

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

PRESENT: Cllrs. **Mike Wise (Chairman and Town Mayor)**
David Barron
Ian Bell
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Mark Greenwood
James Famakin
Julie Farmer
Andrew Marsden
Patrick Middleton

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Mark Blatch, Faringdon Chamber of Commerce
1 member of the public

- 1/5/16 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Steve Leniec, Alex Meredith and Angela Finn. D/Cllrs Roger Cox and Mohinder Kainth. C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat
- 2/5/16 Minutes of last meeting:** Wednesday March 2016.
The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 3/5/16 Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were made at this time.
- 4/5/16 Public Question Time**
None received.
- 5/5/16 Public Speaking Time**
No one wished to speak at this time.
- 6/5/16 Reports from Outside Bodies**
(a) Thames Valley Police – no report was available.
(b) Town Team – it was reported that a market would be held this Saturday with a Queens 90th theme and banners and posters had now been purchased for the Your Faringdon Launch. This was NOTED

- (c) Chamber of Commerce – a report was received from Mark Blatch, President, which was NOTED.

7/5/16 County Councillor's Report

Members received a written report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat which was NOTED.

8/5/16 District Councillors' Report

Members received a written report from District Cllrs. Roger Cox and Mohinder Kainth which was NOTED

9/5/16 Chairman's Activity Report

Members NOTED a written activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise. The report highlighted the excellent work of the Faringdon Litter pickers. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the group. This was AGREED.

10/5/16 Reports from Committees

Members received and NOTED reports of the following committee meetings, *including decisions taken under delegated authority:*

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| (a) Finance and Audit | 23 rd March |
| (b) Planning & Highways: | 29 th March |
| (c) Venues | 6 th April |
| (d) Youth Services | 7 th April |

11/5/16 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

Members received the following schedule of payments up to and including April 13th 2016:

CLERK'S REPORT April 2016		
Cheque payments made early due to urgency		
Various	Salaries March	£ 11,922.32
HMRC	NI and Tax	£ 2,125.74
OCC	Pension Contributions	£ 3,434.31
Lloyds Bank	Petty Cash	£ 175.31
Beefys Skips	Tuckers park Skip	£ 202.00
Beefys Skips	Allotment Skip	£ 212.00
Handy Garden Machinery	Service equipment	£ 574.23
Don Rogers	Community awards	£ 237.65

Cheque payments		
Microshade	Hosted IT march	£ 291.90
Advance Vision	FAZE Intruder alarm maintenance	£ 282.00
Davis DIY	Various maintenance	£ 18.48
Automotice leasing	Van lease	£ 169.48
National Trust	Allotment Rent	£ 147.50
Filmbank Media	Cinema License	£ 178.85
Vale Game	Pest control FAZE	£ 213.83
Viking	Stationery	£ 151.88
Faringdon Newspapers	Community Awards Ad	£ 216.00
Faringdon Newspapers	Papers for resale	£ 5.28
Faringdon Newspapers	Advert	£ 36.00
Spacemaster	Bus shelter repair	£ 390.00
DWN	Stock for resale	£ 148.71
Helen Godsell	Stock for resale	£ 77.00
Alto digital	Copier costs	£ 60.80
Atmosphere	Stock for resale	£ 51.60
Oxfordshire Youth	DBS	£ 5.00
Microshade	Hosted IT April	£ 291.90
Quidne IT	IT Office relocation	£ 240.00
Co-op Bank	Credit Card	£ 195.32
Direct Debits		
VWHDC	C/Ex rates	£ 970.50
	FAZE Rates	£ 431.20
	Tennis Court Rates	£ 63.60
	P/House Rates	£ 359.60
Co-Op Bank	Sweep Fee	£ 30.00
British Gas	P/House Gas	£ 55.91
Mainstream Digital	Telephone & Broadband	£ 284.63
Fuel Card Services	Van Fuel	£ 1.20
o2 online	Venues Phone Contract	£ 13.14
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
Talk Talk	P/House Broadband	£ 24.60
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 24,312.27

Cllr. Middleton PROPOSED that the above bills be authorised for payment. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Bell and CARRIED.

Cllr. Bell requested that the amount spent on repairs to damage caused by vandalism on the bus shelter be clearly published on the website. This was AGREED.

12/5/16

Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Marsden reported that a replacement examiner had now been appointed and we were now waiting for him to complete the examination and submit his report. A meeting had been held with Officers and Cllr. Cox from the Vale of the White Horse District Council to ascertain the timetable and progression of the FNP to referendum. FTC has been assured that a nominated person would be responsible

for making sure there were no further delays. Following the further information gathered from this meeting Cllr. Marsden stated that a recommendation would be made to the Planning and Highways Committee that the agreed letter to the Secretary of State should be deferred. This was NOTED.

13/5/16 S106

Members received an update following a meeting with Beth Elkins S106 Officer from VoWHDC. This was NOTED. Cllr. Boulton requested that if monies were secured for installation of play equipment in Folly Park that the designs already drawn up by the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee be considered. This was AGREED.

14/5/16 Town Meeting – 11th April 2016

It was NOTED that many important issues were raised during the meeting. It was highlighted that:

- Carole Gough from Faringdon Children's Centre had raised awareness regarding the impact on families in Faringdon following the closure of the Children's Centre due to cuts from Oxfordshire County Council.
- Parking in Faringdon continued to be a major issue in the Town. Sgt. James had asked residents to photograph and report any offending vehicles. Cllr. Cox had responded to questions regarding the VWHDC opting not to introduce Civil Enforcement both at the meeting and by an email to the Town Clerk. Members felt the response did not cover the questions asked and felt the email should be published on the website. This was AGREED.

15/5/16 Spend £5 in Faringdon Campaign

Members received information regarding a campaign to encourage residents to spend £5 per week in local independent businesses. Members were asked to volunteer to spend at least £5 per week for a month. All members AGREED.

16/5/16 Items for Information Only

The council had received notification that the Stanford in the Vale Community bus, like the Faringdon Community Bus, was to continue despite the cuts. It was NOTED that bus subsidy cuts continue to a concern for all areas.

17/5/16 Correspondence

Members received correspondence from 10th March up to and including 13th April 2016. Cllr. Farmer requested that a letter giving feedback about Corn Exchange hire be considered at the next venues committee. This was AGREED
The Clerk was asked to respond to an email regarding the Stanford Bus stating the Town Council was very concerned about the subsidy cuts.
Cllr. Cox had emailed a response to questions raised at the Town Meeting regarding the VWHDC opting not to introduce Civil Parking Enforcement. Members felt the response did not cover the questions asked . It was requested that the email be published on the website. This was AGREED.