

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr. S. Scott (in the Chair)
M. Grotzke
C. Mills
Mrs E. Martin

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tiley and Walker.

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 24 July 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with a correction to Minute 7a: remove the word “small” before “problems” in line 2.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highwood Road

It was noted that the police are now taking action against motorists using the closed section of Highwood Road. Complaints have been received from Coniston Road residents that it is difficult to cross the road due to the amount of traffic and that trees are obscuring the Belisha Beacons at the zebra crossing by Gorse Covert. There is also concern that no hard standing on the grass verges has been provided for the new bus stops in Highwood Road. The Clerk was asked to take up these issues with SGC.

b) Coniston Parade Regeneration

It was hoped that information would be received from Merlin on their plans at the forthcoming meeting.

c) Motorway Bund

The Clerk was asked to remind Mark King a timescale on the investigation in order that a programme for the extension of the acoustic fence could be agreed.

d) 31 Cavendish Road

Councillors noted that additional work was being carried out on site and asked the Clerk to send a new photograph to the Enforcement Team at SGC.

5. Charlton Hayes Update

Cllr. Mills reported on a recent Charlton Hayes meeting, the minutes of which are attached. The Committee was very pleased to note that Bovis would provide a playing field and play equipment but concern was expressed about a safe access for children. The Committee noted that the primary school would have to be an academy or free school due to government legislation.

6. Inspector's Report on Core Strategy

The Committee noted the Chairman's report that the Planning Inspector had been unhappy with the housing numbers and had asked SGC to look for additional sites. This would result in the airfield being developed with a lot of housing and not much employment.

The Mall would remain as a Regional Centre and not be extended as a Local Centre because SGC had not consulted with Bristol and North Somerset.

7. Stoke Lane site visit

Cllrs Scott and Mills had attended the visit with Jon Lewis, a Highways Officer from SGC, the previous day. Cllrs. Hopkinson and Alsop had also attended as well as the Clerk.

The visit had included the site of the present zebra crossing near Amberley Road and two other sites where new zebra crossings had been requested. The officer would look at how to make the Amberley Road crossing more visible, possibly by using a raised table crossing and flashing sign, as it was acknowledged that this was on the desire line of children crossing to the footbridge over the A38. He would also look at the viability of the other crossings.

The officer had informed Councillors that work to widen the junction of Shellmor Avenue with Stoke Lane would be carried out at the end of November and that, following this, the junction of Shellmor with the A38 would close.

The Committee noted that a flashing VAS sign for Stoke Lane would cost £6,000 and agreed to consider funding this if SGC were not willing to do so. It was agreed to await the officer's report on this visit which, it was agreed, was very useful.

8. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

Rolls Royce (behind Ravenscourt Road)	Extension to Marine Test Facility (revised proposals)
1 West View The Common	1 end terrace house
78 Cavendish Road	2 storey side extension
Drive Bristol (Patchway Cars)	Valeting Bay and roof to car wash facilities

The Committee objected to the following application:

25 Bourton Avenue Reduction by 30% of oak tree with TPO
On the following grounds: there is no disease in the tree; it is a historic oak tree from Patchway's boundary hedge; oak trees have enormous ecological value and should be protected for the future environment; it is sited in the garden of 25 Bourton Avenue and the application to reduce it by one third is being made by a property in Saxon Way which is a recent development and the purchasers would have known the oak tree was protected when they bought the house. Cllr. Orpen is willing to call this application in for a site visit if necessary, but hopefully the Tree Officer will recommend against this work.

The Committee noted the following applications which had been agreed by SGC:

Longney Place garages	Housing development
Bristol Forklift Gloucester Road	First floor extension and renewal of cladding and roofing
4 Baytree Close	Rear conservatory

9. Other Planning & Transport Matters

a) St. Chad's School

It was agreed to ask SGC for a report on the traffic management proposals for the school once Shellmor Avenue had been closed to traffic from the A38.

b) Bradley Road

Cllr. Grotzke had received complaints at a skip delivery business operating from a house at the junction of Longney Place. The Clerk would check the regulations with SGC and report back.

c) Street Lighting

It was agreed to accept Mark King's offer to meet with the committee to explain how part night lighting would affect Patchway. The Clerk would arrange a meeting.

d) Christmas Lights

It was agreed not to install additional lights in Charlton Hayes this year but to look at the question again next year.

e) Housing Priorities Consultation

It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting as the closing date for responses was January 2013.

f) Rodway Road

The Committee agreed to press SGC to bring forward the resurfacing of Rodway Road due to the rat running which had badly worn the tarmac.

10. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 November at 7.30pm.