

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13 March 2018 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Councillors Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair))
P. Cottrell)
R. Loveridge) Callicroft
Mrs P. Coleman) Ward
K. Dando)
Ms R. Messenger)
S. Scott)

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

27/18. PRESENTATION BY NETWORK RAIL

The Chairman welcomed Claire McGine, the Communications Manager of Network Rail, to explain the improvements scheduled to be made to Patchway Station and other stations in the area.

A new footbridge would be installed next year at Patchway and a temporary bridge would be created during the construction works. The temporary bridge would not be accessible, as was the case with the current footbridge, but the new bridge would have a lift at each end. Work would start at the end of 2018 and the bridge would be complete by summer 2019. New disabled parking spaces would be installed by the lift and security measures, including cameras, installed, as at all unmanned stations. and new platforms would be built for Parkway and Filton Abbeywood.

Network Rail would be closing the line through the Patchway Tunnel for 3 weeks in summer so that electrification work could be completed. Disabled access information would be given on the website.

Several questions about these modifications were asked by Dave Redgewell, representing disabled rail users and these were answered by Claire.

The Chairman thanked Claire for her interesting presentation and asked that the Council should be kept fully informed as the plans developed.

28/18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A number of questions were asked by members of the public concerning an anonymous letter which had been delivered to residents asking them to attend the Council meeting, stating that “they could demolish our Community Centre to be replaced by a 4 storey block of 45 flats with limited parking.”

The Chairman explained that the Town Council drew up a vision for a new town centre for Patchway in 2014 and was now working with SGC to progress this vision, which included improving the existing shopping area of Rodway Road. If, as is possible, land becomes available facing Highwood Road in the next few years, the Council would like to develop a new purpose-built community centre, which would be 50% larger than the current community centre in Rodway Road, combined with town council offices, to provide excellent facilities for the residents of Patchway and Charlton Hayes. The Council is planning a feasibility study which will look at the commercial viability of a scheme to look at overcoming traffic and parking problems, upgrading the shops and improving Rodway Road with landscaping to create a more attractive area. The views of residents are important and details of where to send them are on the front page of this month's Patchway People.

In response to questions, the Chairman stated that a proposal to construct flats on the community centre site had not been agreed and would be considered with other ideas before any decision was taken.

Residents emphasised the importance of improving road and pavement surfaces and not encouraging more traffic into Patchway.

Some residents queried whether the land in Rodway Road was owned by the Council and the Chairman stated that they were welcome to call at the office by appointment to see the Deeds of the land.

It was noted that funds were available from the developer of Charlton Hayes to increase the size of the community centre and the Community Association had drawn up its own plans to extend the centre on the present site.

It was agreed that a public meeting should be held as public consultation on any plans for developing Patchway was very important.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance and participation and stated that arrangements for a public meeting with a presentation on plans would be notified in due course.

29/18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Greensword (illness) and Grotzke (illness).

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.

30/18. 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.

31/18. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 February 2018, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Dando seconded by Cllr. M. Bathe-Taylor.

32/18. VISION FOR PATCHWAY TOWN CENTRE: FOLLOW UP TO DECISIONS MADE AT LAST MEETING

Following requests by members of the public, the Council agreed to organise a public meeting to give more information on proposals to develop a new town centre for Patchway. It was agreed that a venue large enough to accommodate residents should be used.

It was agreed by 9-1 with 2 abstentions that Mr. John Thomas could speak on this item. Mr. Thomas stated that he would be willing to make a presentation at a public meeting on the plans of the Community Association to extend the existing building and to include sports facilities.

The date of Wednesday 11 April at 7.30 pm was agreed, the meeting to be held in the large hall of Patchway Community Centre. The Council would ask the Patchway Vision Steering Group to present the Vision to residents and the meeting would be advertised by leaflets and posters as well as social media.

The Chairman stated that she would take the matter of the feasibility study of the Vision proposals in closed session at the end of the meeting as it involved finance.

