

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

PRESENT: Cllrs. David Price (Town Mayor)
Ian Bell
Jane Boulton
Roger Cox
Julie Farmer
Angela Finn
Andrew Marsden
Mike Wise

In Attendance: PC Chris Linzey
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

1/4/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mark Greenwood, James Gregory, Alex Meredith and Steve Leniec. D/Cllrs Alison Thomson and Mohinder Kainth, C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat

2/4/15 Minutes of last meeting: Wednesday 11th February 2015

The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting

3/4/15 Declarations of Interest

None

4/4/15 Public Question Time

None

5/4/15 Public Speaking Time

None present

6/4/15 Reports from Outside Bodies

a) Thames Valley Police

PC Chris Linzey gave a verbal report, which was NOTED. The report highlighted the following issues:

- Faringdon Neighbourhood Team is currently at full strength.
- The Sargent is moving on but will be replaced.

- Anti-social behaviour has become a problem in the Town centre but this is being addressed in a variety of ways, which seem to be having an impact.
- Drugs continue to prove a problem in the Town. Several measures are in place to address this and a significant arrest had recently be made.
- Rural crime remains a focus for the team.
- The team are working with the community including the FAZE Youth Centre and use twitter actively.

7/4/15 County Councillor's Report

C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat submitted a written report, which was NOTED.

8/4/15 District Councillors' Report

C/Cllrs Cox, Kainth and Thomson submitted a written reports, which were NOTED.

9/4/15 Chairman's Activity Report

Cllr. David Price reported that he had attended a single commemorative act marking the centenary of World War one at the Town Hall in Oxford.

10/4/15 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

CLERK'S REPORT February 2014		
1. Payments made early due to urgency		
2. Cheque payments		
Pyrotech	Fire extinguisher replace ment C/Ex and P/House	£ 920.98
Davis DIY	Lock C/Ex	£ 2.49
Biffa	Waste Collection	£ 446.00
Oxford City Supplies	Cleaning Products	£ 363.24
David Price	Mayors Allowance	£ 500.00
Travis Perkins	Maintence equip.	£ 18.97
Pyrotech	Smoke detector Battery Replacement:	
	Youth Centre	£ 21.00
	Corn Exchange	£ 78.00
	Pump House	£ 81.60
BT	FAZE Broadband	£ 16.58
Seton	Spare break glass 10pk	£ 41.94
Oxfordshire County Council	FAZE Lease	£ 1,070.00
Faringdon Newspapers	Newsletter distribution	£ 63.00
Lloyds	Petty Cash	£ 100.00

3. Bank Transfer	Reimb for Feb Salaries	£ 17,596.90
4. Charge Card Payments		
Amazon	Fiscal Planners	£ 15.80
Thames Water	Water and Waste Services FAZE	£ 142.72
Bookers	Cinema Refreshments	£ 50.26
Amazon - Sternik Games Ltd	FAZE - Pool Cues	£ 29.99
Amazon - Billards Boutique	FAZE Cue Chalk	£ 6.98
Amazon - Cuesports liesure produts	FAZE - Pool Balls & Cue Rack	£ 34.79
Filmbank	License	£ 99.60
5. Direct Debits		
PWLB	C/ex Loan repayment	£ 2,475.25
Pitney Bowes	Franking Machine costs	£ 36.84
EON - Electricity	P/House	£ -
	Theatre	£ 40.59
	C/Ex	£ -
	FAZE	£ 75.96
Fuel Card Services	Van and Tractor Fuel	£ 1.20
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
Talk talk	P/House Broadband	£ 30.60
o2 online	Venues Phone Contract	£ 13.00
Mainstream Digital	Monthly call charge / line rental	£ 14.62
British Gas	Corn Exchange Gas Charges	£ 2,107.70
Alto Digital	Photocopier charges	£ 75.60
Total Town Council Invoices		£26,595.00
6. FC&TIC Invoices		
CFGC	Xmas Card Sales	£ 6,027.62
Total FC&TIC Invoices		£ 6,027.62

Cllr Julie Farmer PROPOSED the above bills be authorised and paid this was SECONDED by Cllr Mike Wise and CARRIED.

