

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 October 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs A Marsden (in the Chair)
Mrs J Boulton
Ms K Draper
D Keeble
D Price
J Smith
Dr M L H Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Town Clerk

167/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A V Hickmore, T White and J Cilia.

168/12 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 9 October 2012

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that as Cllr J Cilia was already a member of the committee, his name should have been shown in the list of members present. Following this amendment, the Minutes were AGREED as a correct record of the meeting held on 9 October 2012.

169/12 For Information Only

- (a) Notices of Permission from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) in respect of the following planning applications were received and NOTED:-

MW.0002/12 Continuation of Permission (extension to an existing mineral working)
Wicklesham Quarry, Sandshill, Faringdon
For: Grundon Waste Management

MW.0003/12 Continuation of permission (the import of materials to be used in connection with construction of golf courses together with operations for the blending of imported and indigenous quarried materials)
Wicklesham Quarry, Sandshill, Faringdon
For: Grundon Waste Management, Sandshill, Faringdon

- (b) *Swindon Borough Council - Draft Neighbourhood Planning Protocol Consultation:* A letter dated 11 October 2012 from SBC advising that it had published a "Draft Neighbourhood Planning Protocol" was received and NOTED. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to write to SBC thanking them for keeping the Town Council informed.

- (c) The Deputy Town Clerk's list of actions, undertaken as a result of the previous meeting, was received and NOTED, as follows:-

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
155/12 & 160/12	Decisions taken on planning applications to be forwarded to VWHDC	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted by email to VWHDC 10.10.12
162/12	Councillors to advise Deputy Town Clerk of any comments to be forwarded to VWHDC	Deputy Town Clerk	No comments required to be forwarded.
163/12	Letter to be written to Leader of District Council asking for confirmation that extra £10,000 will be paid to Town Council	Town Clerk in her role as Responsible Financial Officer	Question forwarded to Leader for him to respond to when he attends the meeting of Town Council on 14 November 2012.
164/12	Bloor Homes to be asked to provide 2 salt bins for Folly Park Housing Development	Deputy Town Clerk	Request submitted to Bloor Homes but no response to date.

170/12 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

171/12 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

172/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

173/12 Vale of White Horse District Council Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) for the Local Plan 2029 - part 1

VWHDC advised it was currently in the process of preparing its new Local Plan 2029 - Part 1 Strategic Policies and Development Sites (formerly called the Core Strategy) and Town Council had been asked to provide update comments and infrastructure requirement as set out for each of the proposed Strategic Site Allocations.

Following discussion, it was AGREED that the following comments should be forwarded:

Recreation Facilities:

- *Childrens' play facilities:* The play area at Tuckers Park requires improvement - £80,000;

- *Teenage Facilities:* In order to improve the service provided by Town Council to the youth of Faringdon through the Youth Centre, Highworth Road -
(a) resurfacing of yard £20,000
(b) landscaping £20,000
Total £40,000
- *Allotments:* In view of the high demand for allotments in Faringdon, Town Council requests that in addition to the allotments due to be provided by the developer on the new proposed housing site south of Park Road, further facilities for allotments to be provided on Willes Close - £50,000
- *ATP at Leisure Centre:* Town Council would prefer the multi-use all-weather pitch to be located at Tuckers Park rather than at the Leisure Centre;

Buildings:

- *Old Town Hall:* It was AGREED that there was no longer a need to improve heating or replace the war memorial;
- *Corn Exchange:* improvements required to floor, sound insulation, audio/visual facilities - £50,000
- *Pump House:* development of existing theatre for future public use and improvement of kitchen facilities in the Pump House required - £100,000
- *Environmental improvements* in the town required, such as public seating, flowerbeds in the town centre, public parks - £15,000

It was NOTED that VWHDC seemed to be unaware that there was a new housing development proposed in Great Coxwell. This proposed development would abut Faringdon's boundary and therefore would inevitably affect the infrastructure in Faringdon although the Town Council could not benefit directly from S106 contributions. Additionally, the development as proposed currently did not appear to provide any facilities and it was felt it was too far from Faringdon town centre to be viable. It was AGREED that Town Council should insist that anything that is built on this site should address these issues.

Concern was also expressed by committee that other than a vague mention there was no specific reference to employment land. It was AGREED that this concern about the development in Great Coxwell should be expressed to the VWHDC.

174/12 Half-Year Financial Report to 30 September 2012

The half-year financial report to 30 September 2012 was received and NOTED.

175/12 Delegation of Authority to Deputy Town Clerk

A recommendation from Town Clerk that Town Council Standing Orders 32 and 34 be extended to the Deputy Town Clerk in her own right was received and considered. It was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that committee agrees to this recommendation.

176/12 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

It was NOTED that the following meetings were due to take place:

- i) *Retail/Employment Land Sub-Groups and the Housing Group - 31 October.* It was anticipated that comments from this meeting would be forwarded to the Planning Consultants in time for them to be included in the first draft of the Plan.
- ii) *FNP Central Group: 15 November*
At this meeting, the Planning Consultants would be presenting the first draft of the Plan to the FNP Central Group for review. It was anticipated that there would then be a period of time for the first draft to be fully considered and to liaise with the Planning Consultants on any changes that required to be incorporated before the final Plan was presented before Christmas.

177/12 S106 Agreements

- (a) The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there were no recent updates on current S106 agreements;
- (b) In view of the number of possible new housing developments in Faringdon, the committee had been asked to consider/review possible requests for S106 contributions.
It was NOTED that amounts had already been discussed and agreed under Min 173/12 and would be submitted accordingly but various other areas for contributions were discussed.
 - *Community Bus:* £25,000 towards the provision of an extended service to new housing sites;
 - *Proposed new solar photovoltaic park:* It was AGREED that clarification was needed as to whether this would fall within the terms of S106 agreements;
 - *Provision of WiFi in the Town Centre:* Cllr Price advised that a service was already in the process of being set up and paid for by the VWHDC;
 - *Skate Park Facilities:* Concern was expressed at the lack of recycling provision and toilets at the skate park site. Although this did not fall within the remit of S106 the members felt strongly that a request should be made to D/Cllr Mrs Thomson for a progress report on what is happening to the site.

The Committee also felt it extremely important that

- (1)VWHDC should involve Town Council in any early planning discussions that are held between the developers, county council and district council concerning S106 contributions in respect of proposed developments in Faringdon, and
- (2) any S106 contributions for Faringdon that have been agreed with a developer as a consequence of these negotiations should be made before the work starts.

178/12 Precept 2013/14

In addition to the current budget requirements, it was AGREED that an amount should also be included to cover the purchase and installation of waste bins to be located alongside the bus shelters.

Concern was expressed at the state of the overgrown paths and alleys in the town. It was NOTED that clearance of such areas was not in the Town Council's remit. However, it was felt that this was a matter that needed further discussion by Town Council as to whether it should provide resources for the removal of weeds and overgrown bushes and shrubs.