

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on 22 September 2015 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

Present: Cllrs. E. Gordon (in the Chair)
E. Bathe-Taylor
Mrs P. Coleman
M. Greensword
R. Loveridge
Mrs E. Orpen

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. 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 28 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Bathe-Taylor seconded Cllr. Orpen.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Housing for Young People in Patchway

Information on provision of housing for young people was being requested from Merlin, 1625 Independent People and the SGC Housing Enabling Officer. Councillors were pleased to hear that 1625 had been successful if their Lottery Grant application for helping young people who had been in care.

b) New Cycleway behind Coniston Road

The Committee was pleased to note that bollards had now been installed at Falcon and Bevington and an A frame at the junction between the path and Blakeney Road to stop other users (non-cyclists) accessing the path. There was still no bollard at Bevington to stop vehicles accessing the play area and the Clerk had pointed this out to the highways officer concerned with the scheme.

- c) Charlton Hayes noticeboards
Councillors were pleased to hear that a noticeboard had been installed at the new play area at Sparrowbill Park and agreed to order a further board for Oak Leaze.

5. Bus shelter for Highwood/Durban junction

The Committee noted several requests from residents for a shelter at this well-used bus stop and noted that SGC would not provide a shelter, neither would a shelter be provided during the Metrobus works.

The Committee noted that the budget for this financial year was only £1,500 but that the supply and installation of a shelter was likely to cost £4,000. It was agreed to request the Finance Committee to agree to vire the sum of £2,500 from contingencies to cover this purchase.

6. Planning applications

Cllr. Orpen reported on the site visit to the East Works site. The internal traffic flow had been changed but the external flow remained the same. It would take two years to complete the building of the site and there would be s106 money to improve Station Road.

The Committee made no objections to the following application:

Wessex Garage, Hayes Way Various advertising signs

The Committee objected to the following application:

Baylis land adjacent to Vue Proposed earthworks layout and temporary
Cinema drainage in preparation for application for
Ice rink and associated leisure uses

on the grounds that relocating the existing pond would have a detrimental effect on the wildlife of the area.

The Committee noted applications agreed by SGC:

1 Windermere Road	Detached double garage
191 Gloucester Road	Single storey rear extension
109 Durban Road	Single storey rear & side extension
Land off Highwood Road	36 apartments and landscaping

Charlton Hayes

65 Coniston Road	Single storey rear extension
Rolls-Royce plc Gloucester Road	Additional cooling tower for test unit
2000 Park Avenue Aztec West	Ramp to north east elevation
Rose Cottage Hempton Lane	Two storey side extension
15 Concorde Road	2 non-illuminated fascia signs
MetroBus	Land from Cribbs Causeway to Aztec West for construction of rapid bus route
43 Bevington Close	Single storey front & side extensions

The Committee noted that the following application had been withdrawn:

400 Park Avenue Aztec West	External cladding, security fence and new car park layout
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7. **Matters raised by Councillors or Clerk**

a) Poor road surface in Cavendish Road

Cllr. Loveridge was concerned at the poor condition of the highway in Cavendish Road at the junction with Rodway. It was noted that the Council had previously asked SGC to add this to the task register and it was agreed to ask the Governors of Callicroft School to support this request.

b) Gulls

It was noted that the Clerk had circulated a Briefing Note from the RSPB on how the feeding of gulls in residential areas is attracting these birds to urban situations and noting that these birds are threatened by a reduction in nesting sites on the coast due to development.

c) Fish & chip shop on A38

Adjacent residents were still disturbed by the cooking smells from this shop at 77-79 Gloucester Road due to lack of an extraction system and the Clerk had requested an update from the Environmental Officers of SGC.

d) Speed tables in Coniston Road

The Committee noted that Coniston Road would be closed temporarily for the installation of speed tables from Falcon Drive to Highwood Road from 19 October for short periods.

e) Best Kept Street

There was a discussion on whether a competition could be run by the Council to encourage civic pride for the best kept street, most improved street or block of flats? There was support for a Patchway Spring Clean Day and it was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 October at 7.30pm.