

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs **Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**  
**David Barron**  
**Jane Boulton**  
**Al Cane**  
**James Famakin**  
**Richard Marsh**  
**Dr Mike Wise**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Hilary Sherman, Planning Clerk**

**1/6/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Pauline Beesley and Mark Greenwood.

**2/6/17 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 28 March 2017**

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

**3/6/17 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**4/6/17 Public Question Time**

There were none.

**5/6/17 Public Speaking Time**

There were no members of the public present.

**6/6/17 For Information**

(a) The following Planning Permissions had been granted by the District Council:

**P17/V0578/HH – 10 The Pines, Faringdon**

Single storey rear extension to create a new bedroom and family area and internal remodelling of existing layout.

For: Mr Mark Harrison

No objections – P&H Committee meeting, 28 3 17

**P17/V0492/HH – 19 Wearn Road, Faringdon**

Proposed single storey rear extension

For Mr Dominic Stringer

No objections – P&H Committee meeting, 28 3 17

(b) The Planning Clerk's Action List was NOTED, as follows:-

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
8/3/17	Naming of public footpath	Planning Clerk	Land owned by VWHDC. Relevant permission currently being sought to name path.
8/5/17	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Planning Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 29.3.17
10/5/17	CIL Draft Charging Schedule – Examination – 19 April 2017	Cllr Dr Mike Wise	Cllr Dr Mike Wise was unable to attend examination.
11/5/17	Survey to be carried out by Town Council regarding problems with water pressure	Town Clerk/ Planning Clerk	Being progressed
12/5/17	Purchase 6 litter bins to go alongside bus shelters, where relevant.	Planning Clerk	Following consideration by Finance, VWHDC to be contacted to provide bins. Being progressed.

- (c) Oxfordshire County Council Highways Maintenance Quarterly Newsletter for April, May, June 2017;
- (d) Official opening of SOHA Housing Extra Care scheme, Petypher House, Kingston Bagpuize, due to have been attended by Cllrs Dr Mike Wise and Andrew Marsden on 27 April 2017, had been postponed as the Minister would not be available due to a general election having been called;
- (e) Planning & Highways Committee Chairman's Report for 2016/17 presented to Town Meeting on 10 April 2017;
- (f) A420/Park Road roundabout: A request from a commercial company seeking to sponsor this roundabout is currently being checked with officers from both County Council and District Council;
- (g) 1st Faringdon Scouts St Georges Day Parade: OCC permission for road closures noted.

**7/6/17 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:**

**P17/V0960/HH – 44 Park Road, Faringdon**

Single storey rear/side extension

For: Alex Thompson

**NO OBJECTIONS** in principle but Town Council has concerns regarding the reduction of light to the ground floor windows at the rear of No. 42 to the north-west.

**P17/V0705/HH & P17/V0706/LB–Wellington House, 7 Lechlade Road, Faringdon**

Alterations to rear elevation to construct new dormer window, replace two existing windows and cut out existing window/walling and fit new French doors. Alterations to side elevation to cut out existing roof and insert two new Conservation roof lights, remove existing section of gable and fit new glazed panel.

Renovate and repair existing loft room and convert into new bedroom 6.

For: Mr & Mrs Dancey

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**P17/V0867/FUL – Camden Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon**

Variation of condition 2 (plans) of Planning Permission P16/V3146/FUL

For: Mr Tim Fane

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**P16/V2751/DIS – Fernham Fields, Coxwell Road, Faringdon**

Amendment (No. 2) for drawing no. C.0594\_13 Revision B “Bin and Cycle Store” accompanying agent’s email of 22 March 2017 and Travel Plan Revision B and Travel Information Pack Version 2 accompanying transport consultant’s email of 12 April 2017.

For: Crest Nicholson (South West) Ltd

Although it was noted that this application was not open to public consultation, Faringdon Town Council nevertheless wished to make the following comments on the Travel Plan Revision B:

(a) Town Council would ask that Table 2.1 more accurately reflects the distances from the site to amenities by detailing them all in the same way, preferably not as the crow flies. For example, it is claimed that the Community College is 500 m distant but this is as the crow flies. As there is no footpath currently connecting this site to Fernham Road, that journey would be considerably longer;

(b) The data on bus services is out of date as are the destinations; eg the Sunday 66 service has been half hourly for two years;

(c) Ferndale School, Faringdon Golf Club and Faringdon Day Hospital no longer exist;

(d) There is no mention of the proposed primary school on the Sands Hill development. The journey to this would require a considerably longer walk (than to the current schools) via Park Road or a shorter walk along the verge of the A420 which no-one would advise. Town Council feels the target of around 11% for the proportion of residents walking, as claimed on Table 5.1 is therefore unrealistic;

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**P17/V0850/LDP – 5 Parkers Close, Faringdon**

Single storey rear extension to match existing materials

For: Mr R Steele

**NOTED**

**8/6/17 Speeding – Coxwell Street/Coxwell Road**

The above issue had recently been discussed by the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee when the possibilities of (a) a community speed watch and (b) monies from developer funding for flashing signs were raised. The Planning & Highways Committee agreed that it was not appropriate for the Town Council to be involved with the community speed watch but that it could follow up developer funding for flashing signs and should refer the matter to C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat accordingly. Suggested sites for such signs were (i) between Fernham Road and Wearn Road or (ii) at the end of the 30mph zone (in Great Coxwell Parish).

**9/6/17 Faringdon Community College proposal to construct new 3 storey block, Fernham Road, Faringdon**

It was noted that the Faringdon Academy of Schools was holding a public consultation from 7 April to 19 May 2017 in respect of above proposal. Town Council would await sight of the formal planning application before commenting.

It was agreed that an invitation should be sent to the Academy inviting it to send a representative to the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee when the formal planning application was due to be considered.

**10/6/17 OCC Informal Consultation – Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place, Tuckers Road, Faringdon**

No objections were raised.

**11/6/17 Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part Two – CPRE Oxfordshire**

Written comments from CPRE on the District Council Local Plan Part Two were received. CPRE to be advised that although Town Council agrees with CPRE's comments it notes that Faringdon is not affected, except for its observations on the A420 and A417.

**12/6/17 South Oxfordshire Local Plan**

It was NOTED that South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) was holding a public consultation on its Local Plan, Second Preferred Options, the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment, with a deadline of 17 May 2017 for comments. It was agreed that Town Council had no comments to make.

**13/6/17 Town Centre Pavements**

The committee was asked to discuss the quality of repairs of the sandstone pavements because at present black tarmac is being used for repairs which is unsightly. As Town Council had understood that repairs were required to be the colour of the existing sandstone pavements, the Planning Clerk was asked to follow up this matter with the Oxfordshire County Highways Area Steward for the Vale of White Horse.

**14/6/17 Budget 2016/17**

The committee report to 31 March 2017 was NOTED.

The Chairman reported that at the recent Finance Committee meeting it had been suggested that it would be more appropriate that matters such as the maintenance of the bus shelters and salt bins (which currently fall under the remit of the Planning & Highways Committee) should in future fall under the remit of the newly formed Facilities Committee. The Chairman proposed that Planning & Highways Committee approved this suggestion. This proposal was seconded by Cllr David Barron and CARRIED.