

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces & Planning and Transport Committees held on 26 January 2016 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Cllrs. P. Cottrell (in the Chair for Parks)
E. Gordon (in the Chair for Planning)
R. Loveridge
J. Butler
M. Greensword
Mrs P. Coleman

In attendance: Mrs T. Lovell) Bristol BMX
Mrs T. Kite) Club

1. Presentation on floodlighting of BMX Track

The representatives of the Club attended by request of the Council to give the Committee details of the proposal to install floodlights round the track in Waterside Drive.

- The Committee noted that sufficient electricity had already been installed, with the fuse box in the container, and that Skanska were sponsoring the lights and columns.
- 6 floodlights would be installed on 8 metre high posts which would be 3 metres from the oil pipe line in any direction. The position of the posts was shown on plans of the site which were circulated to all Councillors.
- A letter would be delivered to adjacent residents giving details of the type of light and the hours of operation (only when the Club was operating). The lights would be focussed on the track to provide minimum disturbance to residents.
- The Club would like to hold an after-school club when the lights were in place and new bikes had been purchased with the Council's grant.

The Committee thanked the representatives for their presentation and agreed to write a letter of support which could be sent with the planning application.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills, Messenger, Orpen, T. Bath-Taylor and Martin.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman asked members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed.

4. Minutes of Parks & Open Spaces and Planning & Transport Joint Committee

The minutes of the last joint meeting held on 15 December were agreed, proposed by Cllr. Loveridge, seconded by Cllr. Gordon and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Arlingham Way

The Committee was very pleased that the application for funding to create a “Pocket Park” in the square behind the houses in Arlingham Way had been agreed by the government fund in the sum of £10,000 capital and £1,300 revenue to pay for the wages of the “Our Place” worker. This money was being paid through SGC and the Clerk would work through the Open Spaces Department to agree the improvements to be made. The funds had to be spent by the end of March. It was hoped to install small play equipment, practice 5-a-side goals, raised beds, orchard trees, a bench and litter bin and interpretation board.

b) Funding for sports development in Scott Park

Notes of a meeting between the Council and key sports representatives held on 6 January were circulated and discussed. It was noted that an application to Sport England for £75,000 matched funding had been made by the closing date of 11 January, supported by letters from schools and sports clubs, and that other grants were being explored.

Cllr. Loveridge reported that he had been concerned at the problem of keeping the bottom pitch when the MUGA was installed. He suggested that in order to keep both the top and bottom pitch, the MUGA could be created on the site of the existing hard court. This would mean walking across the bottom pitch to reach the MUGA which was not the plan, but he suggested that an artificial grass path could be laid, illuminated by floodlights. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to commission a survey of the Park to confirm how the new facilities would fit into the space available.

It was noted that the Clerk was trying to obtain from SGC the breakdown of what funds had been allocated to each of the improvements funded by the s106 money and would circulate this to Councillors.

After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to Council:

- The importance of retaining both the bottom and top pitch in any new configuration
 - That a survey of the Park should be carried out
- c) Callicroft Road Rest Area
The Committee was pleased to note that the spring animals had been installed and that the seats and litter bin would be installed as soon as ground conditions permitted.
- d) Bus Shelter for Highwood/Durban Road
It was noted that this shelter was now in place.
- e) SGC Consultations
It was noted that comments had been submitted on the Draft Cycling Strategy. It was agreed that there were no further comments to be submitted on the Joint Spatial Plan or Joint Transport Study.

6. Groundsman's Report

The report was circulated and discussed and is attached to the minutes.

7. Request from Pretoria Road Allotments

The request from the association for individual storage huts was referred to the next meeting.

8. Planning Applications

The Committee made no objection to the following application:

220 Coniston Road	Demolition of conservation and erection of single storey rear/side extension
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The Committee objected the this application on the following grounds:

Merlin Road	Ice skating and active leisure facilities
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The Committee objected on the grounds of insufficient access to the site and the recommended that an additional road should be constructed to the ice skating rink. The Committee also objected to the detrimental effect on wildlife of re-siting the existing pond adjacent to the roundabout instead of further into the site where there were grassed areas.

The Committee objected also on the increased volume of traffic in this area which frequently suffered from congestion as traffic entered or exited from the Vue or Mall at this roundabout.

It was noted that the following applications had been agreed by SGC:

23 Callicroft Road	Single storey side & rear extension
Charlton Hayes Parcels H15 &H16	75 dwellings and landscaping
34 Stroud Road	Rear dormer and conservatory (Certificate of lawfulness)
8 Cavendish Road	2 storey side and rear extension
26 Redfield Road	Single storey side and rear extension
50 Worthing Road	Single storey rear extension and detached Garage
1a Rodway Road	Single storey side extension

9. Matters raised by Members

- a) Traffic calming scheme
Cllr. Cottrell asked when the double-yellow lines would be painted on Durban Road. The Clerk would investigate and report back.
- b) Sycamore Road
The Committee was pleased to hear that work was in progress at the junction of Sycamore with Coniston Road to level the path.
- c) Planning Enforcement
The Clerk reported on the following properties which had been referred to the Planning Enforcement Officer:
 - 158 Rodway Road: the garage had been inspected and was not being converted into living accommodation
 - 39 Stoke Lane: planning permission had been granted for the construction of a kitchen extension and large garage
 - 31 Cavendish Road: response still awaited
 - Fish & chip shop in Gloucester Road: It was noted that the extraction system had been installed and the works to the flue would take place by the end of January. The Enforcement Officer would visit again to ensure this had been completed in 6 weeks.

- d) Information had been received from SGC on the proposed erection of signs reading “No through route for vehicles via Highwood Road” and weight restriction signs for Coniston Road at each end of Highwood Road. These were welcomed by the Committee and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether SGC can register the closure of Highwood Road so this is picked up by Satnavs.

10. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the *Planning & Transport Committee* would be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7 p.m., immediately prior to the special Council Meeting on Grant Applications.

The next meeting of the *Parks & Open Spaces Committee* would be held on Tuesday 23 February at 7.30 p.m. Both meetings would be held at Callicroft House.