

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

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

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 September were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highwood Road experimental closure

Councillors agreed that the security was intimidating at the SGC meeting at Patchway Community College, even allowing for duty of care. Councillors who had attended the meeting disagreed with a statement made at the meeting by Cllr. Hunt that public opposition was a sham.

Cllr. Scott reported that it had been agreed that SGC would meet with the Town Council to discuss transport issues arising from the decision not to re-open Highwood Road and the Clerk was asked to make arrangements for a meeting as soon as possible.

- b) Patchway Strategic Sports Vision
Councillors noted the report from the Parks & Open Spaces Committee that Rob Stirzaker, the sports development officer who supported the Patchway Community Sports Association, had introduced the concept of a strategic sports vision and that the Association would be working on this vision with a view to its incorporation into the Patchway Community Plan.
- c) Patchway Community Plan
Further to the presentation at the last meeting, it was agreed to set up a working group of Cllrs. Gordon, Grotzke and Walker (with Cllr. Scott for evening meetings) to discuss the formulation of a community plan in conjunction with local organisations and the Priority Neighbourhood Group.
- d) Cribbs Patchway
The Committee noted that Brian Glasson, Head of Strategic Planning & Housing at SGC, had agreed to meet with representatives of Patchway, Filton and Almondsbury local councils to discuss this development and that the Clerk would notify Councillors of the date as soon as this was fixed.
- e) Extra Care Home for Charlton Hayes
The Committee noted that the developers had presented the scheme to the Council meeting and had also met with a number of residents and representatives of older people's groups during the day.

5. Community Development Worker for Charlton Hayes

The Committee noted a report written by Winsome Barrett-Muir on her work to date in Charlton Hayes and that the funding for this work would be running out in December. Southern Brooks Community Partnership has asked the Town Council to support its application to the Area Forum for funding from the New Homes Bonus fund.

The Committee noted that new organisations would be emerging in Charlton Hayes but that the work to integrate the new residents into Patchway would take time and that it was important that this development worker post was continued for a further twelve months. It was proposed by Cllr. Grotzke and seconded by Cllr. Gordon that the Patchway SG Councillors should be asked to support this application at the Area Forum.

6. Application to modify the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way

The Committee noted that the Clerk had obtained the paperwork to define Callicroft Farm Track as a Public Right of Way and that residents who had used this path (parallel with Callicroft Road) for many years would be asked to complete forms. This would give the

path future protection and was important in the light of recent building work at 1 Hazeldene Road which had encroached on the path and removed the hedge. It was suggested that Elaine Tayler and Mark Greensword should be involved in collecting signatures.

7. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following planning application:

Atkins 500 Park Avenue, Aztec West	Smoking shelter (revised plans)
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The Committee noted the following application agreed by SGC:

Land off Bay Tree Close	4 terraced houses
82 Amberley Road	Front dormer
63 Stoke Lane	Front & rear dormer windows
132 Rodway Road (Top Shop)	Change of use from retail to hot food takeaway with external flue to side
13 Redfield Road	Two storey side & rear and single storey rear extension

The Committee noted that the application to erect 4 post-mounted advertising signs on Aztec West Roundabout would be considered at Development Control (West) Committee on 24 October at 2.30 p.m.

Cllr. Cottrell had passed information to the Clerk that the alleged breaches of planning control at Nos. 54 and 31 Cavendish Road had been registered for investigation by the planning enforcement team. This was noted by the Committee.

Cllr. Gordon had passed information to the Clerk which he had received as a resident of New Charlton Way. This was that SGC was considering an application for mixed use development across 53.80 hectares of land comprising up to 1,100 new dwellings, a local centre, primary school, public open space and landscaping at Cribbs Causeway with access from Wyck Beck Road. This was noted by the Committee.

8. Other planning & transport matters

Crossing of Coniston Road

Councillors had received many complaints from residents about the danger of crossing Coniston Road since the closure of Highwood Road and it was agreed to raise this matter at the forthcoming meeting with SGC.

20 mph limits in residential streets

Councillors noted that Bristol City Council was proposing to reduce the speed limit in many streets for safety reasons and that information was available at

www.bristol20mph.co.uk

Councillors noted that a limited area in the Callicroft Ward had a 20 mph limit but supported the extension for residential roads, particularly in the vicinity of schools. It was agreed to raise this matter at the forthcoming meeting with SGC.

Bus shelter in Highwood Road by Fir Tree Close

Councillors noted information from SGC that the Clear Channel shelter at this bus stop had been removed by the contractors as part of the works associated with Highwood Road with a view to reinstatement and had inadvertently been disposed of but would be replaced.

Parking on A38 near Banana Moon Day Nursery

Following a complaint by residents at 172 Gloucester Road, the Clerk had met with the Highways Officer dealing with this safety scheme. The officer had agreed to reduce the length of double yellow lines to give two parking spaces north of The Grove which could be used by the two flats in 172 (the former Patchway Gospel Hall). The safety audit had identified the importance of a prohibition of parking round the access to the day nursery. The Committee noted this report. Cllr. Scott would pass the information on to the resident who had contacted him on this issue.

Weekend Litter Picking

The Committee noted that, due to cost-saving measures, SGC had ceased to collect litter outside shopping areas in Patchway on Saturdays and Sundays. Councillors had not received any complaints from residents on this matter but it was agreed to ask SGC to review the situation at Rodway Road shops in future months in the light of the two new hot food takeaways recently opened or due to open soon.

Christmas Lights

The Committee agreed that the same sites as last year should be decorated with Christmas Lights this year, including the approach road to Charlton Hayes.

Patchway Community Compost Site

The Committee noted that the Clerk had met with officers of Street Care concerning SGC plans to close the site as a cost-saving measure. It was agreed to request a written explanation from SGC in view of the Draft Waste Management SPD which was under consultation and stated that SGC wished to “encourage sensitive waste management practices that should enhance the overall quality of the environment and minimize adverse environmental impacts resulting from the handling, storage, processing, transportation and disposal of waste in South Gloucestershire.”

Narrowing of Amberley Road

The Clerk read a response from the Highways Officer who had attended a recent site visit at which it had been agreed that the narrowing of Amberley Road at its junction with Stoke Lane would enhance pedestrian safety. The officer stated that Amberley Road was to be resurfaced but the budget would not cover the new kerb works which would be required to reduce the junction crossing width. This scheme would be an item on the Local Transport Priority List and could be selected by the Area Forum funding next year.

Hinkley Point C Connection Project

Information had been sent by the National Grid on this project and this was noted by the Committee.

First Bus Fares

Cllr. Walker informed the Committee of the extension of Zone 2 which would result in lower fares for some travellers.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm.