

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on  
22 February 2011 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. J. Thomas (in the Chair)  
M. Grotzke  
P. Cottrell  
A. Alsop

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Woodley, Gray and Gordon.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairman stated that Councillors must declare their interest under the Model Code of Conduct in any matter to be discussed, either at the beginning of the meeting or when it is raised during the meeting.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 January 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Cycleways

It was noted that a bollard had been installed in the new cycleway from the top of Stroud Road round Gorse Covert.

The Committee also noted that steel sculptures had been erected at some points along the route of the Cycle City route. These had been designed by pupils of Patchway Community College. The Clerk was attempting to raise grant money to pay for more of the designs to be fabricated. Those erected so far in Patchway were 1 in Bradley Road and 2 on Patchway Common.

b) Chelford Grove

The following was reported:

- SGC had been requested to carry out the following work and a reply was awaited: advisory white lines to protect residents' drives; strips of different coloured tarmac or changed surface to restrict traffic speed; current costings for repairs to the footway and private forecourts.
- Agreement had been given by SGC that hanging baskets would be located and serviced on each of the brackets on the posts outside the shops
- There were 2 directional signs for "Local Shops" in Stoke Lane one at the junction with Fairford Crescent and one at the junction with Amberley Road and a third sign in Amberley Road at the junction with Bibury Close.
- The Town Council would look at varying the style of Christmas lights in Chelford Grove next December.

c) Twinning Celebrations

This item was postponed as there was a change in the timing of the planned visit to Patchway from Gauting.

**5. MEETING WITH MERLIN HOUSING SOCIETY**

The Committee noted a report on the meeting held with officers from Merlin on 14 February and these are attached to the minutes. Those Councillors who attended were very pleased with the meeting.

It was noted that Merlin had supplied a map of Patchway with their land ownership coloured for the Council's future reference.

One item for further investigation was the policy of mixing tenants of varying ages in one block. Councillors considered that this was very unfair to older tenants. Merlin had stated that this matter was the responsibility of SGC not Merlin and it was agreed to approach SGC on this issue.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee made no objection to the following planning application:

Invista Real Estate  
Management Co.  
Waterside Drive

Division of one office into two separate  
units (revision to include erection of  
two cycle shelters)

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

Highwood Road	Linear Park
53 Pretoria Road	1 <sup>st</sup> floor rear and side extension
Cap Gemini UK Park Avenue, Aztec West	Retention of 2 mobile generators and 1 fuel tank for another year
80 Stoke Lane	Front & rear dormers for Loft conversion

The Committee noted that the following application has been withdrawn:

168 Gloucester Road	Change of use of office building to Peridental Surgery
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## 7. **OTHER MATTERS RAISED**

### a) Garden waste in Gorse Covert

It was agreed to ask SGC if signs could be displayed asking residents not to dump garden and other waste over the fence into the woods.

### b) Bus routes

Cllr. Cottrell asked that SGC should be requested again to agree to double yellow lines in Durban Road to facilitate the use of this road by buses. The Committee noted receipt of the requested Severnside Transport proposal for a shuttle bus route round Patchway and referred this to the Finance Committee for discussion. Cllr. Alsop asked for a copy of this proposal.

### c) Stoke Lodge NW

The Committee noted a letter from the Neighbourhood Watch which had been sent to Street Care concerning complaints raised at the recent meeting. These were damaged steps at the top of Station Road, incorrect gradient at dropped kerb in Staverton Close and food waste bins left open by collectors. It was agreed to write a letter of support for their concerns.

### d) Temporary speed signs in Stoke Lane

Cllr. Alsop reported that these signs had been very successful in reducing speed and suggested that permanent signs should be erected. SGC had sent a report of the speed readings recorded between 15 January and 14 February. This

stated that as the sign had not recorded 85% of vehicles exceeding 35mph, the Council would not programme the sign to be reinstalled at this location. It was hoped that the District Councillors would be able to bring pressure to bear for further action to be taken to tackle this problem in Stoke Lane.

- e) Post Office  
It was agreed to check with the Post Office if there was any truth in the rumour that the Post Office was to be relocated in Cost Cutter at the roundabout rather than in Spar.
- f) Condition of pavements and back lanes in Patchway  
Councillors expressed concern at the poor condition of pavements and back lanes in all parts of Patchway. It was agreed to ask for a meeting with Street Care to discuss this issue.
- g) Representation at Core Strategy Consultation Event  
It was agreed that Cllr. Thomas and the Clerk would represent the Council at this event on 3 March , “Designing Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhoods”.
- h) Railings at Coniston Parade  
It was noted that SGC were being reminded that they had agreed in August to “re-assess the required works to remove the damaged rails and replace with standard galvanised pedestrian rail”.
- i) Priority Neighbourhoods  
It was noted that the Patchway Workshop had been held on 17 February at the Baptist Church and that topic groups were being established which would enable Councillors to become involved with the discussion on various targets.
- j) Repair to back lane in Windermere Road  
The Committee was pleased to note that, following a complaint from a blind resident, SGC had carried out repairs to the broken surface of this lane.
- k) Highwood Road Traffic Order  
Copies of the paperwork had been sent to all Councillors and there was a discussion on the temporary order from April to put two way traffic on one carriageway of Highwood Road while the bus lane was being constructed.
- l) Directional Signs for Coniston Community Centre  
The signs were agreed which would shortly be erected back to back in Coniston Road at the junction with Blakeney Road.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30 p.m.