

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

**PRESENT: Cllrs. David Price (Town Mayor)
 Jane Boulton
 Mark Greenwood
 Julie Farmer
 Angela Finn
 Andrew Marsden
 Alex Meredith
 Mike Wise**

**In Attendance: C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat
 Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
 2 members of the public**

- 1/5/15 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ian Bell, Roger Cox and James Gregory. D/Cllrs Alison Thomson and Mohinder Kainth
- 2/5/15 Minutes of last meeting: Wednesday 11th March**
The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting
- 3/5/15 Declarations of Interest**
None
- 4/5/15 Public Question Time**
None
- 5/5/15 Public Speaking Time**
No members of the public wished to speak at this time.
- 6/5/15 Reports from Outside Bodies**
a) Thames Valley Police
A written report from A Boyd, Superintendent, South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse LPA, received by the Town Clerk, was NOTED.
- 7/5/15 County Councillor's Report**
C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat submitted a written report, which was NOTED.
- 8/5/15 District Councillors' Report**
C/Cllrs Cox, Kainth and Thomson had submitted a written report to the Town Meeting on Monday 13th April.

9/5/15

Chairman's Activity Report

Cllr. David Price reported that he had purchased an 8m x 4m marquee that he would like to donate to the council. He suggested it could be used by members of the public for a variety of functions. Members thanked Cllr. Price for his generosity.

10/5/15

Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

CLERK'S REPORT March 2014		
1. Payments made early due to urgency		
Quidne	IT Services	£96.00
National Trust	Allotment License	£ 147.50
2. Cheque payments		
Oxford City Supplies	Cleaning Products	£ 5.33
OALC	Subscriptions	£ 1,319.47
SLCC	Branch Meeting fee	£ 10.00
Viking	Stationery	£ 132.93
Charterville	Corn Exchange roof repairs	£ 4,596.00
Filmbank	License	£ 156.80
VWHDC	Dog bin emptying Oct - Jan	£ 525.50
Seton	Fire Extinguisher	£ 53.88
SLCC	Marketing Course	£ 222.00
BGG Tree Care	Tree work Ash Close	£ 480.00
Slade legal	Legal Fees FAZE Purchase	£ 600.00
Davis DIY	Maintenance items	£ 28.97
3. Bank Transfer	Reimb for March Salaries	£ 20,466.20
4. Charge Card Payments		
Sainsburys	Cinema	£ 15.74
Vocal Star	FAZE Karaoke	£ 157.98
Amazon	Cinema	£ 11.48
Amazon	FAZE Phone	£ 15.00
o2	Pay & Go Credit Youth Centre	£ 10.00
Amazon	Cinema	£ 9.99
5. Direct Debits		
EON - Electricity	P/House	£ 75.17
	Theatre	£ 222.60
	C/Ex	£ -
	FAZE	£ 99.13
British Gas	FAZE	£ 861.73
	P/House	£ 891.22
	Theatre Capped meter	£ 66.60
Fuel Card Services	Van and Tractor Fuel	£ 20.30

Pitney Bowes	Franking Machine costs	£ 206.84
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
Talk talk	P/House Broadband	£ 30.60
o2 online	Venues Phone Contract	£ 13.00
PWLB	C/Ex Loan	£ 2,475.25
Mainstream Digital	Telephone & Broadband	£ 231.82
TV Licensing	TV License	£ 145.50
Total Town Council Invoices		£34,277.83
6. FC&TIC Invoices		
Faringdon History Society	Agency Sales	£ 35.40
Total FC&TIC Invoices		£ 35.40

Cllr Steve Leniec PROPOSED the above bills be authorised and paid this was SECONDED by Cllr Mike Wise and CARRIED.

11/5/15 **Reports from Committees**

To receive minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- a) *Finance and Audit* 4th March
The Minutes of this meeting were received and NOTED.
- b) *Planning & Highways:* 31st March
Cllr Mike Wise gave an overview of the meeting which was NOTED.
- c) *Venues* 17th March
Cllr Julie Farmer gave an overview of the meeting which was NOTED.
- d) *Youth Services* 2nd April
Cllr. Andrew Marsden gave an overview of the meeting which was NOTED.

12/5/15 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr. Mike Wise gave an update on progress of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council is required to hold a 6-week public pre-consultation on the FNP after which it will be submitted to VWHDC for the formal 6-week public consultation followed by examination by an independent examiner. This process will begin after the Purdah period.

13/5/15 **S106 Contributions**

Cllr. Wise explained that projects were being identified S106 funding to improve and build on the original wish list. Cllr. Wise expressed that it was important to move quickly and have projects ready for any possible funding opportunities. After several meetings with Ged Cassell, VoWH, business cases for various areas were being completed by a variety of groups. The Deputy Town Clerk would circulate a list of projects identified so far for further discussion.

14/5/15 **Youth Centre Purchase**

Members considered the following documents from Slade Legal regarding the purchase of the FAZE site:

- i. Letter of Engagement
- ii. Terms and conditions

It was proposed that the documents be accepted and signed by Cllrs Price and Leniec. This was seconded and CARRIED.

The documents were signed.

15/5/15 **VE Day Beacon**

Members discussed holding an event to mark the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) day. It was proposed that delegated authority be given to the clerk to organise the event in conjunction with other groups. This was seconded and CARRIED.

16/5/15 Rotary Welcome Road Signs

Members considered a request from the Rotary Club of Faringdon & District to install welcome signs to the town. It was proposed that the Deputy Town Clerk be delegated authority to approach Oxfordshire County council with a view to installing the smaller of the two examples put forward by the Rotary Club at all the entrances to the town. This was seconded and CARRIED.

17/5/15 Science Vale Area Action Plan

Members received a report from Cllr Ian Bell regarding an event held in Didcot on 4 April. The report highlighted that although an action plan was being produced to address the current planned growth within the area Faringdon (the second largest town in the Vale) is not in the Plan boundary. The report was NOTED. Members asked that Cllr. Bell be thanked for his hard work.

18/5/15 Items for Information Only

The Clerk informed the committee that the telephone box definitely not suitable for defibrillator that has been purchased. An alternative site is currently being investigated.

19/5/15 Correspondence

The contents of the correspondence box were NOTED.