

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 16th December 2016 at 9.30 am in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman
D/Cllr Roger Cox
D/Cllr Robert Sharp
T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise
David Williams, Magistrate
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police
Laura Hutchins Payne, OCC
Environment & Economy, Vale
Area Steward

IN ATTENDANCE: Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from T/Cllrs Andrew Marsden and David Barron. The Chairman welcomed T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise as the Town Council substitute.	
2.	Minutes of the Last Meeting: 24 June 2016 & Matters Arising The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record by the Chairman. <i>Min 7, On-Street Parking, Faringdon:</i> The Chairman advised that she and Laura Hutchins Payne had looked into this matter and that relevant information had been circulated to Gene Webb and members of FATAC. <i>Min 8, School Flashing Amber Lights on Coxwell Street.</i> These are normally operated by a lollipop lady. However, it was agreed that they should be monitored from time to time for the safety of the children. Laura advised that she would need to be advised if at any time there was a requirement for automatic operation of the lights. <i>Min 8, Grass Cutting:</i> Laura advised that OCC cut the grass once in 2016, in July. OCC planned to carry out cuts earlier next year but parishes would also be given the opportunity to cut. It was agreed that an item be included on grass cutting on the agenda for the next FATAC meeting in March 2017. <i>Min 10, Illegal Signage:</i> It was NOTED that the illegal signage, as reported by T/Cllr David Barron, had now gone. The Chairman further reported that the AA had put up direction signs to Ferendune which they were not permitted to do. AA direction signs can only be put up when a new development is being built. This matter was now being dealt with by removal of the signs.	

3,	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
4.	Public Speaking Time There were no members of public present.	
5.	<p>County Council Highways Officer's Report</p> <p><i>Safety of A417 junction/road leading to Eaton Hastings Church:</i> It was NOTED that a request had been received from a resident asking for a warning sign to be erected near Stud Farm to alert traffic to this junction which the resident deemed to be dangerous. The request was considered at some length.</p> <p>It was AGREED that (a) in order to make the highway signs highly visible to motorists, the traffic signs should be cleaned and straightened and (b) the junction, together with the halt sign on the road, should be cleaned. D/Cllr Cox agreed to organise with Biffa. The Chairman would advise the resident accordingly.</p> <p>Laura advised that the latest highways maintenance newsletter would be electronically circulated to everyone. She advised that services are continuing to be delivered but that less money is being spent.</p> <p>Chris Hulme stated that the whole county was littered with signs and roads which were dirty and this was especially bad during the winter. Laura responded that OCC is working with the local villages.</p> <p><i>Oxfordshire Together:</i> Laura advised that this is being monitored. The Chairman to email Laura which of the parishes in her division have signed up.</p> <p>T/Cllr Dr Wise reported that people had expressed concern about the Wearn Road exit onto Coxwell Road which is on a blind corner, particularly as it appeared there had been an accident there recently. Chris Hulme stated he would check if a personal injury incident had been reported and would advise Hilary accordingly.</p>	<p>RC JH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>CH</p>
6.	<p>District Traffic Matters</p> <p>(a) <i>Parking:</i> D/Cllr Cox reported that there had been a problem initially with the parking system operated by Indigo but that this had been resolved.</p> <p>(b) <i>Signage to retail shops, Faringdon Retail Park:</i> The Chairman pointed out that (a) the current signage gave the impression that COSTA was already open and (b) the advertising signs for the site were placed in such a way that although these were visible to traffic travelling eastward on the A420, they were not visible to the traffic travelling westward.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the site agent to ask if the signage could be better sited to alleviate the above problems.</p> <p>(c) <i>Fernham Fields Development:</i> It was NOTED that there was mud on the road as a result of this development. D/Cllr Cox would ask BIFFA to clean up.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>RC</p>

	<p><i>(c) On-Street Parking:</i> Town Council wished to point out that the Vale automated answer machine message indicated that on-street parking in the Vale was the responsibility of town councils. In the case of Faringdon this was incorrect. Cllr Roger Cox agreed to follow up this matter by asking that the automated message be amended to give the correct information.</p> <p>Chris Hulme stated he would endeavour to follow up enforcement issues with the police.</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>CH</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>(a) Badly lit footpath linking Highworth Road and Westland Road, Faringdon:</i> It was agreed that the faulty light should be reported through FixMyStreet on the OCC website. Hilary would chase up Town Council regarding removal of overgrown vegetation.</p> <p><i>(b) D/Cllr Sharp</i> reported that Uffington Parish Council had raised concerns regarding the Fernham Road/Baulking Lane junction where it was difficult to see on the right hand side due to overgrown vegetation. This needed to be cut back. Laura asked D/Cllr to email her the details so that she could look into the matter.</p> <p><i>(c) David Williams</i> queried what the state of play was regarding the proposed traffic lights on the A420 at the Gt Coxwell/A420 junction. The Chairman advised that the bond secured for the road works would come into force once the new housing development on Coxwell Road started being occupied. The Chairman stated that Thames Water had advised that flows from the new development could start to be discharged into the network from 1 April 2017. It was noted that building work had now commenced on the Fernham Fields site.</p>	<p>HS</p> <p>RS/LHP</p>
8.	<p>Proposed Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>The following meeting dates were AGREED:</p> <p>Friday, 10 March 2017 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 23 June 2017 at 0930 hrs (AGM)</p> <p>Friday, 15 September 2017 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 15 December 2017 at 0930 hrs</p>	