

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 at 7.15pm in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs **Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**
David Barron
Al Cane
Patrick Middleton
David Price
Dr Mike Wise

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

1/4/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jane Boulton and Ian Bell.

2/4/16 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 16 February 2016

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

3/4/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/4/16 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

5/4/16 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

6/4/16 For Information

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

Min No	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
7/3/16	Comments on planning application to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC on 18 2 16
9/3/16	Chase up response to letter written by Town Council to VWHDC Head of Planning re length of time District Council taking to deal with FNP.	Deputy Town Clerk	No response had been received to date from the Head of Planning.

10/3/16	OCC to clarify whether proposed crossing of A417 Park Road was a toucan crossing which would incorporate a special sign for cyclists	Deputy Town Clerk	Confirmation received from OCC that this would be a Toucan crossing which is a crossing for cyclists to use at the same time as pedestrians and as such would have a signal that covers cyclists as well as pedestrians.
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(b) A list detailing Planning Permissions granted by the District Council was received and NOTED, as follows:

- P15/V2884/DIS Discharge of conditions
Development, Park Road, Faringdon
For: GSC Estates
No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 5 1 15
- P15/V0326 Discharge of conditions 4, 10, 11, 12 & 14
Development, Park Road, Faringdon
For: GSC Estates
No objections - P&H Committee Meeting, 26 1 16
- P16/V0006/HH Rear garage ext., front ext., loft conversion
49 Fernham Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Darryl Curtis
No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 26 1 16
- P15/V1277/HH Demolition of steel framed building
Hattons Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon
For: Mrs Caroline Bell
No objections –P&H Committee Meeting, 14 7 15
- P15/V2207/HH 1st storey rear extension
45 Fernham Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Carl Law
No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 6 10 15

Appeal Dismissed in respect of following planning application:

- P15/V0357/HH Erection of a 6 foot close board fence around back & Side
21 Westland Road, Faringdon
For: Mr & Mrs Andrew Pugh
Object – P&H Committee Meeting, 2 6 15
Refused – Vale of White Horse District Council, 1 7 15

(c) *Southampton Street*: NOTED that the temporary closure on 2 March for 1 day to facilitate cabling works had taken place;

(d) *Coach Lane, Faringdon*: Noted that upgrades to SSE work was now due to start on 28 March for 6 weeks;

- (e) *Dangerous Road Surface, Lechlade Road*: It was NOTED that concerns had been raised by residents with Oxfordshire County Council concerning the poor condition of the surface of Lechlade Road. OCC had responded that this road was inspected on a monthly basis by Highway Inspectors and that more repairs were due to be completed.

7/4/16 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:-

- P16/V0230/A** Two dimensional sign indicating tenants on site and their unit number
Land adjacent to entrance Pioneer Road, Pioneer Industrial Estate, Faringdon
For Badnell Properties Ltd.
NO OBJECTIONS
- P15/V2207/HH** First storey rear extension; hip-to-gable extensions to existing side elevations; porch addition; reconfiguration of existing front dormers; additional front dormer window; & alterations to existing window & door openings (As amended by documentation received 2 February 2016 submitted by the agent, removing the rear extension aspect of the proposal)
45 Fernham Road, Faringdon
For: Carl Law
(Although this application had only been received by Town Council on 22 February 2016, it was NOTED that the District Council had already granted permission to the applicant on 2 March 2016.)
- P16/V0371/A** 1 x illuminated totem pole signage
Park Road, Faringdon
For: GSC Estates
NO OBJECTIONS
- P16/V0276/HH** Change of Velux windows to dormers, alter timber frames to oak with Apex roof. Construction of garages to the rear. Change timber windows to UPVC.
Grandview Sandhill Cottage, Sandhill, Faringdon
For: Mr Andy Freeman
NO OBJECTIONS
- P16/V0372/FUL** New single storey entrance lobby and increase the size of the existing bin store
The Faringdon Medical Centre, Volunteer Way, Faringdon
For: The Faringdon Medical Centre
NO OBJECTIONS
- P16/V0440/HH** Proposed single storey rear extension & proposed porch canopy addition to front elevation with new steps to front door
5 Chestnut Avenue, Faringdon
For: Hayley Cove
NO OBJECTIONS

8/4/16 Vale of White Horse District Local Plan – Stage 2 Hearings

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Hearing on 17 February which concerned District Wide Policies and that particular interest to Town Council was Matter 12.2, “Are the policies relating to supporting economic prosperity soundly based?”. The Chairman stated that there had been very little opportunity for him to be able to make comments as the thrust of the discussion was towards the Eastern Vale although he was able to make a contribution about the high level of social housing in Faringdon as compared to Abingdon and Wantage.

9/4/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

The District Council had now advised that the appointed Independent Examiner (IE) had decided, for a number of reasons, that he could not undertake the re-examination of the FNP. The District Council would be contacting NPIERS to ask for their suggestions for appropriate individuals who would be suitable for undertaking the re-examination but to date the District Council had not advised Town Council of any available candidates. If a list was received between future scheduled meetings of the Planning & Highways Committee, it was AGREED that in order to move swiftly on a decision, an Extraordinary Meeting be held.

In view of his anticipation of the further delay caused by having to appoint another IE and the subsequent time it would take for the IE to examine the FNP and to draw up a report, the Chairman had postponed the inaugural meeting of the FNP Working Party. However, following discussion, it was AGREED that a meeting of the FNP Working Party should nevertheless still be held in order to discuss a strategy to put in place for promotion of the FNP to the local residents. Cllr Middleton was delegated responsibility for drawing up an appropriate agenda.

It was FURTHER AGREED that a letter should be sent to the Secretary of State outlining Town Council’s discontent with the way the District Council has dealt with the FNP.

10/4/16 Bus Stops

- (a) *New bus stops, Coxwell Road:* OCC had advised it is still waiting for the Section 278 works to be completed. Once these are completed, OCC will inspect and sign off assuming all is in order. At that time the developers would need to pay the Commuted Sum which covers the bus stops;
- (b) *Possible installation of a further bus stop between the bus stops in Park Road and the Market Place:* Town Council had requested OCC to consider this request in 2013 but since then no forward progression had been made and the request had subsequently been chased up by Town Council at the end of February this year. OCC has now advised that in the light of the C/Cllr’s response that indicated that both sites were inappropriate, this request had not been progressed. It was AGREED that Cllr Dr Wise, together with the Deputy Town Clerk, would write to OCC again reiterating the need for a bus stop in the area requested.