

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on  
26 March 2013 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllr. S. Scott (in the Chair)  
M. Grotzke  
E. Gordon  
K. Walker

**1. Apologies**

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

**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 February were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Cllr. Grotzke, seconded by Cllr. Gordon and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Patchway Community Plan

It was agreed that the first meeting of a working group to consider a Community Plan would be held on Thursday 18 April at 2 p.m. All Councillors were invited to attend this meeting.

b) Patchway Town Centre Group

The Committee noted a report on the recent meeting and noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15 May at 1 p.m.

c) Highways Issues

The Committee was pleased to learn that the police were now fining vehicles using Highwood Road and that it had been reported in the local press that 263 cars had been fined in one day.

Councillors were pleased to note that a weight restriction sign had been erected at the junction of Coniston and Highwood Roads. There was, however, still no

weight restriction sign at the standing stone roundabout. The Clerk would report this again to SGC.

Councillors were pleased at the resurfacing of Coniston Road but noted that there were still areas needing repair between The Parade and Stroud Road.

The Committee clarified its comments on an additional safety barrier at the zebra crossing by Gorse Covert.

## **5. Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

The Chairman reported that comments on this document had already been submitted to the Health Scrutiny Committee following a discussion at the Council meeting and that the Council's position had been supported by Cllr. Pomfret.

## **6. Review of SGC Adopted Landscape Character Assessment**

The Committee noted the sections in this document which referred to Patchway and made the following comments:

- The “open character of Filton airfield” would be compromised by proposed development with the loss of a wildlife corridor
- A reference to Gorse Covert and Eagle Meadow should be added to the section on public opens spaces which currently only mentions The Tumps and Patchway Common.
- The Patchway Greenway should be mentioned in the section on recreational routes, emphasising that this connects other smaller open areas.

## **7. Hempton Lane parking scheme**

The Chairman reported that the new parking scheme had come into operation the previous week. There were three residents without drives and Cllr. Scott had called door to door and got over the necessary 75% support for a Residents Only Parking Scheme. This petition would be presented to the SGC Council Meeting although officers would like to see a “bedding in” period before such a scheme was introduced. There were two ways of operating a scheme, Council-led or Resident-led.

The Committee voted unanimously to support the introduction of a Resident-led Parking Scheme.

## 8. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

26 Ashford Road	2 storey side extension
36 Amberley Road	Demolition of existing garage and store Single storey detached residential annexe
GE Capital Equipment Finance Ltd, Aztec West	Display of 1 non-illuminated advertisement

The Committee noted the applications agreed by SGC:

77 Gloucester Road	Change of use from shop to restaurant
34 Falcon Drive	Detached double garage
St. Gobain Performance Plastics 16 Concorde Road	3 windows at first floor to replace ventilation grilles
Lloyds Bank 61 Gloucester Road	Illuminated advertising signs for ATM

## 9. Other Planning & Transport Matters

- a) Cavendish Road  
Councillors were pleased that repairs had been carried out in this road at the junction of Rodway Road but considered that the whole stretch from Rodway to Stroud Road needed resurfacing.
- b) Dumped rubbish  
Councillors stated that there were many instances of dumped rubbish in back lanes. It was suggested that costings were obtained for “Keep Patchway Tidy” signs.
- c) 75 bus night service  
Cllr. Walker would be interested in any comments from residents when the night service is introduced.
- d) Part Night Lighting  
It was noted that there had been no comments to date on these proposals which were displayed in the office foyer.
- e) Overgrown back lanes  
The Clerk was asked to monitor weed growth in back lanes which was not cut back

by SGC.

f) Danger to children in Coniston Road

Councillors were concerned at the potential danger to children crossing Coniston Road now that there was so much more traffic using this road.

g) Celebration of 60 years of Patchway

It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Ideas proposed were an exhibition during the Festival, new plaques under the boundary signs and a celebration dinner. The Clerk was asked to obtain a price to change the signs.

**10. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23 April at 7.30pm.