11/4/15 Reports from Committees

a) *Finance and Audit*

4th March

Cllr. Andrew Marsden gave an overview of the meeting which was NOTED.

b) *Planning & Highways:*

17th Feb and 10th March

Cllr Mike Wise gave an overview of the meeting of 17th February and the minutes were received and NOTED.

Cllr Wise gave an overview of the meeting of 10th March. The committee made the following recommendation to Town Council:

Faringdon Town Council accepts the Faringdon Parking Survey and recommends that it be forwarded to the Vale of White Horse District Council for adoption, furthermore Faringdon Town Council asks that

District Council takes up the offer from Gary Smith to carry out a desk-top review of its current model free of charge (Planning and Highways 10th March 2015 minute no. 7/4/15).

It was proposed that this recommendation be accepted. This was seconded and CARRIED.

12/4/15 Neighbourhood Plan

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Cllr. Mike Wise gave an update on progress of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. He reported that Section 4.10 of the Neighbourhood Plan had been revised to include eleven sites for designation as Local Green Spaces together with a new policy, 4.10D, proposing their designation. For each site, the supporting evidence showing its location and boundary together with the justification for designation, required by the sections 76 and 77 of the NPPF, had been included in a separate appendix to the Neighbourhood Plan. Section 1.1, Introduction, had been revised to include references to Figures 1-3 (location maps), omitted from the original version; Section 1.3, on the process of the consultation, had been updated to report on the examination and the subsequent events that had led to the resubmission; the consultation time-line and timetable had been revised accordingly. The FNP Steering Group had met on 6th March 2015 to consider the revised FNP. Following discussion, the FNP Steering Group had approved the changes and recommended it to the Planning & Highways Committee for acceptance.

At its meeting of 10th March, the Planning & Highways Committee had accepted the changes and recommended that Faringdon Town Council approve the revised Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan and submit it for consultation. It was proposed that this recommendation be accepted. This was seconded and CARRIED.

The Town Council is now required to hold a 6-week public pre-consultation on the FNP after which it will be submitted to VWHDC for the formal 6-week public consultation followed by examination by an independent examiner.

13/4/15 CCTV

- a) Members received the following recommendation from the Venues Committee made at a meeting on 13th January 2015, min no. 18/1/15: The Venues Committee recommend that the Town Council that the Council's Lone Working Policy, as issued to all members of staff, removes the need for CCTV to be installed in Town Council venues. It was proposed that Town Council accept this recommendation. This was AGREED.
- b) Members received an initial response from Thames Valley Police regarding their current position on the installation of CCTV. This response was NOTED. It was proposed that this matter be DEFERRED until all responses were received. This was AGREED.

14/4/15 Parish Council Involvement at Oxford and Abingdon Flood Scheme Event

Members received an invitation attend a strategic briefing presenting the Oxford and Abingdon Flood Relief Scheme on 24th March at 7pm, County

Hall, Oxford. It was proposed that it was unnecessary to have a representative at this meeting due to the low risk of flooding in Great Faringdon Parish. This was AGREED.

15/4/15 Purdah

Members received and NOTED a reminder of restrictions during the purdah period for councillors who are standing for election. The clerk reported that OALC had advised against holding the public consultation for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan during the Purdah period. Members questioned the reasons for this. It was proposed that the clerk seek clarification from Democratic Services at Vale of White Horse District Council before a decision was taken on dates for the consultation. This was AGREED.

16/3/15 Items for Information Only

Members were informed that the report from the Faringdon Economic Development Strategy Study was now available. Copies were distributed to members.

17/3/15 Correspondence

The contents of the correspondence box were NOTED.