

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
24 February 2015 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllr. S. Scott (in the Chair)

E. Gordon

K. Walker

P. Cottrell

M. Greensword

M. Grotzke

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills and Orpen.

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 27 January were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Cottrell, seconded Cllr. Walker.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) 77 Gloucester Road

It was noted that the Planning Enforcement team had issued a Breach of Conditions Notice to this business concerning the lack of ventilation.

b) Patchway Traffic Review

After discussion, it was agreed to support 20 mph speed limits in Bradley, Stroud and Sycamore in addition to Coniston and Durban to deter rat-running. It was noted that a 20mph limit was already in force in Rodway Road and junctions off this road.

The Committee supported the double yellow lines as proposed with two amendments: the back lane between 72/74 Stroud had not been marked; a site visit for Cllr. Cottrell to meet the highways officer on site should be arranged to look at additional locations for double yellow lines to achieve passing places for

buses in Durban Road.

It was agreed that comments made on the proposed parking scheme in Rodway Road by Mr. Spriggs should be referred to the town centre working group.

Cllr. Grotzke asked when the waiting restrictions would be implemented as parking in residential roads by Aztec workers was causing great inconvenience to residents. It was noted that the highways officer had informed the Clerk that the Review would not be advertised until after the election in May.

It was suggested that an approach should be made to Arlington Securities, the owners of Aztec West, requesting that more parking for their workers should be made on site.

c) Bus Shelters

The Clerk had obtained a sample litter bin which could be fixed to bus shelters and would be considerably cheaper (at £93) than bins installed in the pavement.

The Committee liked the bin and was supportive of this solution but was concerned that plastic bins could burn and damage the glazing of the bus shelters and asked the Clerk to take advice on inflammable bins. It was noted that there were funds in the budget for bus shelter repairs which could be used for litter bins for shelters.

Cllr. Gordon asked that SGC should be reminded of the requests that shelters should be turned round to protect passengers from spray during wet weather and that timetables should be displayed at all shelters.

5. Street Lighting

It was noted that the part night-lighting scheme for Patchway had recently been implemented by SGC. Cllr. Scott had received a complaint from a resident of Parkleaze that the end of the cul de sac where the footpath from the allotments gate led into the play area was used as a gathering place for young people. It was agreed to make a request to SGC to restore this light at night to aid community safety.

Cllr. Gordon reported that a resident had complained to him about the poor lighting in the lane from Coniston Road to Asda but it was noted on the street lighting plan that this lane was lit throughout the night. It was suggested that the trees could be obscuring the lamps and the Clerk would check this situation.

It was noted that Cllr. Martin and Cllr. Grotzke had received complaints about lights out at The Parade. The Clerk reported that these lights were owned by Merlin Housing and had already been reported.

It was agreed that if there were further complaints on lighting that this matter should be discussed jointly by the Committee with the Parks & Open Spaces Committee.

6. Joint Strategic Planning Strategy: call for sites

After discussion it was agreed that there were no sites available in Patchway suitable for housing or commercial development which had not already been allocated.

7. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following planning application:

19 Callicroft Road	Single storey detached residential annexe (amendment to previously approved scheme)
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The Committee noted the following applications agreed by SGC:

16 Concorde Road Saint-Gobain	Non illuminated fascia sign
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10a Berkeley Court, Longney Place	Replacement windows (Knightstone Housing Association)
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38 Standish Avenue	Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension
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Aztec Hotel	Erection of pergola
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207b Gloucester Road	Single storey side extension
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10 Britannia Rd Patchway Trading Estate	Installation of bio-LN gas refuelling facility
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Patchway Youth Centre Coniston Road	Single storey side extension for additional nursery accommodation
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The Committee noted the following application refused by SGC:

36 Cavendish Road	Two-storey rear and side extensions, rear dormer widow extension for loft conversion
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8. Matters raised by Councillors or Clerk

It was noted that Cllr. Gordon would arrange to meet Keith Falkingham, Street Inspector, to show him where the slop at the junction of Coniston Road/Larch Way was too steep which caused a resident to fall recently.

Cllr. Grotzke reported an incident where pedestrians had been in conflict with a cyclist riding on the pavement. It was suggested that an article should be prepared for the next issue of Patchway People on safety awareness for cyclists. Advice should be obtained from the SGC Cycling Officer for this article and on how to promote this information among cycling groups.

Cllr. Cottrell raised the problem on fly-tipping in back lanes and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the Parks & Open Spaces or Finance Committee meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 24 March at 7.30pm.