

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on 25 October 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
Mrs P. Coleman

1. Apologies

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

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Community Plan

This item had been referred back to the Committee at the Council meeting by Cllr. Bathe-Taylor, who explained that this was due to uncertainty by Members on how the consultancy would be paid for and whether there would be any cost to the Council. The Clerk explained that there would be no cost to the Council for the consultancy as funding had been agreed by Quartet, which was a fund-giving organisation.

On this clarification, Cllr. Bathe-Taylor proposed that the project should go ahead and this was agreed unanimously by the Committee.

The Committee agreed to set up a working group from the Planning Committee to work with Southern Brooks on the development of a community plan and the following Members agreed to join the working group: Cllrs Scott, Bathe-Taylor,

Loveridge and Martin.

b) Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

The Committee noted information on a campaign for charity litter bins and agreed they would be happy for Patchway to be included as a pilot area.

c) Patchway Town Centre Vision

In response to a question from Cllr. Cottrell, the Chairman stated that a date for a meeting with SGC was awaited for clarification of this project. Once this meeting had been held, arrangements would be made to meet Patchway Community Association as agreed.

5. Telephone Boxes in Patchway

SGC were carrying out a consultation on behalf of BT on the proposal to remove poorly used telephone boxes. Two were listed in Patchway, both on Coniston Road, but the information given was not sufficient to identify the sites. The Clerk was asked to find the exact location of the boxes proposed for removal so that the Council could send its comments.

6. Planning Applications

The Committee made no objection to the following planning applications:

Central Green Spine Charlton Hayes	Revised proposals: amendment to groundwater route & diversion for groundwater within existing ditch
Site MU5 Charlton Boulevard	Display of 3 externally illuminated boards & 2 flag poles
44 Hazeldene Road	Single storey rear extension (Larger Home Extension neighbour consultation Scheme)
East Works Site Gloucester Road	Variation of condition 4 concerning a floor plan in Unit F2

The Committee noted that an investigation was being carried out into the following property:

Poppadom Takeaway 122 Rodway Road	Waste and rear of property: alleged breach of planning control
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7. Other matters raised by Councillors or Clerk

a) 75 bus route

Cllr. Scott reported severe delays in the 75 bus route from the Centre to Patchway since a new timetable had been introduced. That day he had waited 45 minutes for a bus. It was agreed to lodge a complaint with First Bus and request an explanation.

b) 625 bus route

The Clerk was asked to check the future arrangements for this bus route after Four Towns Community Transport gave it up in November, as this route was very important to Patchway.

c) Tarmac path in Highwood Road

Councillors were very pleased to learn that SGC were proposing to install a tarmac path on the west side of Highwood Road between Cedar and Bay Tree Close.

d) Dog Warden meeting

The Dog Warden was willing to paint “No Dog Fouling” signs on the pavement at Sites where this nuisance was a particular problem. Councillors gave the following sites:

- Path from Littleton Court to Coniston School along school fence
- Kestrel Close footpath along the stone wall of Eagle Meadow
- Footpath by Gorse Covert play area, between Hawthorn Close and Brighton Road.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 22 November at 7.30 p.m.