

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 February 2016 at 7.15pm in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs **Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**
David Barron
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Alex Meredith (from Min 11/3/16)

IN ATTENDANCE: **Hilary Sherman (Deputy Town Clerk)**

1/3/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Bell, David Price and Dr Mike Wise.

2/3/16 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 26 January 2016

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

3/3/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/3/16 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

5/3/16 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

6/3/16 For Information

(a) The Deputy Town Clerk's list of actions was received and NOTED, as follows:

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
6/2/16	SSE to be asked if telegraph pole outside rear of Pump House could be moved as part of the excavation work due to be carried out in Swan Lane	Deputy Town Clerk	Head of Network Upgrades advised not possible. This is an Electricity pole with a small transformer with 7 services being supplied off the pole. It is not a simple job to move as all cables would have to be moved or put underground which is costly. SSE could provide a quote if requested.

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7/2/16	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC on 29 1 16
8/2/16(b)	Western Vale Villages Consortium submission to VWHDC re Local Plan: VWHDC to be advised that although Town Council's name had been included as a member of the consortium, it had not been consulted prior to the submission and therefore did not wish to either support or object to it.	Deputy Town Clerk	Email sent to Planning Policy at the VWHDC 2 2 16.
8/2/16(b)	National Trust cycle plans for Badbury Clumps. National Trust to be asked to include Town Council as a consultee on any plans.	Deputy Town Clerk	Request sent 9 2 16. No response received to date.
9/2/16	Local District Councillors to be asked to assist in progressing the FNP as a matter of urgency.	Deputy Town Clerk	D/Cllr M Kainth responded and has chased up progress with the FNP. Further details to be discussed under the relevant agenda item at Planning & Highways Committee meeting, 16 2 16.
9/2/16	Drayton Neighbourhood Plan: Following concerns expressed by Drayton Parish Council regarding a current planning application and the impact on its Neighbourhood Plan, other parishes had been asked to express their concerns to VWHDC regarding the impact on neighbourhood plans if this application was given permission.	Deputy Town Clerk	Letters written to Head of Planning at VWHDC with copies to Ed Vaizey MP, the District Council Leader, the Chairman of the District Council Planning Committee and the two local District Councillors on 27 1 16. Responses received and further details to be discussed under the relevant agenda item at Planning & Highways Committee meeting, 16 2 16.
	To chase up with VWHDC the possibility of holding the FNP referendum at the same time as the P&CC elections	Deputy Town Clerk	No response received to date.

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11/2/16	Salts bins to be installed at selected sites.	FTC Leisure Services Team	One installed at Stallard Close/Wearn Road junction. OCC has already recently installed one at the junction of Chestnut Avenue, without notifying FTC. This means that two salt bins are still in storage.
13/2/16(a)	Funding for maintenance of new bus shelters installed in Coxwell Road.	Deputy Town Clerk	OCC chased up on the funding but relevant officer on leave. Response awaited.
13/2/16(b)	Possibility of a further bus stop between bus stops in Park Road and the Market Place	Deputy Town Clerk	OCC approached but relevant officer on leave. Response awaited.
14/2/16	Suggested uses for FAZE site to be forwarded to FTC Finance Committee	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted 22/16

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

P15/V2161/FUL Erection of new detached dwelling with associated dropped kerb (resubmission of previous application P13/V1391/FUL)
Winslow House, Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For Mr Richard Marsden
(No objections–P&H Committee meeting, 27 10 15)

P15/V2582/RM Conditions 2, 3 & 4 approved in respect of land at Park Road, Faringdon
(No objections–P&H Committee meeting, 26 1 16)

(c) Notification received from Oxfordshire County Council that the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy Document had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination;

(d) Notification received from the District Council advising the following change of property name: Flat, Rogers Concrete to Grand View Sandhill Cottage, Sandhill, Faringdon SN7 7PQ;

(e) Oxfordshire County Council traffic regulation notice received prohibiting the use of the Faringdon Footpath 207/16 (Southampton Street to Park Road) to facilitate footpath resurfacing works;

(f) Oxfordshire County Council Newsletter February, March, April 2016 ed. received regarding highway works in the Vale of White Horse.

7/3/16 Planning Application was considered, as follows:

P16/V0222HH Demolition of conservatories, 2 storey extension and front porch
Grove Lodge, Smith's Lane, Church Walk, Faringdon
For: Mrs P Smith
NO OBJECTIONS

8/3/16 Vale of White Horse District Local Plan – Stage 2 Hearings

A written report was received from the Chairman who had attended the Hearing for Matter 10 (Strategy for Western Vale Sub-Area) held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016. In it he reported that he had challenged the inadequate employment provision set out in the Local Plan and advanced arguments supporting the additional sites contained in the FNP. His view is that despite the weakness of the District Council's counter-argument it is unclear whether the Inspector will respond positively to this

It was NOTED that the Chairman would also be attending the Hearing on Wednesday, 17 February which concerned District Wide Policies and that he would report back to the Planning & Highways Committee at its next meeting.

9/3/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

The District Council had now advised that it had submitted the FNP to the Independent Examiner last week. At this stage, it was not known when his report would be available.

The Town Council had now approved the setting up of a Working Party to take the plan forward to referendum.

The Town Council had written to the District Council Head of Planning expressing its extreme concern at the length of time that District Council had taken to submit the FNP to the Independent Examiner. It was NOTED that the Head of Planning was not due back into the office until 18 February and a reply was now awaited.

10/3/16 Proposed Toucan Crossing – A417 Park Road

Oxfordshire County Council is consulting on a proposal to construct a puffin crossing on the A417 Park Road, northwest of the junction with the A420 Oxford Road. Deadline for comments is 26 February 2016. There were no objections but Town Council wished to clarify whether it was a puffin or toucan crossing and to confirm that if it was a toucan crossing it would incorporate a special sign for cyclists.

11/3/16 South Marston Village Neighbourhood Plan Submission Documents

It was NOTED that South Marston Parish Council had prepared and submitted a neighbourhood development plan to Swindon Borough Council which is required to consult on the submission document. Consultation period closes on 10 March 2016. Copies of the Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on Swindon Borough Council website:

www.swindon.gov.uk/southmarstonconsultation or at
www.southmarstonplan.com

12/3/16 National Trust Cycle Hub Proposals for Badbury Clumps

Cllr Alex Meredith, who had been delegated by the Town Council to report to the Planning & Highways Committee on how Faringdon should view these proposals, attended a meeting held on Saturday 13th February which had been called to discuss the local objections over the development of this site.

He reported that he had attended the meeting where various interest groups together with county and district councillors had discussed these proposals which were based on the original planning application by the National Trust. There had previously been many objections, including concerns over various safety issues such as poor access to the site, and because of these, and the loss of funding from Cycling England, the application had been withdrawn although the National Trust had not abandoned the concept and apparently planned to fund a more limited future project from its own resources which was causing the current concern.

In order to be able to decide whether the Town Council should support the plans about which it currently knows very little, it was AGREED that the National Trust be invited to present its reformed plans to the Planning & Highways Committee at the appropriate time.

13/3/16 Bus Stops – Coxwell Road, Faringdon

Oxfordshire County Council had no further update to give on the proposed funding to Town Council for future maintenance of the two new bus shelters installed in Coxwell Road, Faringdon through an OCC S278 agreement.