

# **FARINGDON TOWN** **COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Dr Mike Wise (Chairman)  
Ian Bell  
Jane Boulton  
Mark Greenwood  
Andrew Marsden  
David Price

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Bell, Rotary Club of Faringdon & District  
Mark Blatch, Faringdon Chamber of Commerce  
Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk

### **1/5/15 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Alison Thomson.

### **2/5/15 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 10 March 2015**

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on 10 March 2015.

### **3/5/15 Declarations of Interest**

*Planning Application P15/V0523/HH:* Cllr Jane Boulton declared an interest in this item.

*Reason for declaration:* In so far as she was the owner of the property.

*Planning Application P15/V0523/HH:* Cllrs Mike Wise, Ian Bell, Mark Greenwood, Andrew Marsden and David Price declared an interest in this item.

*Reason for declaration:* In so far as they, as members of the town council, know Cllr Jane Boulton.

*At this stage of the meeting the Chairman proposed that agenda item 10, Welcome Road Signs, Faringdon be brought forward on the agenda in order that the representative from the Rotary Club could leave the meeting early if he wished.*

*This proposal was AGREED.*

### 10/5/15 Welcome Road Signs - Faringdon

The committee was asked to consider a request from the Rotary Club of Faringdon & District to install welcome signs to the town and Mike Bell presented details of the club's proposal. Concern was expressed by some members that this could set a precedent as there were many other groups in Faringdon who may wish to do the same.

Following discussion it was AGREED that this was a decision that should be made by town council before any approach is made to Oxfordshire Highways. It was proposed, seconded and CARRIED to recommend to town council that consideration be given to the sign for the rotary club to be approved in principle.

### 4/5/15 For Information

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

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
7/4/15	<i>Parking Survey:</i> Recommend to town council that final report is accepted; then forward to VWHDC for adoption; <i>CPE (Civil Parking Enforcement):</i> Ask VWHDC to consider offer from Gary Smith to carry out review of VWHDC current model, free of charge.	Deputy Town Clerk	Recommended to Town Council and approved at its meeting held on 11 3 15; subsequently forwarded to VWHDC. <i>CPE:</i> VWHDC has passed Gary's details to CPE lead person at OCC as this would require gathering information from not only South & Vale, but also OCC and Cherwell DC
8/4/15	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 12 3 15
9/4/15	Investigation to be carried out with Locality as to whether Town Council eligible for further FNP funding	Deputy Town Clerk	Primary application to Locality made 26 3 15. Response awaited
10/4/15	<i>The Steeds, Coxwell Road - Planning Application:</i> OCC to be contacted reiterating Town Council's preferred option that there should be traffic lights on the A420 junction.	Deputy Town Clerk	Both OCC and VWHDC contacted 12 3 15. Response received from VWHDC setting out current position ie OCC had confirmed that a roundabout is the preferred strategy for the A420 over a signalized junction. This

			letter would be forwarded to C/Cllr J Heathcoat asking when OCC made decision for roundabout as FTC understood that lights had been OCC's preferred option.
11/4/15	<i>Planning Application P13/V0709/O, Park Road Residential Development.</i> VWHDC to be contacted to confirm that FTC accepts £62,073 in respect of S106 contribution	Deputy Town Clerk	VWHDC advised 12 3 15
14/4/15	Draft P&H Terms of Reference to be submitted to FTC Strategic Working Group	Deputy Town Clerk	Forwarded to Town Clerk 12 3 15

(b) A list detailing Planning Permissions granted was received and NOTED, as follows:

**P15/V0334/HH** Single storey rear extension; relocated existing dropped kerb; alterations to existing driveway

**4 Fernham Road, Faringdon**

For: Mr T Gristwood

**(No objections - Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 10 3 15)**

**P14/V2742/HH (Amended)** Single storey rear & side extensions

**31 Harding Close, Faringdon**

For: Mr James Long

**(No objections - Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 10.3.15)**

**P14/V2833/HH** 2-storey extension

**Grove Lodge, Church Walk, Faringdon**

For: Alan Smith

**(No objections - Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 27 1 15)**

**P15/V0275/HH** Proposed replacement single storey rear ext. and other works

**37 Highworth Road, Faringdon**

For: Mr Roy Murdoch

**(No objections - Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 10 3 15)**

(c) Notification from the Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) advising that one new residential dwelling in Canada Lane is to be named "The Long View". **NOTED**;

