

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 May 2016 at 7.15pm in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs **Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**
David Barron
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Mark Greenwood
Dr Mike Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: **Rodney Benson, Chairman, Faringdon Sensory Project**
(up to and incl Min 9/8/16)
Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk

1/8/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Patrick Middleton.

2/8/16 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was AGREED to defer this item to the next scheduled meeting of the committee as the members present were unable to be nominated for this role owing to the membership structure of the Finance Committee,

3/8/16 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 10 May 2016 (attached)

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

4/8/16 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

At this stage of the meeting, the Chairman proposed that the item dealing with the Sensory Garden Project be moved forward for discussion to enable Rodney Benson to leave the meeting early. This was agreed.

9/8/16 Sensory Garden, Willes Close

Rodney Benson, Chairman of the Faringdon Sensory Garden Project, updated the committee on the progress being made on its plans.

The committee considered an earlier request from the Project that Town Council submit the planning application on the Project's behalf to District Council as Parish/Town Councils were entitled to a 50% discount on the planning fee. However, after discussion it was agreed that the Project should

have overall control of its plans, and it would be more practical if it made the planning application itself and sought a grant from the Town Council for 50% of the fee.

The Project also wished to obtain funding through S106 and asked that Town Council include the Faringdon Sensory Garden in its S106 list. Following discussion it was agreed that it would be more expedient if the Project submitted the request direct to the District Council. Relevant contacts would be forwarded to Rodney.

(Rodney Benson left at this stage of the meeting.)

5/8/16 Public Question Time

There were none.

6/8/16 Public Speaking Time

Non-one wished to speak at this stage of the meeting

7/8/16 For Information

(a) The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the following actions had been carried out:

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
7/7/16	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 12 5 16.
8/7/16	Letter to be written to Police & Crime Commissioner regarding parking policy		To be progressed.
10/7/16	Letter to be sent to Secretary of State re neighbourhood planning in general.	Chairman/Deputy Town Clerk	Letter sent by Town Clerk on behalf of Town Council to Minister of State, Department for Communities and Local Government 18 5 16
11/7/16	Recommendation to Town Council that it forms an S106 Working Party in respect of Planning Application P15/V0394/O	Deputy Town Clerk	Town Clerk advised 11 5 16

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

P16/V0821/LB Refurbishment and conversion of three storey building to provide self contained residential accommodation over commercial unit
2 Cornmarket, Faringdon
For: Mr A Bleetman
No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 19 4 16

P15/V1934/O Erection of up to 200 dwellings together with Green Infrastructure, surface water attenuation and a new access from Coxwell Road
The Steeds, Land west of Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Welbeck Strategic Land
Strongly object – P&H Committee Meeting, 8 12 15

P16/V0567/HH Construction of timber pool house and three bay garage with storage and home office. Demolish existing garage
Walcott House, 11 Lechlade Road, Faringdon
For: Mr T Godfrey
No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 29 3 16

FOR INFORMATION

Addition of property Name, as follows:
Garden House to the existing numbered property
7 Woodview, Faringdon, SN7 8EL

- (c) Vale of White Horse Local Plan Update Bulletin 1 was received and NOTED. A paper drawn up by Cllr Dr Wise detailing Town Council's comments on the Local Plan would be sent to the VWHDC Planning Policy team.
- (d) *Planning Application, Fernham Fields, Coxwell Road, Faringdon:* Notification of a meeting to be held by Great Coxwell Parish Council with representatives of the developers was received. Town Council had been invited to this meeting and Cllrs Dr Mike Wise and David Barron would attend as its representatives.

8/8/16 Planning Applications

The Chairman highlighted a letter just received from the District Council outlining its proposed changes to its constitution (planning scheme of delegation) which it hoped would encourage closer liaison between planning officers and parish councils in dealing with planning applications. A training day for representatives from each local parish council was planned in Faringdon, final details to be confirmed.

Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:

[P16/V1027/FUL](#) Erection of a dwelling house
57 Westland Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Randal Joseph Pakeman
OBJECT on the basis of overdevelopment and loss of light for the neighbours at No. 58 Westland Road.

[P16/V1114/HH](#) Single storey rear extension
2 Hampden Close, Faringdon
For: Mr Matthew Compton-James
NO OBJECTION

[P16/V1087/HH](#)

Conversion of existing garage into habitable space plus erection of a new detached single garage
3 Leamington Gate, Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Chadwick

NO OBJECTION

[P16/V0522/FUL](#)

Amended application for development work
15A Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Pat Dearman

OBJECT on the basis of overdevelopment. Town Council supports the objections made by local residents to the District Council regarding the size of the dwelling proposed being too large as well as their concerns regarding the building over a former pool area, previously infilled using building rubble, which could raise environmental issues.

[P16/V1255/PDH](#)

Single storey extension with pitched roof constructed of concrete tiles – permitted development application
24 Park Road, Faringdon

For: Mr Patrick Luker

NOTED

[P16/V1256/PDH](#)

Single storey extension with pitched roof constructed of concrete tiles – permitted development application
26 Park Road, Faringdon

For: Mr Tim Stewart

NOTED

10/8/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

- (a) Queries raised by the Independent Examiner with the District Council and its replies have been forwarded for FTC's consideration and additional comment if appropriate. Cllr Wise asked to devise appropriate responses
- (b) In order to avoid any misunderstanding by members of the public regarding Neighbourhood Plan policies, it was agreed that full Town Council should be asked to consider whether it was timely to draw up some form of statement.