

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 at 7.15pm in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Marsden (Chairman)
David Barron
Jane Boulton
David Price
Dr Mike Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: Hilary Sherman (Deputy Town Clerk)

1/2/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Bell and Al Cane.

2/2/16 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 5 January 2016

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5 January 2016.

3/2/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting.

4/2/16 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

5/2/16 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

6/2/16 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
11/17/15	Letter of apology to be written to resident who had expressed disappointment that no specific area covering parking for the disabled in the Parking Study 2015.	Deputy Town Clerk in association with the Chairman	Letter written 12 1 16 and noted with thanks by resident

7/18/15	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC on 7 1 16
7/18/15	Planning Application P13/V0139/O, appeal hearing: VWHDC to be made aware of Town Council's concern that the appeal hearing was being held in Milton Park and not Faringdon	Deputy Town Clerk	VWHDC contacted 7.1.16. Response received that as the hearing would only relate to the level of affordable housing there would be no debate and it is a specialist area for which VWHDC had appointed consultants.
10/18/15	Town Council to be requested to consider setting up a Working Party to deal with promotion of the Plan.		Town Council, at a meeting held 13 1 16, approved the proposal for a Working Party

(b) A list detailing Planning Permissions granted by the District Council was received and NOTED, as follows:

P15/V2619/FUL Retrospective application for the installation of extractors and associated plant to the rear of the building 7 Pioneer Road, Pioneer Industrial Estate, Faringdon
For: Alser (UK) Ltd
No objections–P&H Committee Meeting, 8 12 15

P15/V2874/DIS Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 6, 8 & 9, 11, 12, 13 & 14
Change of use from tennis courts to residential, including demolition of existing changing rooms and erection of 11 new dwellings
Former Faringdon Tennis Club, Southampton Street, Faringdon
For: Builders Ede
No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 29 1 13
All approved, excl. Conds 8, 9, 13, 14

(c) *Meetings with Bus Companies regarding withdrawal of OCC subsidies – 19 January 2016;*
A written report was received from Cllr Dr Wise and NOTED.

(d) *Oxfordshire County Council Notice of Temporary Traffic Order, Swan Lane, Faringdon:* Excavation works in Swan Lane for high voltage cabling which is anticipated to take 6 weeks to complete. Order coming into force 15 February 2016. Deputy Town Clerk to check with SSE if the telegraph pole outside the rear of the Pump House could be moved as part of the work. **NOTED**

7/2/16 Planning Applications were considered, as follows:

P16/V0088/T28 To utilise permitted development rights at existing airwave base
Station, Park Road Industrial Estate, Faringdon
For: Airwave, EEL & H3G
NO OBJECTIONS

At this stage of the meeting, Cllr Price declared an interest in the following application, P16/V0006/HH.

Reason for declaration: In so far as he is a neighbour

P16/V0006/HH Rear garage extension, front extension, loft conversion and roof enlargement; and two storey rear extension
49 Fernham Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Darryl Curtis
NO OBJECTIONS

P15/V3026/DIS Discharge of conditions 4, 10, 11, 12 & 14 - Construction of two class A1 retail stores and class A5 drive thru coffee shop
Park Road, Faringdon
For: GSC Estates
NO OBJECTIONS

However, Town Council queries whether contact was made on the travel plan with local groups, eg Farcycles (a cycling group), with regard to access to the site.

P16/V0064/DIS Discharge of conditions 2, 3 and 4 on P15/V2582/RM (Reserved matters application for the construction of two class A1 retail stores and class A5 drive thru coffee shop following outline consent P15/V0394/O)
Park Road, Faringdon
For: GSC Estates
NO OBJECTIONS

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

(a) Copies of Town Council's written submissions made to the District Council in respect of the above forthcoming hearing were received and NOTED. In it the importance of more employment land in Faringdon was stressed and this would be emphasised at the hearing.

(b) A copy of a written submission made by the Western Vale Villages Consortium (WVVC) to the District Council was received and NOTED. It was AGREED District Council should be advised that although the Town Council's name had been included in the submission as a member of the Consortium, it had not been consulted prior to the submission and therefore Town Council did not wish to either support or object to it.

As an aside, Cllr Dr Wise reported that Badbury Clumps which fell within the area of the WVV had been the subject of a proposal from the National Trust to develop it with a three mountain bike tracks. A local group, based in Coleshill, had met to discuss concerns it had with these plans, mainly surrounding road safety. It was AGREED that the National Trust should be asked to include the Town Council as a consultee on any plans with regard to this site in view of Faringdon's proximity to Badbury Clumps and the impact on traffic flows which could affect roads serving the town. It was also suggested that Farcycles should be made aware of the proposed development.

9/2/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

Extreme concern was expressed at the length of time the District Council was taking to submit the FNP to the Independent Examiner, bearing in mind the closing date for the District Council's public consultation was 11 January 2016. The Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood) had now advised that the work was in hand and that Town Council would be updated as soon as possible. It was strongly felt that the local District Councillors should be asked to assist in progressing the FNP as a matter of urgency.

A letter had been received from the Chairman of Drayton Parish Council regarding a planning application for a proposed housing development due to be considered by the District Council Planning Committee on 27 January. Drayton had raised deep concerns regarding the lack of reference by the Vale Planners to the accepted Drayton Neighbourhood Plan and the wider implications on neighbourhood planning should planning permission be granted. It was AGREED that a letter should be sent immediately to the District Council Leader, the two local District Councillors and the Chairman of the District Council Planning Committee with a copy to Ed Vaizey MP, supporting the Drayton Parish Council's submission and stating Town Council's concerns regarding the status of a neighbourhood plan should the above planning application be approved.

Although it was uncertain when the FNP referendum would be held, it was NOTED that the elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner were due to be held on 5 May 2016, at which stage the FNP could possibly be ready to go to referendum. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to raise with the District Council the possibility of holding the FNP referendum at the same time as the P&CC elections, which could possibly reduce costs for the District Council.

10/2/16 Young Activity Auditors 2015-16

The committee was asked to consider if there was a role for this group of local young people to be involved in the forward progression of the FNP and future community projects for the town. It was AGREED that this was a good idea once the plan was at the stage of being progressed towards referendum, with liaison between the FNP Working Party and the Town Council's Youth and Community Officer.

11/2/16 Salt Bins

Currently Town Council has three large salt bins in store. It was AGREED that one should be installed at the junction of Chestnut Avenue and The Pines and one in Coxwell Road near Stallard Close/WearnRoad.

12/2/16 Budget 2016/17

It was NOTED that the Budget for 2016/17 with a total expenditure of £2,580 had been approved by the Town Council at its meeting held on 20 January 2016.

13/2/16 Bus Stops

(a) *Update on the new bus shelters installed in Coxwell Road, Faringdon through an OCC S278 agreement:* It was NOTED that funding had still not been received from Oxfordshire County Council, as agreed, for the future maintenance of these two bus shelters by the Town Council and that until such time as the funding had been received, Town Council would not maintain the shelters. Deputy Town Clerk to continue to chase OCC.

(b) It was NOTED that a further bus stop was required somewhere between the bus stops in Park Road and the Market Place and that this possibility had been discussed some time ago at a meeting between Stage Coach, the police and OCC. However, nothing further had happened and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to look into the matter.

14/2/16 FAZE Site, Highworth Road

Town Council had yet to make decision on whether to purchase this site with a 'community restriction'. Committees had been asked to consider possible uses and needs of the building and land for community use (other than youth services) and to make recommendations. It was AGREED that a suggestion should be made to the Finance Committee that the area could be used as a depot and storage area for the Town Council.