- (d) Temporary Road Closure for essential sewer repair works - outside 12 Bromsgrove commencing Wednesday 15 April for approx. two weeks. **NOTED**;
- (e) *Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule Consultation*: Comments drawn up by Cllr Dr Wise on behalf of Town Council and submitted by Deputy Town Clerk to District Council. **NOTED**;
- (f) Notification from VWHDC advising that it has (a) submitted its Local Plan 2031 Part One to the Secretary of State for independent examination and (b) adopted the Vale of White Horse Design Guide Supplementary Planning document. The committee expressed disappointment that, yet again, the District Council had not taken account of any of the comments submitted by Town Council. Authority was delegated to Cllr Dr Wise to represent town council at any Inspector's hearing that may be held at the time of independent examination.

#### **5/5/15 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

#### **6/5/15 Public Speaking Time**

No member of the public wished to speak at this stage of the meeting.

#### **7/5/15 Planning Applications to be considered**

Planning applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:

##### **P15/V0538/HH**

Enlargement of existing loft conversion; new rear dormer window; front extension & alterations to existing external window & door arrangement

**38 Folly View Road, Faringdon**

For: Sue Lloyd

**NO OBJECTIONS**

##### **P15/V0523/HH**

Demolish current kitchen extension and conservatory. Take down part of back wall of house. Insert RSJ and build new kitchen the full width of the house.

**20 Coxwell Street, Faringdon**

For: Jane Boulton

**NOT CONSIDERED** due to declaration of interest by all members present.

##### **P15/V0394/O**

Outline application (all matters reserved except highway access) for two class A1 retail stores, Class A5 drive thru coffee shop, coach parking, car parking, access, drainage, landscaping and associated works

**Land at 4&20 site, Park Road, Faringdon**

For: GSC Estates (Faringdon) Limited

Town Council recognizes that this application is against the sentiment of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. However, it does consider this use of the site as the best option. Therefore Town Council has **NO OBJECTIONS** but requests that appropriate cycle and footpath links to the town centre are provided.

**P15/V0465/HH**

Extensions and alterations to accommodate disabled son

**28 Nursery View, Faringdon**

For: Mr & Mrs John Cook

**NO OBJECTIONS**

### **8/5/15 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)**

Cllr Dr Mike Wise reported that the draft revised FNP was now ready for public consultation but that there had been no further progress due to the purdah period which had been set by the District Council until May 2015 due to elections.

### **9/5/15 Science Vale Area Action Plan**

Cllr Ian Bell reported that he would be attending the event due to be held in Didcot on 4 April. As the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee was not due until 21 April and the deadline for comments on the plan was 17 April 2015, it was AGREED that he would make his report back to Town Council at its meeting on 8 April.

### **11/5/15 Damaged Bus Shelter, Park Road, Faringdon**

Two quotes had been received in respect of the work required to repair the bus shelters. Following consideration, it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED to accept the quote from Spacemaster in the sum of £650 excl VAT, subject to the insurance claim being successful.

### **12/5/15 S106 Contributions**

The Chairman reported that the town council continues to work with Ged Cassell, Community Infrastructure Projects Officer at the District Council, on the various projects highlighted as possibilities for S106 contributions. However, as S106 contributions affected the community as a whole this matter would now be discussed by Town Council. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to circulate to the members details of the S106 contributions received to date and those projects for which we are currently looking to make bids. He asked that members forward any suggestions for other projects to the Deputy Town Clerk in the first instance.

It was AGREED that S106 information should be made available on the town council website.

It was FURTHER AGREED that other members of the community should also be invited to put forward any suggestions for projects requiring funding from S106 bearing in mind the criteria which applied.