

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on 22 June 2010 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs L. Gray (in the Chair)  
E. Gordon J.P  
P. Cottrell  
M. Richardson  
M. Grotzke  
A. Alsop  
K. Dando

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Woodley.

**2. CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. L. Gray was unanimously agreed as Chairman of the Committee.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairman emphasised that Councillors must declare their interest in any matter to be discussed either at the beginning of the meeting or when it is raised during the meeting.

Cllrs. Dando and Pomfret stated that, as members of DC West, they could make comments but not express an opinion on any planning application.

**4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Street Lights

The Committee noted that energy saving trials were being piloted in Charfield. It was likely that this would be extended to other areas to save money in future.

## **6. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CORE STRATEGY**

The Committee discussed the section of the document headed “Communities of the North Fringe of Bristol Urban Area.”, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

The Committee was pleased to note that the policies

- Supported new employment land and the safeguarding of the Filton airfield;
- Protected wildlife areas and corridors, including the Henbury Trym Walkway, which had been a concern of the Council for many years;
- Respected the character and identity of existing communities;

The Committee noted that development was planned up to 2016 for a new housing development south of Filton airfield and north and west of the Mall which would create 1750 units of accommodation. This included proposals to redevelop Patchway Trading Estate for housing.

The Committee was very concerned that the existing public open spaces of Eagle Meadow and Charlton Common should be protected and improved.

The Committee supported the statement that this was a “significant opportunity to remodel ageing commercial areas and ....assist the continued regeneration of Patchway.”

It was agreed to ascertain from SGC whether there was any threat to the status of Eagle Meadow and, if so, to apply for village green status to protect public access to the land.

It was also agreed to emphasise in the Council’s comments that increased development would place intolerable pressure on highways which were already at saturation point and that increased local amenities must be provided for new developments.

Councillors commented that they would like to see more employment land used for manufacturing to provide jobs for local people.

It was agreed to submit the above comments to SGC before the deadline at the end of July.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee made no objections to the following applications:

43 Stoke Lane	Front and rear dormer windows
Aztec Hotel	Freestanding internally illuminated sign

The Committee noted that the following applications had been granted by SGC:

21 Windermere Road	Single storey rear extension
46 Hazeldene Road	Single storey rear extension
Patchway Fire Station	Single storey extension for Community Safety Centre
Barclays Bank, 124 Gloucester Road	Alteration to shopfront and ATM and air condition unit Display of fascia and projecting signs
St Chad's Primary School	Single storey extension to classroom
28 Amberley Road	Front and rear dormers for loft conversion
Bristol Properties, Station Road	2.4 m high palisade fence with pedestrian gate
26 Painswick Avenue	Replacement garage
Patchway Public Library	Demolition of library and public house and Erection of 3 storey building
24 Bourton Close	Rear conservatory
22 Shellmor Avenue	Rear conservatory

## **8. OTHER MATTERS**

Public Toilets

The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that both sets of public toilets should be closed as soon as possible – the facilities at Cranbourne Road would close at the end of July when the site was taken over by contractors for the building of the Hub. Councillors agreed that the facilities at The Parade should close when toilets were available on the ground floor at Coniston Community Centre for public use.

#### Mechanical Street Sweeper

Cllr. Alsop requested that a mechanical sweeper should be used to clean the streets and pavements in Stoke Lodge. This request would be passed to SGC.

#### Parking in Rodway Road

The Committee agreed to approach SGC again concerning increasing the parking spaces in Rodway Road by replacing the parking bay outside the former bakery with echelon spaces. This was increasingly important with the development of the Hub which would bring more cars to the road.

### **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 July at 7.30 p.m.