

# FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 1 March 2019 at 9.30 am in the Jubilee Room, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL

**PRESENT:** C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman  
C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor  
D/Cllr Robert Sharp  
T/Cllr Andrew Marsden  
T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise  
David Williams, Magistrate  
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police  
Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations (South)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 members of public  
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council  
Hilary Sherman, Planning Clerk, Faringdon Town Council

*(Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman proposed that agenda item, Public Speaking, be moved forward on the agenda so that members of public could speak early. AGREED.)*

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Roger Cox and T/Cllr David Barron.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were none.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Public Speaking</b> a) The Chairman of Buscot Parish Council raised concerns regarding highway repairs and traffic safety in Buscot. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged for Chris Hulme, Lee Turner and C/Cllr Judy Heathcoat to meet with representatives of Buscot Parish Council to assess the situation. (b) Gary Franks, representing the Buckland Community Bus Group, raised concerns regarding the difficulties of parking the bus in Faringdon's town centre. The Chairman suggested possible solutions that the Community Bus could follow up. i) see if the community bus could park in "Budgen's carpark" – contact VWHDC; ii) see if the Crown Hotel could provide parking space; iii) contact the organisers of the other community buses to see if days could be timetabled so that "clashes" and competition for parking space was obviated. (c) Gene Webb sought up-to-date information on the Gt Coxwell/A420 junction. The Chairman advised that traffic lights would be installed, that all the relevant information was in the public domain and that she had regularly reported on this matter to the local parish councils.	<b>CH/LT/JH</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting: 7 December 2018</b> <i>Min 6(d), Kingston Bagpuize.</i> Penultimate sentence commencing "He advised "to be deleted. <i>Min 6,</i> Last sentence to read "It was noted that the OCC Local Transport Plan 5 will be published in 2019."	

	Following these amendments, the Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.	
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Min 5, Pavements:</b> The Chairman had contacted Paul Fermer, Assistant Director of OCC Infrastructure Operations. Paul Fermer would ensure that the area is checked by the inspector for safety and ensure repair materials always match those already in place. He would advise the Chairman by the end of March whether OCC can include this maintenance in its forthcoming programme for general maintenance and, if so, which year.</p> <p><b>Min 5, Eaton Hastings Gateway:</b> Lee reported that National Trust had made the gates which were now at its offices in Coleshill. OCC will arrange to collect and install them in the new financial year.</p> <p><b>Min 5, Overgrowing Foliage in Faringdon:</b> As T/Cllr Barron was not present at the meeting, it was unclear whether this action had been undertaken. To be followed up with T/Cllr Barron.</p> <p><b>Min 5, Kingston Bagpuize:</b> Lee stated that the highway works are substantially complete but remedial works are yet to be carried out. He gave contact details for the OCC Road Agreements Officer, Romeo Fernandes.</p> <p><b>Min 6(a), OCC paint colours on the highway:</b> Lee provided the following information:</p> <p>For potholes:  White 28-day repair  Red 2 hr or 24 hr repair</p> <p>Planned works, (ie patching or anything to do with the Highways &amp; Drainage team) are marked with yellow paint.</p> <p><b>Min 6(d), Kingston Bagpuize:</b> Lee advised that the following S106/S278 monies are available:</p> <p>£45k 'Cumulative Transport Contribution' towards studies &amp; works / measures to address the impact of growth in and around Kingston Bagpuize &amp; Southmoor.</p> <p>£20k for the provision of a controlled crossing on A415 Witney Road (south of A420).</p> <p>£30k towards a signalised ped / cyclist crossing on A415 and £36k towards the maintenance of the crossing provided using the £30k monies.</p> <p>£5k towards the costs of carrying out public consultation re a crossing on the A415.</p> <p>Kingston Bagpuize &amp; Southmoor Parish Council should have been advised via C/Cllr Constance to contact County officers (incl. Lee) so that everyone can work together and discuss options.</p> <p><b>Min 6(b), School Crossing patrol or pedestrian crossing at Faringdon:</b> The Chairman confirmed that she had contacted the Road Safety Team.</p> <p><b>Min 7, Bow Road footpath, Stanford-in-the-Vale:</b> It was noted that Lee had asked the County's Asset Renewals Team to consider this footway for inclusion in the 2019/20 Footways Programme.</p>	DB

