

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr. C. Mills (in the Chair)
M. Grotzke
E. Gordon
K. Walker
Mrs E. Martin

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Tiley and Scott.

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 March were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Cllr. Walker, seconded by Cllr. Grotzke and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Patchway Community Plan

Notes of a meeting held on 18 April were circulated and noted. All Councillors were invited to attend the next meeting on 30 April at 1.30 p.m.

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) Hempton Lane

It was noted that the consultation on the new parking scheme was on-going. Cllr. Scott was in touch with the officers who were carrying out the consultation.

d) Highway issues

The Committee was pleased to see weight restriction signs for Coniston Road at the Standing Stone roundabout. Cllr. Walker had asked for a report from transport

officers about traffic monitoring in Coniston Road. It was noted that the section of Coniston Road between Stroud and The Parade needed resurfacing.

5. Celebration of Patchway's Diamond Jubilee

There was a discussion on ideas for a celebration of 60 years of Patchway, which included an exhibition of maps, documents and photos; renewal of the plaques under the 4 boundary signs; a dinner for councillors and a celebratory event. It was noted that the Festival Committee had discussed a tea party for older people as had been held for the 50th anniversary at the Community College. There was also a suggestion of holding a "Patchway's Got Talent" evening.

The Committee agreed to propose to the Council that a working group should be set up to take these ideas forward.

6. Highway & Street Scene services from April 2014

It was noted that a briefing by SGC officers was being held tonight in Kingswood and Cllr. Alsop was attending.

The Committee agreed that a daytime meeting should be held on either 16 or 17 May for Mark King, head of Street Care, to explain to Councillors the effect of these changes on Patchway. The Clerk would make arrangements and notify Councillors as soon as possible.

7. Surface crossing of Coniston Road and subway infill

The Committee noted a number of responses to the Council's request for the subway at The Parade to be filled in and a surface crossing provided. None was positive but the Committee agreed to ask SGC to put this scheme on the Capital Programme and to work with other partners such as the police and Merlin Housing to increase support and explore financial options.

8. SGC Core Strategy modifications

Cllr. Scott had recommended that the Town Council should send in to SGC the previous comments of November 2012 to this final consultation on the Inspector's Report and this was agreed by the Committee.



9. Planning applications

There was only one application for consideration:

300 Park Avenue, Aztec West Change of use from office to health care facility

A letter on behalf of residents of Hempton Lane whose houses were very close to this building was read to the meeting. The residents were concerned about the safety aspect of the proposed Radiotherapy Centre. After discussion, the Committee agreed to respond to the Planning Officer with a request that the applicant or his representative send a letter to the neighbours reassuring them that the relevant safety standards will be met. The Committee would also like to see the mature hedge along the northern side of Hempton Lane protected and thickened so that it continues to provide an effective and attractive barrier for the residents. On these conditions, the Committee made no objection to the application.

The Committee noted that the following application had been agreed by SGC:
Charlton Hayes 86 dwellings by Bellway Homes

The Committee noted that the Planning Inspectorate was considering an environmental statement concerning the proposed development of Hinkley Power Station.

Cllr. Gordon brought information to the meeting on proposals to build a new family restaurant adjacent to the Premier Inn hotel at Cribbs Causeway close to the former site of Harry Ramsden's, which was noted with interest.

10. Other Planning & Transport Matters

- a) Callicroft Farm Track: Proposal by Cllr. Orpen that this should be claimed as a right of way. Agreed to obtain more information on this subject from Cllr. Orpen.
- b) Footpaths used by cars: There were a number of incidents of cars using footpaths to gain access to Highwood Road from Charlton Hayes and from the bottom of Thirlmere Road. It was agreed to ask the Street Inspector to a site visit to show him the various sites.
- c) Parking in Bradley Road at junction with Coniston: Parking at this junction obscures the vision of drivers using Bradley Road and several dangerous incidents had been reported. It was pointed out that this was part of the cycle route, as was the junction of Bradley with Stroud Road. It was agreed to request double yellow lines and to include this site on the site visit above.
- d) Dangerous parking in Sycamore Drive: A resident had complained about parking

of large vehicles which was a danger to children playing here. It was also pointed out that there appeared to be a taxi business operating at the junction of Cedar. This site would also be included in the site visit.

- e) Youth at The Parade: A complaint had been made to Cllr. Grotzke that large numbers of young people had begun congregating at The Parade on Sunday evenings. The Clerk would notify the police.
- f) Concorde Way: Councillors noted that a new cycle way now passed through Patchway funded by the Government's Cycle Safety Fund. Safety improvement work would be carried out on the A38 in Filton and Patchway during 2013. Maps were available in the office.
- g) Report from walkabout in Stoke Lodge on 20 February: Copies of this report were circulated and Councillors were pleased to note that Street Care officers had attended and noted the issues raised by residents.

11. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 28 May at 7.30pm.

