised planning layout

The Committee made no objection to these applications except for 66 Callicroft Road, where they agreed to object on the grounds that the extension was cramped and out of keeping with the area.

8. **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 16 October at 8 pm. at Callicroft House. This meeting would follow a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee at 7 p.m.