33/18. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Cllr. Loveridge presented the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February, copies of which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
- b) Planning & Transport Committee
Cllr. Orpen presented the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February, copies of which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
- c) Finance Committee
Cllr. Orpen presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March, copies of which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.

**34/18. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS &
LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

No reports were given.

The Council agreed that, due to the lateness of the hour, agenda items 13 and 14, Correspondence and Planning, would be taken at the Parks Committee the following week.

35/18. REPORT ON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Cllr. Loveridge reported that the meeting on 5 March had been very good with all the right people present. All had supported the scheme and it had been agreed to apply for planning permission for the MUGA court and cricket nets.

As the time was 9.30 p.m., it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to permit completion of business.

36/18. JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The Council discussed the issues referred by the Joint Burial Committee, which had been raised at the Finance Committee, and agreed as follows, proposed Cllr. E. Bathe-Taylor and seconded Cllr. Scott:

- a) The Council unanimously supported the compromise on membership that Stoke Lodge residents should have the benefit of in-parish rates and that Stoke Lodge & The Common Parish Council should pay the same Precept as the other Councils but have no representation on the Committee.

- b) The Council agreed that enquiries should be made into whether the Burial Committee has the power to make a CPO on land which is more suited to burials than the poorly-drained land offered by the adjacent land owner.

The Clerk would pass these comments to the Joint Burial Committee for discussion at its next meeting.

37/18. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income received:

Patchway Sports & Social Club	Ground Rent	986.38
Little Beansprouts	Casson Hire	20.00
	Total Income	1006.38

The Council noted the following Direct Debits:

Total Gas and Power	Electricity Casson Centre	32.27
Total Gas and Power	Electricity Callicroft House	84.20
All Star Fuel Card	Fuel for Truck	80.01
	Fuel for Van	51.65
British Gas	Boiler Servicing/ Maintenance	96.00
Inty Ltd.	Software/security	12.18
Hitachi Finance	Mower Payment	827.95
Iris Payroll	Enrolment usage charge	30.77
	Total Direct Debit	1215.03

The Council agreed the following expenditure:

To Whom Paid	Particulars of Payment	Sub Total	Total Cheque
HMRC	PAYE		4918.83
BANES	Pension		3890.80
Virgin Media	Broadband		39.60
Viridor	Skip x 2		616.32
Goodyear Dunlop	Tyre Repair		78.00
Orange	Mobile Phone		27.60
Prolific	Printing/Copying		43.22
Patchway Auto Parts	Hose Clips for bin repair	6.92	
	Handsaw	3.29	
	Dust Mask	3.19	
	Funnel	2.80	

	Silicon Seal	5.90	23.96
Building Supplies (Patchway)	Post Mix/Bolts 7 Nuts	38.71	
	Fibreglass Axe	23.57	62.28
The Consortium	Black Bin Bags		57.12
Post Office Counters	Tax for truck		240.00
British Gas	Parts for Boiler		132.00
EE	Mobile Phone usage		27.60
Lucy Hamid	Milk for Meetings	.99	
	Milk & Biscuits	4.49	
	Postage	41.01	46.49
Salaries	Salaries		15,595.13
		TOTAL	25,796.95

38/18. CLOSED SESSION

Three quotations had been received from companies able to conduct a feasibility study on the Hive proposals for implementing the Vision. It was agreed that the proposal to use part of the grass verge in Highwood Road for additional parking should be included and that all Councillors wanted to improve Patchway.

It was proposed that the Council should invite the company with the lowest tender to carry out the feasibility study. This was Nash Partnership. Cllr. Scott proposed that the Council should use the £7,000 unspent for election expenses in the budget to cover the cost of the feasibility study and this was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that the public meeting should not be held until the full information on the plans had been received in order that members of the public could have a presentation on both options: moving the site and building a larger community centre or refurbishing and enlarging the existing one.

The Chairman asked that the resurfacing of Coniston Road should be raised again with SGC in view of the large number of complaints received.

39/18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10 April 2018 at 7.30 pm.