

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Mrs E. Orpen
E. Bathe-Taylor
R. Loveridge
P. Cottrell
M. Greensword
Mrs E. Martin
E. Gordon

1. Apologies

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

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) RTI at bus stops

A response from SGC concerning the Real Time Information displays which were currently out of order at four bus stops in Coniston Road was noted. The Committee agreed that as the 75 was a priority bus route that SGC would be requested to expedite these repairs.

b) Additional street lights

The response from SGC on the cost of installing an additional street light in the access road to the square behind Blakeney Road was referred to the Finance Committee. It was noted that a response on the request for an additional light in the access road behind Coniston Road was awaited from Merlin.

c) Bus Gate in Charlton Boulevard

It was noted that a response from SGC on the proposed position of the bus gate was awaited. Councillors expressed concern at the inconvenience this would cause to residents of Charlton Hayes and to those moving into Olive Tree House and the proposed McCarthy Stone development.

d) Community Plan

Julie Close from Southern Brooks Community Partnerships had agreed to attend the September meeting to discuss a Plan for Patchway, with reference to the recent Community Plan produced by Southmead. It was agreed that such a Plan would take into account developments in and around Patchway.

5. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following planning application:

Royal British Legion Rodway Road	Variation to refuse/recycling storage facilities
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The Committee noted the following applications which had been agreed by SGC:

103 Worthing Road	Single storey rear extension
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Willow Court Lodge 209-211 Gloucester Road	Single storey rear extension
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35 Stroud Road	Single storey rear extension
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8 Falcon Drive	Single storey rear extension to garage
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Land at Jupiter Road	Continued use of temporary overspill car park
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6. To note income and agree expenditure up to the end of July

The Committee noted the income and agreed the expenditure up to the end of July as circulated and signed the cheques in payment. The list is attached to the minutes.

7. Policing Priorities

The Committee noted the consultation by Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner, which had been circulated. The following comments were agreed for submission:

- The police should network with other communities
- Vulnerability should be a priority
- Neighbourhood Watches should be set up and supported
- It was expected that the police should have the right culture to carry out their work sympathetically to all sections of the community
- Working relationships should be strengthened with partners, including health authorities and committees against hate crime

The Committee noted that an open letter had been received from the police concerning incidents of hate crime since the Referendum and this is attached to the Minutes.

8. Patchway Town Centre Vision

An update from Amanda Deeks, Chief Executive Officer of SGC, offering a meeting in the autumn and support for the Vision by SGC was noted. It was agreed to place this item on the agenda of the next meeting when it was hoped that more information would be available.

The Chairman stated that, following the meeting with SGC, there would be an opportunity for the Committee to discuss plans for the redevelopment of Patchway Community Centre and it was agreed that the text of the email from Amanda Deeks should be sent to the Patchway Community Association to keep the committee up to date with developments.

9. Public Health & Wellbeing Review

This review had been referred to the Committee for consideration by the Council. The Committee regretted the information that funding by SGC for public health would reduce by one third between 2013 and 2020. The Committee was pleased, however, that SBCP had been granted £50,000 over the next three years to work with self-referrals by those with mental health issues.

10. Other matters raised by Councillors or Clerk

a) Shops at Patchway Roundabout

The Clerk was asked to discuss with SGC what action could be taken to provide

some short-term parking places in the lay-by in Highwood Road which could be used by customers of the shops. At present there was no parking restrictions and all day parking was preventing use of the lay-by by customers to the detriment of trade for these shops and businesses.

b) Street Wardens/Litter Pickers

There was a discussion on the improvement to the street scene which could be achieved if some residents volunteered to keep the area around their home tidy and litter-free. It was agreed to seek support for this idea in Patchway People and to discuss the matter again in the light of response.

c) Mares Tail in back lanes

Cllr. Cottrell emphasised the proliferation of the weed, mare's tail, which was spreading unchecked in many back lanes. The Clerk would seek advice on a remedy from SGC.

d) Changes to bus services

The Committee noted that Patchway services would not be affected by the changes to bus services to take effect from 4 September.

e) Devolution report

It was noted that SGC had agreed the devolution deal proposed by the Government which would attract £1 billion investment for the West of England.

d) Coniston Parade

The Committee noted that the Clerk had referred to SGC the danger of parking on bends and at junctions at the access to Coniston Parade when the car park was full.

e) Dog fouling

It was noted that the Clerk had requested a meeting with the SGC Dog Warden to discuss fouling blackspots, which were back lanes and the new cycleways (Eagle, Falcon and Bevington)

f) Parking and speed restrictions

The Clerk read a response from the Highways Officer concerning the delay in installing the parking restriction signs at various sites and the incidents of speeding in Bradley Road. The Committee suggested that Speed Watch should be asked to patrol Bradley Road. Cllr. Bathe-Taylor agreed to pass on this request.

11. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30 p.m.