

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2011 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

Present: Councillors E. Gordon J.P. (in the Chair))
M. Grotzke) Coniston
C. Mills) Ward

M. Greensword)
P. Cottrell)
Mrs E. Orpen) Callicroft
S. Scott) Ward
D. Tiley)
J. Moore)

B. Hopkinson) Stoke Lodge
A. Alsop) Ward

135/11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Walker (moving house), Pomfret (another meeting), Martin (ill) and Thorne (ill).

It was noted that under Standing Orders, Councillors must state a reason for their absence from Council meetings and that this must be recorded as well as the names of any Councillors not sending apologies. It was also noted that under Standing Orders Councillors must make their own apologies by telephoning the office.

136/11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that any member having a personal or prejudicial interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 no. 1159. He stated that a Declaration of Interest should also be made by the Clerk if she had an interest in any organisation being discussed by the Council.

137/11. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2011, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor. It was noted that Cllr. Tiley had not been listed as present but had been at the meeting; this was corrected in the minute book.

138/11. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Acoustic fence along motorway bund: 99a/11
Cllr. Scott reported that Cllr. Brian Allison had agreed to work with the Highways Agency on this matter. It was noted that this was the third worst area for pollution in South Gloucestershire and that the noise was unacceptable for residents. Cllr. Orpen read from a letter sent by Mr. Slade, a resident of Falcon Close, dated 1978, quoting the planning consent by Northavon District Council which stipulated that residents should have adequate protection against noise from the M5 motorway and that the earth mound should not be less than 15 feet in height (4.6 m).
- b) Hempton Lane: 117/11
The Council was pleased to note that SGC was now supporting the consensus view reached at the meeting with residents at North Patchway Hall.
- c) Stoke Lodge survey: 128/11
The Council noted a letter from the three Stoke Lodge Councillors and also advice received from SGC and NALC and agreed by 9 votes to 2 to set up a small group from the Planning Committee to look into when and how this survey should be carried out.
- d) Community Sports Awards: 130/11
The Council was pleased to note that the following sports clubs had been nominated for these awards at the presentation in November:
Almondsbury Lawn Tennis Club, Almondsbury Youth Football Club, Aretians Rugby Football Club, Bradley Stoke United FC, Bristol BMX Club, Dragon Tang Soo-do, Harriers Gymnastics Club, Patchway Cricket Club, Patchway Judo Club, Patchway Town Football Club, Stoke Lane Athletics FC.
- e) Meeting with Merlin sheltered housing in Patchway: 101/11
A number of Councillors had attended the meeting the previous week and reported that it was very informative. The Merlin officers had stated that no decision had been taken, but since the meeting a report had appeared in the local press stating that the two Patchway homes were to close within 5 years. It was agreed to keep this situation under review.
Folders of information were handed out to all Councillors who had not attended the meeting.
- f) Wind Turbines: 127g/11
New information had been received which would be referred to the Planning & Transport Committee.

139/11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) Planning & Transport Committee

Cllr. Mills introduced minutes of the meeting held on 22 November which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.

Cllr. Mills stated that by giving information to the press that the Town Council had not responded to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, the Stoke Lodge Councillors had brought the Council into disrepute. Cllr. Alsop replied that he would look into this allegation. Copies of information on expenditure in Stoke Lodge Ward which had been supplied following a request in 2009 were circulated to Councillors for information. In response to a request received while the Clerk was on leave in November, further information would be supplied.

b) Parks & Open Spaces

Cllr. Cottrell introduced minutes of the meeting held on 24 November which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. This had included the annual meeting with representatives of the allotment associations. Cllr. Grotzke apologised that he had been unable to attend this important meeting due to family problems and Cllr. Mills asked that it be noted that he withdrew from the meeting before Pretoria Road Allotments had been discussed.

c) Finance Committee

Cllr. Gordon introduced minutes of the meeting held on 6 December which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. It was noted that consideration of the budget for 2012-13 was in progress.

140/11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Scott reported that an application had been made by Patchway Community College for PFI funding for rebuilding of the school.

The Core Strategy would be discussed at the SGC full council the following day; the biggest change in the proposals would be for the Patchway Ward to have 4,700 houses built on the airfield. New looser planning regulations were likely to lead to more development in Patchway.

The Council was pleased to hear details of a project from Callicroft Primary School for funding through the HR funds. This was to develop an area of raised vegetable beds for the children to work on with local community assistance.

