

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 4 August 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs **Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**  
**Jane Boulton**  
**Alex Meredith**  
**Dr Mike Wise**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk**

### **1/11/15 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Barron, Al Cane and Mark Greenwood.

### **2/11/15 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 14 July 2015**

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on 14 July 2015.

### **3/11/15 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4/11/15 For Information**

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

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person/s Delegated</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
8/10/15	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 16 7 15
10/10/15	Vale Local Plan Examination by Planning Inspector: A comments paper for submission by Town Council to Inspector to be drawn up.	Cllr Dr Mike Wise	To be considered at Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 4 8 15

13/10/15	Maintenance of Faringdon roundabouts – research to be carried out with OCC	Deputy Town Clerk	Item on agenda for Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 4 8 15
14/10/15	Committee Members' Roles – List of activities to be drawn up	Deputy Town Clerk	List drawn up and circulated to all committee members. To be discussed further at Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 4 8 15

(b) A list detailing Planning Permissions granted/refused by the District Council was received and NOTED, as follows:-

**Permissions Granted:**

- P15/V1071/HH** Single storey rear extension and minor alterations  
**10 Beech Close, Faringdon**  
For: Mr K Huxtable  
(No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 2.6.15)
- 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 – P&H Committee Meeting, 2.6.15)
- P15/V1143/HH** Proposed flat roof rear extension  
**14 Folly View Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr B R Clark  
(No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 23.6.15)
- 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 – P&H Committee Meeting, 23.6.15)
- P15/V1292/A** Erection of a fascia sign  
**Unit 9, Pioneer Road, Faringdon**  
For: Howden Joinery Properties Ltd  
(No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 23.6.15)
- V3120** Discharge of condition 3 of planning application  
Opening up of wall between dining room and kitchen to provide a more suitable space for modern living.  
**15 Gloucester Street, Faringdon**  
For: Mr I Phillips  
(No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 14.7.15)

### **Permission Refused by VWHDC:**

**P15/V0357/HH** Erection of a close board fence around back/side garden  
**21 Westland Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr & Mrs Andrea Pugh  
(Object – P&H Committee Meeting, 2.6.15)

(c) Draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031: Notification was received that the plan had now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Deputy Town Clerk to write to West Oxfordshire District Council thanking it for keeping the Town Council regularly informed on the plan's progress.

### **5/11/15 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

### **6/11/15 Public Speaking Time**

There were no members of public present.

### **7/11/15 Land Off Willes Close**

This item was not discussed as the party who had expressed interest in the land had advised Town Council that his plans were still unresolved which meant that insufficient information was available to inform a discussion.

### **8/11/15 Planning Applications**

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

**P14/V2888/FUL** Change of use application for a holiday (fishing) lodge park and village farm shop – Tourism diversification development at The Faringdon Golf Course (as per amended information received on 9 April 2015 and amended by the agent's email dated 13 July 2015 and additional information: noise report and plan reducing the number of lodges from 42 to 36.

**Faringdon Golf Course, Great Coxwell, SN& 7LU**

For: Mr Adam Blackwell

The site for this planning application is in the Parish of Gt Coxwell. However, Faringdon Town Council fully supports the objections and comments already submitted to the Vale of White Horse District by the Gt Coxwell Parish Council on 23 April 2015, 30 June 2015 and 5 August 2015, and

**OBJECTS** to this planning application

**P15/V1459/HH** Single storey rear extension  
**24 Market Place, Faringdon**

For: Mr Paul Johnson

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**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 (revised illustrative layout, landscape strategy and flood risk assessment)  
**Land at A420 site, Park Road, Faringdon**

For: Mr G McClay

**NO OBJECTIONS (but see comments below)**

As previously stated, Town Council recognizes that this application is against the sentiment of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. However, it is well known that there is a need for more jobs in Faringdon and this proposal would provide the type of employment that Faringdon needs. If there is to be a change of use, then Town Council would wish to be involved in discussions with developers regarding possible S106 contributions.

**P15/V1637/HH** Proposed garage conversion into bedroom  
**2 Berners Way, Faringdon**

For: Mr Browne

**NO OBJECTIONS**

The following Applications seeking Certificate of Lawful Development were received and **NOTED**:

**P15/V1553/LDP** Building forward of the attached garage by 4.00 m at side of property and converting existing garage to create a granny annexe

**42 Harding Close, Faringdon**

For: Mrs Jenny Eastham

**P15/V1663/LDP** Construction of rear conservatory

**7 Wearn Road, Faringdon**

For: Mrs C Hart

**9/11/15 Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031**

The Secretary of State has now appointed a Planning Inspector to conduct an examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Local Plan 2015 and initial hearings are scheduled to start on 22 September 2015.

A draft Hearing Statement, drawn up by Cllr Mike Wise for submission to the Planning Inspector, was considered. Following discussion, it was agreed in principle to accept this paper as Town Council's Hearing Statement with the addition of any modifications that the Chairman might wish to make.

It was NOTED that the deadline for submission of this paper to the Programme Officer was 21 August 2015.

**10/11/15 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)**

Comments received following the recent local public consultation were currently being processed and a new consultation statement would be drawn up. The plan, incorporating any amendments that may be made as a result of this public consultation, would then be brought to Town Council for approval.

The revised FNP, once adopted by Town Council, will be submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council (the Local Planning Authority) which will then undertake a 6-week public consultation. Following this public consultation, the Vale of White Horse District Council will submit the FNP to an Independent Examiner for inspection.

### **11/11/15 Cutting and Maintenance of Verges/Roundabouts in Faringdon**

It was NOTED that the Town Council's Recreation & Open Spaces Committee was now researching the possibility of Town Council taking over responsibility for this work from Oxfordshire County Council and that therefore there was no need for the Planning & Highways Committee to consider the matter any further at present.