

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on 24 September 2013 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

Present: Cllr. Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair)
K. Walker
M. Greensword
P. Cottrell
Ms R. Thorne

1. Patchway Community Plan

The Chairman welcomed Dick Whittington from the West of England Rural Network to speak about Community Plans.

Mr. Whittington presented information which is attached to these minutes and explained that SGC funded WERN to work with local councils to help them prepare plans. He had recently been working with Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council. Mr. Whittington was aware that Patchway Town Council was an active council which has achieved a lot in the community.

There was discussion on preparing a plan in conjunction with other active groups in the community such as the Priority Neighbourhood group and Safer Stronger Group and it was noted that it is important that community views are incorporated in South Gloucestershire plans. Mr. Whittington recommended consulting widely, including young people and it was pointed out that Patchway had already been through two Planning for Real consultations and that many issues raised during this process had been actioned by the Town Council or by SGC.

Mr. Whittington stated that a Community Plan could be a business plan for the Town Council and it was agreed that with the various changes in prospect e.g. change of parish boundaries and development of Charlton Hayes and Cribbs Patchway, this would be very useful for the Council.

The Chair thanked Mr. Whittington for his presentation and he stated that he would be happy to assist a working group to progress this matter.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills, Moore, Grotzke and Gordon.

3. 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.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highwood Road experimental closure

It was noted that SGC was holding a meeting at Patchway Community College at which this matter would be discussed at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 16 October.

b) Patchway Strategic Sports Vision

It was noted that Rob Stirzaker, the sports development officer who supported the Patchway Community Sports Association, would be attending the meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee on 26 September to which all Councillors had been invited.

c) Cribbs Patchway

The Committee noted that the Council had agreed that a workshop should be held in the autumn on community infrastructure for the Cribbs Patchway new neighbourhood to which SG officers should be invited.

6. Extra Care Home for Charlton Hayes

Cllr. Orpen reported that she and Cllr. Walker had met representatives of Andrew Wilson Partnership at the office the previous week. They were acting for developers who would like to come to speak at the next Council meeting to explain a proposal to build an extra care home and flats, a surgery for 6 doctors, dentist and pharmacy adjacent to Charlton Square which would be built behind the garage at the junction of Highwood and Callicroft Roads.

Councillors were very interested in this application and welcomed the opportunity to find out more about the scheme. The consultants would hold a public consultation during the

day at the office on Tuesday 8 October from 3-7 p.m. and would then return to do a presentation to Councillors at 7.30 p.m. The developers had already carried out similar projects elsewhere and would be happy to arrange a coach to show one to Councillors. It was noted that publicity material would be placed in the local press and supplied by the company for Town Council noticeboards.

7. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following planning applications:

WS Atkins Aztec West	Erection of smoking shelter
12 The Close	Erection of garden shed & store (retrospective)
North Bristol NHS Trust Highwood Pavilions Jupiter Road	Change of use from offices to healthcare & erection of single storey extension and goods hoist

It was noted that the application for installation of 7 floor-mounted air conditioning units at 700 Waterside Drive has been withdrawn.

The Committee noted the following application agreed by SGC:

Costcutter Supermarket Patchway Roundabout	Advertising signs
90 Gloucester Road	Amendment to roof top plant
78 Cavendish Road	Erection of 2 storey side extension for conversion to 2 dwellings
157 Gloucester Road	Single storey rear extension
Garage site off Longney Place	Demolition of garages & erection of 2 houses and four flats
Hayes Way Charlton Hayes	137 dwellings for Bovis Homes
170 Rodway Road	2 storey side extension and front porch
Charlton Hayes	Construction of internal roads (reserved matters)

8. Rodway Road developments

The Committee noted that a meeting of the working group had been held that morning at which it had been reported that, in addition to the £50,000 which the Council had obtained from New Homes Bonus, a further £50,000 had been granted by the Sustainable Transport Fund for this project.

A larger meeting would be held in November, including the local SG Councillors and Town Council representatives, at which the effect of new proposals, e.g. the re-siting of the Fire Station and the proposed retirement village will have on plans to improve Rodway Road.

9. South Gloucestershire & Government plans

Cllr. Orpen drew Councillors attention to a seminar she had attended on SGC's Policies, Sites and Places Plan. A response was required from each local council by the end of October and the Planning Officer running the seminar had suggested it would be beneficial for Patchway to hold a meeting with Brian Glasson, Head of Strategic Planning and Housing, and representatives of Almondsbury and Filton to discuss the Cribbs Patchway development and the location of open spaces, play areas, employment land and retail facilities. This was supported by the Committee and would be raised at the Council meeting.

Cllr. Orpen also introduced a consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government on sustainable development and growth through encouraging the reuse of empty or redundant buildings. A response was required by 15 October.

10. Other planning & transport matters

Cllr. Cottrell pointed out that the street sign for Cavendish Road at the junction with Worthing Road was missing.

11. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm.