

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning & Highways Committee
held on Tuesday, 12 March 2013 at 7.15 pm
in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)
Mrs J Boulton
J Cilia
D Keeble
D Price
A Marsden

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Hogg, Gladman Developments (*up to and including Min 46/13*)
Deputy Town Clerk

The Chairman proposed that agenda item 8 dealing with a planning proposal in Faringdon be moved forward for discussion after item 2 (Minutes of Meetings) on the agenda so that the relevant representative could speak early on this matter. This proposal was AGREED.

44/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T White.

45/13 Minutes of Meetings: 12 February 2013 & 28 February 2013

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as correct records of the meetings held on 12 February 2013 and 28 February 2013.

In view of the confidential nature and commercial sensitivity of the following item, the Chairman proposed invoking Town Council Standing Order No. 1 (c) which states that Press and Public should be asked to withdraw from the meeting. The proposal was seconded and CARRIED.

46/13 Planning Proposal in Faringdon

Following concerns raised by the committee at its previous meeting when this possible planning proposal had been discussed, it was NOTED that the developers had now taken on board some of the comments raised and Mr Hogg reported on the proposed amendments to the planning proposal. Additional comments were made by the committee on the amended proposals which were noted by Mr Hogg. He advised that a public exhibition was being held in Faringdon on Friday, 22 March when it was hoped members of the public would comment on the proposed plans before submission of the full planning application to the District Council at the end of April/beginning of May.

The Chairman proposed revoking Town Council Standing Order No. 1(c). The proposal was seconded and CARRIED and the meeting resumed in open session.

47/13 For Information Only

- (a) *Swindon Borough Council, Neighbourhood Planning Protocol:*
Notification was received from SBC that it had published its Neighbourhood Planning Protocol.
- (b) 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
09/13	Letter to be written to Builders Ede requesting stone walls originally removed in Park Road to be reinstated	Deputy Town Clerk	No further progress
32/13	Letter to be written to VWHDC regarding parking on access road to Gloucester Street Car Park	Deputy Town Clerk	Letter awaiting response.
35/13	Comments on Planning Applications to be forwarded to Planning Department at VWHDC and Oxfordshire County Council where applicable.	Deputy Town Clerk	Comments submitted to VWHDC & OCC by email 13 February 2013.
37/13	Planning Application P13/V0139/0: Requests for developer contribution to be sent to VWHDC	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted 15 February 2013.
43/13	FNP: Options on policies to be submitted to Planning Consultants for inclusion in draft FNP.	FNP Administrator	Submitted 4 March 2013.

48/13 Public Question Time
No questions had been received.

49/13 Public Speaking Time
There were no members of the public.

50/13 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

51/13 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:

P13/V0344/FUL Proposed development of 28 dwellings, including affordable housing, new access, landscaping and associated works
Land adjoining Folly Park, Faringdon
For: Bloor Homes Western
NO OBJECTIONS
but advise District Council that Town Council should be involved in any discussions regarding S106 contributions in respect of this planning application.

P13/V0315/HH New roof to the single storey section of house and rear two storey extension
7A Ferndale Street, Faringdon
For: Mr & Mrs M Lithgow
NO OBJECTIONS

P13/V0112/HH Erection of a single storey rear extension
62 Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr & Mrs K Moore
NO OBJECTIONS

P13/V0358/0 Outline application for erection of up to three residential dwellings
Land North of 1-3 Rose Terrace, Gloucester Street, Faringdon
For: Mr B Hammond
NO OBJECTIONS
but wish the following comments to be taken into account:
(a) properties should not be above 2-storeys high;
(b) there must be adequate car parking.

P13/V0348/FUL Proposed re-cladding and re-roofing of Unit 5
5 Old Saw Mills Road, Park Road, Park Road Industrial Estate, Park Road, Faringdon
For: Mr P Kinch
NO OBJECTIONS

P13/V0366/FUL Variation of condition 3 (access in accordance to drawing 1924.03) of planning P10/V1422/EX to allow the development of the access in accordance to drawings 4766-600B & 4766-601A subject to minor alterations through the Oxfordshire County Council Highways Technical audit process
Land adjoining Coxwell House and Winslow House, Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr A Sumser
NO OBJECTIONS

52/13 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

It was NOTED that a further draft of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan had now been produced by the Planning Consultants following the inclusion of the preferred options. This would be considered by members of the FNP Steering Group with any amendments made by the group and approved by the Planning & Highways Committee being forwarded to the Planning Consultants for inclusion in the draft FNP to be produced for the preliminary public consultation due to start on 28 March 2013.

53/13 Vale of White Horse District Council Draft Local Plan

It was NOTED that the VWHDC had now developed a new draft Local Plan Part One which had been published on 28 February for public consultation. Councillors were asked to visit the District Council website in order to view this document. As the deadline for comments was 9 May 2013, it was AGREED that this matter would be further considered at the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee scheduled to be held on 23 April, 2013.

54/13 Future Planning Applications which will affect Faringdon

The Chairman advised that he had been contacted by a developer regarding a possible future planning application proposed in Faringdon and that he had invited the developer to make a short presentation to the Planning & Highways Committee at its next meeting due to be held on 2 April 2013.

55/13 Parking Survey Progress

It was NOTED that this parking survey due to be carried out by the District Council had still not even begun and it was AGREED that a letter should be written to the District Council's Chief Executive expressing the town council's dissatisfaction with this delay.

56/13 Grit Bins

It was NOTED that further requests for grit bins had been received from local residents. It was AGREED that these were necessary but deep concern was raised by the members about the overall costs to Town Council for the provision of grit bins and grit, a responsibility which was originally Oxfordshire County Council's but which now seemed to have been passed down to Town Council without any consultation or regard to Town Council budgets. It was AGREED therefore that this matter of devolved responsibilities from county and district councils should be further discussed by full town council at its next scheduled meeting.

In the meantime, as there was no money in the budget, it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that application should be made to Finance Committee for £1,000 to be made available to enable the purchase of 4 grit bins.

57/13 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan Sign Off

Due to lateness, the Chairman proposed that the meeting be adjourned to Thursday, 14 March 2013 in the Old Town Hall at 7.15 pm and this proposal was seconded and CARRIED.

The meeting was reconvened on Thursday, 14 March 2013 at 7.15pm in the Old Town Hall, Faringdon.

Present: Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)
Mrs J Boulton
A Marsden
Dr M L H Wise

In attendance: 8 members of the FNP Steering Group
8 members of the public

Following consideration of the FNP, it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that the following recommendation be made to Town Council:

It is recommended that Town Council approves the draft Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan as agreed by Planning & Highways Committee at its meeting held 12/14 March 2013 (subject to any amendments that may have emerged at the meeting with the Planning Consultants on 15 March 2013). The approved draft Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan will go out to public consultation for a 6-week period. Subsequent to this public consultation, any revisions required to the draft Plan will then take place, followed by submission of the final Neighbourhood Plan to the Vale of White Horse District Council.