Cllr. Hopkinson reported that the last meeting of the SG Southern Brooks Forum had agreed to various local grants. Also agreed was the finance to move the bus stop on the A38 from the bottom of Callicroft Road due to its dangerous position outside Flingers. The Forum had agreed a budget of £25,000 for 2012-13 to close the access to Shellmor Avenue from the A38 after 65% of residents had sent in their comments with a large majority in favour of this closure.

141/11. PATCHWAY COMMON PAVILION

Cllr. Gordon asked the Council to look into enlarging the pavilion as had originally been intended. Cllr. Orpen said she had the papers for the fund-raising committee which had raised funds for the building and said that the committee had been unable to raise sufficient funds to enlarge the building.

Mention was also made of discussions with local sports clubs who had been interested in building a club house beside the pavilion but they were also having difficulty attracting funding.

Cllr. Hopkinson said that it would not be appropriate for the Town Council to consider expenditure on this building at present with the possibility of boundary change.

142/11. FOUR TOWNS JOINT FORUM

Cllr. Gordon suggested that it would be useful for this Forum to meet again in the new year in view of the planned and proposed developments in the area. It was noted that this forum comprised Patchway, Bradley Stoke, Filton and Stoke Gifford councils. The Council agreed that invitations should be sent to the other councils in the new year.

143/11. CORRESPONDENCE

As the time was 9.30 p.m. the Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to complete business.

- a) Temporary Traffic Regulations for Highwood/Durban junction: The Council noted that temporary restrictions would be in force during construction works.
- b) Patchway Locality Hub Launch, 15 December 2 p.m.: It was noted that the Mayor had been invited to the official opening of the Hub building.
- c) Alderman Scott Awards: it was agreed to arrange a date for the presentation at Coniston Community Centre at the end of January after consulting with the Head of Patchway Community College.
- d) Police Station & Custody Centre for Patchway: It was noted that a number of Councillors had attended the consultation on 16 November and that the Clerk had submitted the comments which the Council had made at an earlier stage on the name of the station being Patchway and the request that the station should be facing the A38 to provide a visible presence to the community.
- e) Planning Exhibition for Cribbs Causeway development: 15 December 2.30-8 pm: The Council noted that a consultation on development of land at Wyck Beck Road and Fishpool Hill was to be held at Henbury Social Club. It was hoped that Some Members would be able to attend.

- f) Patchway Community College Amateur Boxing Club: invitation to launch on 11 January 10.30 am. The Chairman and Cllr. Scott hoped to attend.
- g) Mobility Scooter Users Survey by The Care Forum: Councillors were asked to draw this consultation to the attention of any users of mobility scooters they might know.
- h) The Council noted that Toucan Crossings for Highwood Road and Pegasus Road were shortly to be installed.
- i) U7 bus service: Correspondence between a resident and SGC concerning the poor timing on this service was noted.
- j) Councillors were invited to the next meeting of the Equalities Forum on Wednesday 18 January at Yate, 6 pm.
- k) Councillors noted a petition requesting support of the government to put controls on the purchases made by Scrap Metal Dealers in the light of huge increases in thefts from church and other roofs.
- l) Coniston Road pedestrian rails: Information had been received from SGC that work to repair these rails would now be carried out in the year commencing April 2013.
- m) Parliamentary Constituency Review: The Council noted comments by Yate TC.
- n) SGC Parish Charter: The Council had been invited to sign the revised Charter, which Patchway TC had signed in 2002 and this was agreed. Cllr. Orpen agreed to be the Council's representative on the Parish Charter Working Group.
- o) Core Strategy: consultation on revisions. The Council noted that South Gloucestershire Council would be debating the Core Strategy incorporating Post-Submission Changes later this week. Following this there would be a 7 week consultation period.
- p) Update on public art project in the Patchway Hub: An email was read giving an update on the progress of this project.
- q) Welcome Board for Scott Park Play Area: The Council agreed the wording on this board produced by SGC for the play area in Scott Park.
- r) Letters of thanks for grants were noted from Patchway Senior Citizens Club and South Glos. CAB.

144/11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following planning applications:

7 Falcon Close	Single storey front extension
Rolls Royce, Gloucester Road	2 dust extraction units and flue to south side
Royal Mail Centre Gloucester Road	New vehicular access for gatehouse and alteration to car park
Hanham Motor Co Callicroft Road	Permanent structure for refreshment & hot food takeaway (retrospective)

This application was supported by 6-1, Cllr. Scott declaring his interest as a member of DC West. Members commented that a permanent structure would improve health standards for the catering operation.

