

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
24 April 2016 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

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

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Walkabout

It was agreed to hold a walkabout of the back lanes in the Callicroft Ward before the next Planning & Transport meeting. This would be on Tuesday 24 May, meeting at the office at 6.30 p.m.

b) Planning application for Ice Skating Rink

Cllr. Orpen reported that responsibility for the highways element of this application had been transferred to Highways England (formerly the Highways Agency) and they had not objected to the narrow access to the site. The application had, therefore, been approved and work on site had commenced.

- c) Proposed devolution agreement
Copies of an information sheet on the government proposals to give the former Avon area additional powers and funding as part of the Budget announced in March were circulated to the Committee and discussed. The Chairman noted that the proposals were still under discussion by the four unitary authorities and suggested that if Councillors had any issues, these could be raised at the Council meeting.

5. Planning applications

The Committee made no objections to the following planning applications:

133 Gloucester Road	Single storey rear/side extension with loft conversion, French doors and balcony and front porch
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The Committee noted the following applications which had been agreed by SGC:

Charlton Hayes	Landscaping of The Crescent (Reserved Matters)
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The Roses Hempton Lane	Single storey side extension
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68 Rodway Road	Single storey rear extension
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107 Gloucester Road	Raising roofline & rear dormer window for loft conversion
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Rolls-Royce Gloucester Road North	Plant rooms and storage
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6. Matters raised by Councillors or Clerk

- a) Filton Town Council
Cllr. Gordon reported that the Chairman of Filton TC had informed him that his Council was very keen to resume regular meetings of north fringe parishes. The Clerk would follow up this request.
- b) Coniston Road railings
The Clerk would request an update on the maintenance programme for the railings as it was noted that this work had been postponed due to expected work by Merlin which was not now to be carried out. Councillors pointed out that not only did

these rusty railings reflect badly on Patchway but there was a safety issue as some were now in a dangerous condition.

c) Real Time Information at bus stops

Councillors reported that several of the RTI information boards were still not working in Coniston Road and the Clerk was asked to chase SGC concerning the necessary electric cable problems which had been outstanding for some time and to ask whether another solution was possible, such as a solar PV panel to power the RTI display.

d) Poor street lighting

The Clerk was asked to request SGC to install additional street lights in the approach to the Blakeney Road square and the service road behind Coniston Road adjacent to The Tumps, due to complaints from residents.

e) Double yellow lines in Durban Road

The Clerk was asked to discuss problems raised by Cllr. Cottrell with the Highways Officer dealing with this project.

f) Burglaries

Cllr. Orpen reported that there had been two large burglaries the previous week, one in Worthing and one in the Birds & Trees, which the police were following up. It was suggested that the police should be asked to attend a Council meeting in the near future. Parking problems could also be raised with the police.

g) House extension

Cllr. Messenger raised a problem of a resident in Cavendish Road with obtaining planning permission for an extension. She would be attending a site visit with the planning officer the following week.

h) Charlton Hayes bins

The Clerk read an email from Bovis stating that the bins at Sparrowbill Park would be emptied regularly in future.

i) Network Rail trial hole

The Committee noted that two trial holes had been dug earlier in the year in connection with the electrification of the railway line through the Patchway tunnel and that the company had now requested permission to dig one more hole at the far end of Blakeney Road play area.

j) Former Tesco Home Plus

The Committee noted that this unit at Cribbs Causeway would shortly be opened as Home Sense, which was part of the TK Maxx Group.

7. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 24 May at 7.30 p.m., commencing with a walkabout at 6.30 p.m.

Councillors were reminded that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on Wednesday 4 May at 7.30 p.m. in the Casson Centre.