

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 April 2016 at 7.15pm in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllr **Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**
David Barron
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Dr Mike Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: **3 members of public** (*left after Min 7/6/16*)
Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk

1/6/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Mohinder Kainth.

2/6/16 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 29 March 2016

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

3/6/16 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4/6/16 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

5/6/16 Public Speaking Time

No member of the public wished to speak at this stage of the meeting.

6/6/16 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
9/4/16	FNP: Letter to be sent to Secretary of State outlining FTC's disappointment with the way District Council has dealt with FNP	Town Clerk	In view of recent discussions with District Council, Town Council had been advised that it was felt there was no need at present for such a letter to be written.

10/4/16	Request for further bus stop between the stops in Park Road and Market Place. Letter to be written to OCC	Cllr Dr Wise and Deputy Town Clerk	Sent to OCC 29 3 16. Awaiting reply from OCC.
7/5/16	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 30 3 16
8/5/16	FNPF: To select an Independent Examiner and advise District Council accordingly	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Dr Wise and Deputy Town Clerk	Independent Examiner selected and District Council advised 31 3 16
9/5/16	To replace side panel in Coxwell Road bus shelter which had been damaged due to vandalism.	Deputy Town Clerk	Vandal proof panel ordered from Spacemaster and installed 5 4 16. Possibility of an insurance claim had been discussed but as the amount was small and an excess of £250 would need to be paid, leaving a balance of £75, it had been agreed that Planning & Highways would pay the full amount out of its budget in order to limit any future rises in insurance premium.

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

P16/V0230/A

Two dimensional sign indicating tenants on site and their unit number

Land adjacent to entrance, Pioneer Road, Pioneer Industrial Estate, Faringdon

For: Badnell Properties Ltd

(No objections – P&H meeting, 8 3 16)

P16/V0371/A

1 x illuminated totem pole signage

Park Road, Faringdon

For: Mr G McCloy

(No objections – P&H meeting, 8 3 16)

P16/V0440/HH

Proposed single storey rear extension & proposed porch canopy addition to front elevation with new steps to front door

5 Chestnut Avenue, Faringdon

For: Hayley Cover

(No objections – P&H meeting, 8 3 16)

P16/V0372/FUL

Development work

The Faringdon medical Centre, Volunteer Way, Faringdon

For: The Faringdon Medical Centre

(No objections – P&H meeting, 8 3 16)

P16/V0276/HH

Change Velux windows to dormers, alter timber frames to oak with Apex roof. Construction of garages to the rear. Change timber windows to UPVC

Grandview, Sandhill Cottage, Sandshill, Faringdon

For: Andy Freeman

(No objections – P&H Meeting, 8 3 16)

FOR INFORMATION**P16/V0564/PDH**

Single storey rear extension

2 Hampden Close, Faringdon

For: Mr D Dancey

No objections received from owner or occupants of adjoining premises in respect of this PDH. However, District Council had now advised applicants that the proposed extension did not fall within the limits of permitted development and therefore the applicant would need to apply for planning permission.

- (c) A copy of the Planning & Highways Committee Chairman's 2015/16 Report, presented to the Annual Town Meeting held on 11 April 2016, was received and NOTED.

7/6/16 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:

P15/V1858/FUL

Erection Of a 3-bedroom dwelling on land associated with 20 Market Place, with access via Regent Mews. Demolition of section of wall to gain access into site (resubmission). (As amended by drawings and Design & Access Statement accompanying email from agent dated 23.3 16)

Linden House, 20 Market Place, Faringdon

For: Dr Scott Brown

A local resident spoke against this planning application and highlighted the reasons for doing so.

OBJECT on the following basis:

- the access currently proposed through a neighbouring property would increase traffic flow through a narrow passage and result in limiting parking on that site;
- the location is of environmental importance;

- the proposed building is within the conservation area and would have a negative impact on that area;
- poor consultation with surrounding neighbours on the proposed plans.

P16/V0821/LB

Refurbishment and conversion of three storey building to provide self contained residential accommodation over commercial unit

2 Cornmarket, Faringdon

For: Mr A Bleetman

NO OBJECTIONS and is in accordance with the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

P16/V0657/AG

Erection of an agricultural building

Land to the south of the road leading to Camden Farm

For: Mr Richard Bolter

NO OBJECTIONS

8/6/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)

(a) *Update on progress of the FNP towards referendum:*

The District Council had advised that it had agreed the appointment of an Independent Examiner. A formal agreement was currently being drafted by the District Council which would have to be cleared with its Legal Services.

A positive meeting had been held on 29 March between representatives of Town Council and the District Council which had agreed the next steps required to progress the FNP to referendum.

It was currently unknown when a date for the referendum would be set as this depended on the length of time the IE took to produce his report and whether there would be further actions required as a result of that report.

(b) Draft minutes of the FNP Working Party meeting held on 5 April 2016 were received and NOTED. The next meeting was scheduled for 26 April 2016.

(c) It had been brought to the attention of the committee that there had been instances when it appeared that even 'made' Neighbourhood Plans were being ignored by Planning Officers when making recommendations on planning applications. It was felt that this was a matter on which the Town Council should raise its concerns with the Secretary of State and authority was delegated to Cllr Dr Wise to draw up a draft letter for consideration by the Planning & Highways Committee at its next scheduled meeting.