

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
26 June 2012 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllr. S. Scott (in the Chair)
M. Grotzke
D. Tiley
E. Gordon *
A. Alsop *
Ms S. Pomfret *

* Not a member of the Committee

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills, Martin, Walker and Hopkinson.

2. Declarations 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 26 May 2012 were agreed as a correct record, proposed Cllr. Grotzke, seconded Cllr. Tiley, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highwood Road

Cllr. Scott reported that the PTSE Committee had considered 3 options:

1. To close the road
2. To keep the road open
3. To close it but reconsider the position in 5 years. At the meeting an amendment had been proposed to reconsider the position in 18 months.

The PTSE Committee had agreed option 3 with the amendment to 18 months but the decision was referred to SG Council on 18 July so the decision would not be confirmed until that date.

It was confirmed that during the 18 months closure the traffic in Coniston Road would be monitored.

b) Shellmor Avenue

The Committee noted that this item would be discussed by the PTSE Committee at its September meeting.

c) Motorway Bund

The Committee noted that the meeting with Jack Lopresti MP, residents, South Gloucestershire Council and the Highways Agency on 25 May had been very useful and a style of acoustic fence had been agreed. Follow up from the SGC officer on an extension of the fence to protect the southern end of Falcon Close was awaited.

d) Hempton Lane

The Committee was pleased to hear that work would shortly commence to create the agreed parking restrictions and that SGC were willing to look at a residents parking scheme for those with no drives (Merlin tenants).

Cllr. Scott reported that there was another problem for residents from lights in the offices shining into properties. It was suggested that the company should be asked to turn their lights off at night.

5. Coniston Parade

Cllr. Gordon had asked for this item to be on the agenda.

Cllr. Gordon stated that the shops and flats needed refurbishment. Merlin had agreed to replace the lights and erect “No ball games” signs but Cllr. Gordon asked if the District Councillors would take up the need for regeneration of the area. He also drew attention to the Town Council’s request that the underpass should be removed due to anti-social behaviour.

The Committee suggested that this matter should be raised at the Priority Neighbourhood Group which was meeting at the beginning of July.

6. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

Charlton Hayes

40 dwellings behind Callicroft Road
by David Wilson Homes

The Committee noted that SGC had granted the following applications:

Charlton Hayes	46 dwellings by Barratt Homes
Belmont House Gloucester Road	2 storey side extension (resubmission)
38 Bibury Avenue	Front and rear dormers for loft conversion
Callicroft Primary School	Sun canopy

7. Other Planning & Transport Matters

a) 31 Cavendish Road

The Committee noted that Planning Enforcement had written to the owner of this site.

b) Bus Rapid Transit Network: Cribbs Causeway to Bristol Parkway

It was noted that the consultation period closed on 13 July and it was agreed to make the information available to all Councillors.

c) Patchway Children's Hub

It was noted that the Clerk had asked for a meeting with the Manager of the Hub. Councillors pointed out that there was no litter bin in the car park off Highwood Road and that the windows were sometimes left open in the evening on the Highwood side of the building.

d) Parking near doctor's surgery at The Parade

Cllr. Grotzke passed on complaints from residents that they had received a parking ticket when dropping off a relative at the doctor's surgery. It was suggested that there should be one bay for dropping off patients and that a review of parking should be sought.

e) Coniston Road

Cllr. Gordon reported that since the resurfacing at the top of Coniston Road, speed had increased as there was no traffic calming. The Clerk would take this up with SGC.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 24 July at 7.30pm.