	<p><b>Min 7, Boulders on the Green, near Bow Road, Stanford in the Vale:</b> Lee confirmed that the 'Green' areas around the Bow Road/Chapel Road/Cottage Road junction (Upper Green) were not public highway and he assumed that they were 'village green' belonging to the Parish Council.</p>	
6.	<p><b>County Council Highways</b></p> <p><b>(a) County Council Principal Officer's Report:</b> Lee reported that the area operations traffic team are working on the following schemes in the Division(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faringdon – Better Ways to School / cycle improvements.</li> <li>• Bourton – Traffic calming buildout on the Bishopstone road.</li> <li>• Longcot – Gates and improved signage on Major's Road.</li> </ul> <p>New road marking and traffic signing maintenance budgets are available from April. Lee asked members to send him details of any works they would like added to the list.</p> <p><b>(b) Gravel Walk, Faringdon – repair work:</b> Serious concerns had been expressed by the town council about the bad management of recent temporary road closures in the town centre which had caused unnecessary disruption in the town. Following discussion, it was agreed that although this was not Lee's area, he would take the matter back to the appropriate OCC team to look into. It was further agreed that the Chairman would invite Vanessa Buckley, Principal Officer, Quality Assurance (South) to the next FATAC meeting to discuss road maintenance in general.</p> <p><b>(c) A420 Safety:</b> It was noted that C/Cllrs Yvonne Constance, Amanda Fitzgerald-O'Connor and Judith Heathcoat together with three OCC officers were members of an A420 Action Group which is very proactive. The many problems associated with the A420 and its safety were discussed at length by the FATAC members and it was noted that OCC councillors are very much aware of all the concerns of the local parishes.</p> <p><b>Coleshill, Maintenance of Bridge:</b> Lee reported that this maintenance was booked in for this summer with a diversion route to be put in place.</p> <p><b>Overgrown Foliage, Road Signs:</b> T/Cllr Marsden pointed out that many road signs are covered by foliage. Lee stated that OCC inspectors would normally pick up this problem but any such signs should be reported on FixMyStreet. D/Cllr Sharp queried how quickly FixMyStreet responded to problems that had been reported. It was agreed that this was a subject that Vanessa could talk about at the next FATAC meeting.</p>	LT JH
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>(a) Speedwatch:</b> It was noted that the resident who had raised the possibility of Speedwatch in Faringdon had now been provided with the relevant information from OCC and Thames Valley Police.</p> <p><b>(b) Gloucester Street, Faringdon – Thames Water Work, March:</b> Concerns had been raised that Notices had been received for temporary road closures to take place in two different locations on the same day in Faringdon's town centre. This highlighted the ongoing problems associated with road works in the town, particularly with Thames Water, and the apparent poor communication between the utility companies and OCC. Lee Turner would take this matter back to the relevant department and would keep the Chairman and the Town Clerk updated.</p>	LT

	<p><b>(c) Weights and Measures:</b> The Chairman stated that a letter had been sent to County Councils by the British Weights and Measures Association reminding them that only yards and miles may be shown as units of distance on signs. Lee Turner confirmed that OCC was complying with the relevant regulation.</p> <p><b>(d) Parking in Faringdon:</b> A written report from D/Cllr Cox was received and the following was noted:</p> <p><i>Civil Parking Enforcement.</i> A cross authority working group has been formed consisting of OCC, Cherwell, South and Vale officers. OCC is leading on the joint procurement of a consultant to carry out a county wide Civil Parking Enforcement feasibility study later this year. Any introduction of new parking restrictions or parking meters would rely on agreement from OCC.</p> <p><i>Parking Permits.</i> There are parking permits available for use in the Gloucester Street and Marlborough Street Vale car parks from Monday to Saturday at £324 per annum. These are commercial parking permits and are meant for all regular users of Vale car parks, whether for business or traders.</p> <p><i>Free Parking.</i> Two hours free parking will continue in Vale car parks, conditional upon motorists obtaining a ticket which should then be displayed in the window.</p> <p><i>Parking Meters.</i> Town Council had raised the possibility of parking meters being installed in the market place in front of the Pump House, to prevent motorists overstaying their limit. D/Cllr Cox stated that this was not a district council matter and would need the land owner, Faringdon Estate, and the Highways Authority to investigate. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would follow up the matter further with OCC; Lee would forward to the Chairman contact details for the relevant officer dealing with pay and display.</p> <p><b>(e) Speed Limit, Challow:</b> D/Cllr Sharp sought clarification on the speed limit restriction on the A417 entering Challow, currently 15-20 mph. Lee would look into this.</p>	<p>JH/LT</p> <p>LT</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Confirmed Future Meeting Dates</b>  Friday, 7 June 2019  Friday, 6 September 2019  Friday, 6 December 2019</p>	