

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 July 2016 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Councillors Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair))
P. Cottrell)
Mr. Greensword) Callicroft
R. Loveridge) Ward

E. Gordon)
Mrs E. Martin)
J. Butler) Coniston
E. Bathe-Taylor) Ward
Mrs M. Bathe-Taylor)

90/16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. P. Martin, Bevington Walk

Mr. Martin reported that, as a cyclist, he had found several of the junctions in Coniston Road had a very bad surface, particularly the junctions with Blakeney Road, Arlingham Way, Bevington Close and the mini roundabout at Stroud Road. The surface was also poor between Blakeney and Stroud. There was tarmac damage between 300-315 Coniston Road, a sunken water cover at the junction of Durban and Rodway and a sunken hole at the junction of Highwood and Durban.

Mr. Martin asked if the undergrowth could be cut back along the fence of the airfield on the A38. The Clerk was asked to report all these issues to SGC for attention.

91/16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mills (daughter ill), Scott (another meeting), Messenger (working), Coleman (another meeting) and Dando (illness). No apologies were received from Cllr. Grotzke.

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 contacting the office.

92/16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that any member having a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Code of

Conduct required by the Localism Act 2011 Section 27 and should leave the room while the matter was discussed.

93/16. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2016, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Gordon seconded by Cllr. Martin.

The Minutes of the Emergency Meeting to agree and sign the Annual Return of Accounts held on 28 June, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. E. Bathe-Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Martin.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

94/16. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) Parks & Open Spaces Committee

Cllr. Cottrell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June, copies of which had been circulated, and which were endorsed by the Council.

b) Planning & Transport Committee

In the absence of Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Orpen presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June, copies of which had been circulated, and which were endorsed by the Council. Arising from the presentation by McCarthy & Stone, the Council agreed to contact SGC concerning the position of a new bus gate in The Boulevard, which would inconvenience residents of Charlton Hayes.

c) Finance Committee

Cllr. Orpen presented the minutes of the meeting held on 5 July, copies of which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council, including the recommendation that the Council should hire a front-cutting mower for the rest of the growing season and budget for a new mower in the next financial year. This was agreed unanimously.

95/16. WEST OF ENGLAND DEVOLUTION UPDATE

Cllr. E. Bathe-Taylor reported on a workshop run by ALCA the previous day at which the majority of town and parish council representatives was not in favour of devolution. The Clerk was asked to request information from ALCA on whether these proposals were an advantage or disadvantage to local councils and whether the new authority would have the power to cut local councils' precepts.

The Council noted a proposal from NALC that villages and towns should have the right to have an elected mayor if they chose to do so and supported this proposal.

96/16. FREEMEN OF PATCHWAY

There was a discussion on the appointment of another Freeman of Patchway, following the death of Dr. Graupner. It was agreed that Councillors should give this matter consideration over the summer and that the item would be on the agenda for the September meeting.

97/16. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Orpen reported that the major business of the Council had been devolution. On the Planning Committee (Development Control West), there had been problems with multi-occupancy of houses in Filton.

98/16. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS & MEETINGS

a) Charlton Hayes Steering Group:

Cllr. Martin reported on a recent meeting of this group at which the following points were covered: the primary school would open in 2017 or 2018; no progress had been made on a GP surgery; Charlton Boulevard would open at the end of 2016; Chamonix Management Company had attended and are making progress on sorting out with Bovis which areas are to be maintained by which organisation; Bovis is planning a meeting with the Town Council in a few months to discuss maintenance of play areas and open spaces. The next meeting would be in October.

b) Hate Crimes Group:

Cllr. Gordon reported on a recent meeting of this group, which had received reports on work in local schools and by SARI and Merlin. Plans had been discussed on the production of a DVD to welcome new residents to the area and give information on facilities available. A letter from the police had been welcomed which pledged to ensure that all sections of the community felt safe in our area. The next meeting would be in September.

99/16. CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Council noted a Policing Priorities consultation from Avon & Somerset Police, which had been circulated and which closed on 30 August. This was referred to the Planning Committee for discussion and response.

b) The Council was pleased to receive an invitation to visit Patchway Library for a briefing from the Librarian, who had offered to arrange this on the evening of the Council meeting in November. The Council agreed to accept this invitation and

Services		
All Star Fuel Card Services	Zero Liability Fee	5.76
British Gas	Boiler Service Contract:	
	Scott Park	£59.30
	Callicroft House	£37.30
	Casson Centre	£37.30
Inty Ltd.	Software/security	9.96
	Total Direct Debit	429.51

The Council agreed the following expenditure

HMRC	PAYE June		4680.13
BANES	Pension June		3039.02
Patchway Autoparts	Supplies for Park/compressor		325.70
Orange	Mobile Bill June		27.60
Building Supplies Patchway	Supplies for Park		10.02
Viridor	4 x Exchanges Scott Park		852.18
The Consortium	Stationary and cleaning products		105.99
Virgin Media Business	Broadband		39.60
Bill Davies and Co	Audit & Compliance Work		1900.00
Bristol Garage Doors	Supply & fit garage door plus garage defenders following break in		1320.00
Mogford Prescott	Plumber repairing overflowing toilet/concealed cistern	101.95	
	Electrician repairing 5 inside lights /2 outside lights	245.99	417.53
Ross Office Supplies	Stationary/Coloured Paper		43.19
Carr Power Products	Replacements for stolen Tools	923.62	
	Ear Defenders/safety glasses	131.66	1266.34
ALCA	External Audit Briefing		10.00

P. Lewis	Fabricated Steel Lock up		686.21
Craig West Turf Ltd	Turf for Scott Park		570.00
Alan Coward	Container Moving		204.00
Lucy Hamid	Clerks Expenses		
	Milk for Meetings	0.99	
	Vouchers for Alderman Scott Award	120.00	
	MOT for Van	74.80	
	Lite Hosting Website	48.00	
	Postage May	117.54	
	Key Cutting	14.00	
	Mike/sugar	1.58	
	Postage June	62.84	439.75
Wednesday Luncheon Club	Grant		800.00
Patchway Minibus Committee	Grant		750.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	Grant for Volunteer Centre	1000.00	
	Grant for Family Support Worker	7000.00	8000.00
Four Towns Play Association	Grant		5000.00
Patchway Garden Society	Prizes for Best Kept Allotments/Patchway in Bloom		260.00
Buften Locksmiths Ltd	Replacement Locks Coniston CC Grant		156.00
Countrywide	Safety boots, ear defenders	97.95	
	Supplies for Park/Blower	256.98	354.93
Salaries	Salaries June		15,937.27
		TOTAL	47,195.46

102/16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 September at 7.30 p.m. It was hoped that there would be a speaker from the Police.

The Council agreed that the normal procedure would be followed that should an emergency decision need to be taken during August it would be referred to the Chairman. If the Chairman considered it necessary to consult with other Councillors, a meeting of the Finance Committee would be called.