

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

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

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 October were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Bathe-Taylor seconded Cllr. Loveridge.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Housing for Young People in Patchway

A letter had been sent to 1625 Youth Housing and a response was awaited.

b) Bus shelter for Highwood/Durban junction

The Committee noted that the Council had over-ruled the decision at the last meeting to purchase a smaller shelter and had agreed to proceed with the shelter from Bus Shelters Ltd for the sum of £3,697.04. It was noted that the lead time for this work was six weeks. Cllr. Mills commented that this was a waste of Council funds as a replacement shelter would be installed by Metrobus in 2017. It was hoped that the Council's shelter would be able to be reused at that time at another bus stop.

c) Charlton Hayes linear park

It was agreed to arrange a site visit for Councillors in the New Year. This visit could also be combined with a visit to Charles England House.

d) Speed Watch

Cllr. Bathe-Taylor reported that the Speed Watch group was going well and consideration was being given to expanding its observation to drivers using mobile phones. It was noted that during a session in Coniston Road between 2.30-3.30 pm 358 vehicles (not including buses) had used the road towards the roundabout.

e) Best Kept Street/Garden Competition

It was noted that, due to lack of space in the Christmas edition, the article for Patchway People would be carried in the March issue.

5. Discussion of budget for Street Furniture for 2016-17

The Committee noted the expenditure to date and the estimated spend to the end of the financial year and discussed a draft budget for 2016-17.

The draft budget is attached to the minutes and would be presented to the Finance Committee.

It was agreed to inform Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport that their grant would be reduced by £1,000 next year and suggest that they applied to Stoke Lodge & The Common Parish Council for a grant to make up the shortfall.

6. Planning applications

The Committee made no objections to the following planning applications:

23 Callicroft Road

Demolition of conservatory & garage for single storey side & rear extensions with new vehicular access

8 Cavendish Road

Demolition of detached garage and erection of two storey side extension and single/two storey extension

Asda Stores

Diversion of footpath through carpark
but commented that additional zebra crossing markings were needed where the footpath crossed the car park

Blakeney Road allotments	Portakabin unit for community use (temporary use)
1160 Park Avenue Aztec West	Prior notification of the intention to install roof mounted solar panels
The Committee objected to the following planning application:	
34 Stroud Road	Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed rear dormer and rear conservatory
<i>on the grounds that a proposed window on the side would overlook the neighbouring property and that the extension would not be in keeping with the street scene.</i>	

Applications agreed by SGC:

St. Chad's Church Rodway Road	Erection of replacement garage for Patchway Minibus
Cherry Cottage Hempton Lane	Erection of front conservatory
740 Waterside Drive Aztec West	Plant compound, cycle store & smoking shelter
Rolls-Royce Gloucester Road	Installation of solar panels to roof 4 buildings
155 Park Avenue Aztec West	Two storey extension to entrance
37 Stroud Road	Single storey rear extension

Applications withdrawn:

33 Willow Close	Single storey side and front extension
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It was noted that the application site for the ice-skating rink beside the Vue Cinema was being investigated by the Archaeology & Historic Environment Record Officer of SGC as there was an Iron Age settlement found there in the early 1990s. The Town Council had referred the proposed movement of the existing pond to the Environmental Survey for investigation and the response on the Ecological Survey and agreed action was noted.

7. Street Trading Policy consultation

This document had been circulated as agreed but Councillors had no comments to make.

8. Matters raised by Councillors or Clerk

a) Cribbs Patchway Metrobus Extension

Cllr. Bathe-Taylor reported on a consultation meeting he had attended the previous evening. The route of the extension to Parkway Station would involve a bus lane along one side of Hatchet Lane (except for a pinch-point near the new Co-op) and also along Gipsy Patch Lane. This would involve replacing hedges by fences to gain additional width. The railway bridge would be replaced by a wider structure, built on Network Rail land, which would accommodate four lanes - two bus lanes and two for other vehicles - and the additional height needed for double-decker buses would be obtained by lowering the carriageway by one metre. The route would run through the new development at the East Works site and connect with the tunnel used by BAe under the A38 (North Way). A new road would be constructed across the runway by the developers for buses only and this would connect at the roundabout in Hayes Way by the Nissan garage and the buses would then turn right towards Patchway at the San Andreas Roundabout and enter the bus station by John Lewis. The plan was to construct this route by 2018-19. The Committee made no objection to this extension route and noted that the consultation would be open to the public from 27 November to 15 January. There would be a public exhibition at the community hall in Little Stoke Park on Monday 7 December from 1.30-5.30 pm.

b) Callicroft Road Rest Area

The Committee noted that SGC had now agreed a site for this area on the grass at the junction of Callicroft Road and Highwood Road. The grant received for this project from the SGC Safer & Stronger Committee was £2,183 and the total cost of the project was £2,960. The Committee suggested that the balance of £777 could be taken from the New Homes Bonus grant for Rodway Road improvements as the purpose of the project was to provide a stopping place for residents walking to the Rodway Road shops or the shops in Gloucester Road at the junction with Callicroft Road. It was noted that the equipment to be installed was 2 x spring animals, a litter bin, a 74red metal bench and two children's mushroom seats.

c) Briefing sessions for Councillors on planning documents

The Committee noted that two briefing sessions had been organised by SGC on Tuesday 1 December (afternoon and evening) at Kingswood Civic Centre on the Joint Spatial Plan and the Policies, Sites and Places Plan. Any Councillor wishing to attend one of these sessions was asked to inform the Clerk.

d) Funding of PCSOs through ALCA

The Committee noted that ALCA had requested all Councils to consider the following at their next meeting: “To consider the Council’s approach to being supportive of a consolidated approach by ALCA in response to SGC’s consultation - Review of Community Safety - in the area of the 9 SGC-funded PCSOs”. It was agreed to place this item on the Council agenda, although not all Councillors were supportive of this proposal.

e) Big Lottery

It was noted that one of the government proposals for the Chancellor’s spending review was to cut grants to community groups from the Lottery. SBCP had written to Jack Lopresti MP urging him to oppose this proposal in view of the potential threat to local groups which relied on this grant funding.

f) Dealing with Planning Applications/Consultations outside a meeting

The Committee noted a document circulated by ALCA on this topic, which would be attached to the minutes.

g) Litter bin in back lane

The Committee noted that, following a complaint from a resident, the bin in the back lane of Windermere Road outside the Park railings, had been moved.

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 22 December but, in view of the proximity to Christmas, it was agreed to combine this meeting with the meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee on Tuesday 15 December at 7 p.m..