

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on  
30 January 2018 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. Mrs E. Martin (in the Chair)  
R. Loveridge  
E. Bathe-Taylor  
K. Dando

In attendance: Cllr. P. Cottrell

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Orpen and Coleman and from Mr. A. Watson (REACH).

**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 November 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) Patchway Community Plan

The Committee noted that the Steering Group meeting which was to be held before this meeting had been postponed to 6 February at 10.30 am with the consultants. This meeting would be to plan for the Stakeholders Event at St. Chad's Hall on Wednesday 21 February.

**5. Report on Charlton Hayes Residents Association**

In the absence of Mr Watson, the Clerk read a report from REACH, which was noted.

This report covered the following items: Bovis staff had attended a meeting at Callicroft House on 23 January and had been helpful in agreeing to attend to untidy areas which were causing distress to residents; press ahead with work for Charlton Square although noting that the construction of the new primary school would impinge on this; commence work shortly on the Green Spine and Linear Park; look at ways to minimise parking by parents in Wood Street when the new school opens in 2019. The residents' association is unhappy about the plan to install a bus gate at the Hayes Way end of the Boulevard, although this is unlikely to be implemented until the end of 2018. Also, the narrow residential roads are causing problems with cars parking on pavements and causing danger for pedestrians.

Councillors noted that the parking problems were the same as were experienced in the rest of Patchway and that SGC could take no action until the roads are adopted.

## **6. Highways England: consultation on Strategic Road Network Report**

The Committee noted this document and made the following comments:

- 2+ lanes should be introduced on busy roads and these lanes should also apply to empty buses and empty taxis and their use should be enforced by cameras.
- Extra motorway junctions should be created where new industrial development was built, such as Western Approaches and development on the airfield to remove additional traffic from unsuitable local roads.
- Patchway was blighted by excess noise and air pollution from the M5; quieter tarmac should be laid where the motorway runs past houses and the bund raised. The bund in Patchway was constructed in the 1980s and has settled over time, meaning that it is less effective. Additional noise is caused by the hard shoulder being used as a running lane so the traffic is nearer to houses and by the new central concrete barrier which causes the noise to rebound. These problems are acute between junctions 15-19.

## **7. Planning Applications**

The Committee made no objection to the following planning applications:

Charlton Hayes Parcels H6, H7 & M1	98 dwellings with garages, parking, infrastructure and landscaping (Reserved Matters)
Charlton Hayes Parcels H1, H2a, H2b	110 dwellings with garages, parking, infrastructure and landscaping (Reserved Matters)
187 Coniston Road	Single storey rear extension (kitchen & dining room) (Larger Home Extension)

Handelsbanken Park Avenue, Aztec West	Certificate of Lawfulness: change of use to office
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The Committee noted the following applications approved by SGC:

49 Cavendish Road	New house (amended scheme)
Cherry Cottage Hempton Lane	Demolition of conservatory and new single storey front and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor rear extension
Land at Northfield Park Charlton Hayes	Display of non-illuminated hoarding signs
178 Coniston Road	Conversion of house to 2 x 2-bed flats
42 Chessel Drive	Prune tree to lift path side to 3 metres (TPO on leylandii tree)
33 Bradley Road	Single storey side extension

#### **8. SG Biodiversity Action Plan**

The Committee noted this plan with interest.

#### **9. Supported Bus Services**

The Committee was pleased that the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) had requested SGC to maintain the existing supported bus networks for 2018-19. The information gathered from the SG consultation will be fed into the WECA Bus Strategy work which will be developed during 2018.

#### **10. Other matters raised by Councillors & Clerk**

- a) Cllr Cottrell stated that Merlin had not taken any action to date on the front gardens of two of their properties in Durban Road previously reported. The Clerk would follow up this matter.
- b) Cllr. Martin reported that another development in Bevington was creating

mud on the footway. Cllr. Bathe-Taylor reported that a resident was regularly parking on the grass verge. The Clerk would follow up these issues.

- c) Motorbikes had been seen riding without helmets on the pavement in Coniston Road. The Clerk had already reported these problems to the police.
- d) The Committee noted that the next SGC Public Transport Forum would be held on 12 February at 7 pm in Kingswood.
- e) There was an opportunity to be involved in the Venturer Driverless Vehicle Project being run by UWE. It was agreed to send this information to Councillors so that they could apply to be involved if they were interested.

**9. Date of next meeting**

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