145/11. FINANCE

The Council agreed to apply for planning permission for Blakeney Road allotment site to site a temporary building on a concrete base for use as a community room with kitchen and toilets. The cost of this would be £35.00.

The Council noted the following income received:

Patchway Players	Photocopying	25.05
Wheatpatch Club	Patchway Common Pavilion rent (Aug '11–Sep '11)	860.00
Lloydy United FC	Hire of football pitches (Sep '11–Oct '11)	126.00
Fleet Air Arm Association	Photocopying	13.50
Blakeney Road Allotment Association	Rent	385.00
Pretoria Road Allotment Society	Rent	1,279.99
Stoke Lodge Neighbourhood Watch	Photocopying	68.00
	Total	£2,757.54

The Council noted the following direct debits:

Arval UK Ltd	Diesel for vans	104.93
Arval UK Ltd	Petrol for hand tools	29.61
All Star Business Solutions Ltd	Diesel for vans	56.02
	Total	£190.56

The Council approved the following expenditure:

Advanced Security Systems Ltd	Alarm maintenance and monitoring at Patchway Common Pavilion	588.00
Almondsbury Forge	Play equipment panels	477.65
Bath and Northeast Somerset Council	Pension contributions (Nov & Dec)	5,542.44
Brandon Hire Plc.	Allotment toilet hire (Nov)	132.00
The Consortium	Cleaning materials	113.20
Countrywide Farmers Plc.	Work boots and lynch pins	38.78
Fleet (Line Markers) Ltd	Line marker parts	36.60
GWE Business West Ltd	Bristol Chamber of Commerce membership	114.00
HiQ Tyreservices	Tractor tyre repair (WX57 OBT)	87.84
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE (Nov & Dec)	9,399.63
JB Glazing	Repair of windows in Casson Centre	151.20
Mogford Prescott Ltd	Repair of showers, toilets and boilers in Scott Park	905.27
	Boiler servicing at Patchway Common	105.00
	Repair of lights and drains at Patchway Common	1,172.20
	Repair of light at Casson Centre	54.00
Orange	Mobile phone bill (Nov & Dec)	35.04
Patchway Autoparts	Spark plugs, hex keys, and towing bolts	20.96
SGS Printing	Compliment slips	114.00
South Gloucestershire Council	Marking of disabled bays	156.86
	Election costs (May)	11,585.40
Stephen Brice	Legal Advice for new lease for Pretoria Allotments	470.00
Virgin Media Payments Ltd	Broadband at Callicroft House (Dec–Jan)	36.00
Whitehall Printing Co (Avon) Ltd	Printing of Patchway Guide (final)	3,871.00
Whitehill Direct Ltd	Notice board for Charlton Hayes	1,499.00
Wilmott Building	Unblocking of toilets in Scott Park	55.00
	Garage construction (part)	8,500.00
Coniston Community Association	Grant: Patchway Watercolourists	550.00
Day Centre for the Elderly	Grant: Provision of lunches	700.00
Patchway Conservation Group	Grant: Maintaining nature areas	1,000.00
Patchway People	Grant: Printing costs	2,500.00
Patchway Twinning Association	Grant: Hosting twinning visits	500.00
Pretoria Road Allotment Society	Grant: Concrete paths	1,870.00

Stoke Lodge Neighbourhood Watch	Grant: Newsletter printing	300.00
Mr M Dark	Window cleaning at Callicroft House	56.00
	...at Patchway Common Pavilion	35.00
	...at Casson Centre	14.00
Cllr R Thorne	Travel expenses	31.60
Mr M Winter	Travel expenses	7.50
Mrs L Hamid	Clerk's expenses:	
	Parking penalty for Council van	25.00
	Milk for meetings	0.50
	2012 Calendars for office	2.40
	Christmas cards	4.47
	Milk for meetings	1.09
	Christmas trees	15.96
	Christmas cards	1.99
	Postage	84.25
Staff	Salaries (Nov & Dec)	26,891.76
	Total	£79,852.59

146/11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 10 January and would commence with a talk by the Head of Stoke Lodge Primary School, followed by Public Questions.

It was agreed that in future speakers would not be invited to meetings where there was Public Question Time.

The Chairman wished all Members a Happy Christmas and New Year and invited them to stay for seasonal refreshments after the meeting.