

FARINGDON TOWN **COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs Jane Boulton (in the Chair)
David Barron
James Famakin
Dr Mike Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of public
Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk

1/9/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Al Cane, Mark Greenwood, Andrew Marsden, Alex Meredith and David Price.

2/9/15 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 2 June 2015

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on 2 June 2015.

3/9/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/9/15 For Information

(a) The Deputy Town Clerk's list of actions was received and NOTED, as follow:-

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
7/8/15	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 4.6.15
4/8/15	VWHDC Southampton Street Public Car Park Toilets. VWHDC to be advised that doors were heavy proving difficult for	Deputy Town Clerk	VWHDC contacted and has responded that the weight of the door and the closer has been noted and that costs were awaited for a conversion for the

	people with disabilities to handle.		door to open via the insertion of a Radar key.
10/8/15	Contact details for Farcycles to be forwarded to JustinAndrewes, Sovereign	Deputy Town Clerk	Contact details sent 4.6.15.
8/8/15	Planning Proposals, new Eastern Villages, Swindon: Town Council to respond to SBC with its concerns on the impact these new developments will have on the A420	Deputy Town Clerk	Response emailed to SBC 9.6.15

(b) It was noted that Planning Permission had been granted by the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the following planning application:-

P15/V0921/HH

Construction of single storey rear extension
15 The Pines, Faringdon
 For: Mr Scott Morrisey
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 14 5 15)

5/9/15 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

6/9/15 Public Speaking Time

A local resident wished to reiterate his concerns regarding the large size of tractors using the town centre and the speed at which they travelled. He queried whether there was any chance of a weighbridge being located in Faringdon. He felt strongly that an accident was waiting to happen. It was agreed that the police and Oxfordshire Highways should be asked to comment on this issue.

7/9/15 Planning Applications to be considered:

Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:-

P15/V0998/HH

Erection of side, rear and front extensions
41 Coxwell Road, Faringdon
 For: Mr Thompson
NO OBJECTIONS

P15/V1262/O Erection of a single dwelling to the rear of 15B Coxwell Road, a pedestrian link and the provision of two parking spaces. In addition the erection of a double garage for the use of 15B to replace a former garage.
15B Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Peter King
NO OBJECTIONS

P15/V1143/HH Proposed flat roof rear extension
14 Folly View Road, Faringdon
Mr Barrie Clark
NO OBJECTIONS

P15/V1214/HH Front porch, loft conversion with dormer to front and new garage
7 Folly View Crescent, Faringdon
For: Mrs J Walsh
NO OBJECTIONS

P15/V1071/HH Single storey rear extension and minor alterations
10 Beech Close, Faringdon
For: Mr K Huxtable
NO OBJECTIONS

P15/V1292/A Erection of a fascia sign
Unit 9, Pioneer Road, Faringdon
For: Howden Joinery Properties Ltd
NO OBJECTIONS

8/9/15 The Steeds, Coxwell Road, Faringdon

A copy of an updated Environmental Statement, recently received from the developer's agent for this proposed development, showed that changes to the site had been made, as follows:-

- removal of 1.6 hectare site for a small business park;
- removal of the 0.9 hectare site for the allotments;
- enlargement of the proposed residential area by about 1.6 Hectares
- increase in size of the Green Infrastructure provision from 14.1 to 14.25 hectares enabling a reconfiguration of the formal sports pitches

The question was raised that if it had not been for this courtesy letter from the developer's agent when would Town Council have learnt of these important changes as no previous notification had been received to date from the VWHDC.

It was NOTED that the developer had been invited to attend this Planning & Highways committee meeting but was unable to do so. The agent, however, had stated that the amendments had been made in order that the development reflected the residential allocation in the Local Plan; the provision of the open space buffer sought in the Gt Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan and the scheme can afford to deliver the improvement to the A420/Coxwell Road junction.

It was FURTHER NOTED that there were several inaccuracies in the Environmental Statement and it was AGREED that Cllr Dr Mike Wise, in liaison with the Deputy Town Clerk, would draw up a paper detailing these for submission to VWHDC.

S106 contributions in respect of this site: Further details regarding Town Council's S106 contribution list had been requested by VWHDC but strong concern was expressed that Town Council had only been given 4 days' notice to furnish the specific details requested.

9/9/15 Planning & Highways Committee Accounts – 1st Quarter 2015
These were NOTED.

10/9/15 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

Once the 6-week public consultation on the draft pre-submission FNP had closed on 26 June 2015, comments received from the public on the plan would be considered by the FNP Steering Group (FNPSG) and a Consultation Statement would be drawn up. Any amendments to the plan agreed by the FNPSG would be submitted to the Planning & Highways Committee for approval. Recommendation to adopt the FNP would then need to be made to full Town Council.