

# FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 4 March 2016 at 0930hrs in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon

**PRESENT:** C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman  
D/Cllr Robert Sharp  
T/Cllr David Price  
David Williams, Magistrate  
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police  
Laura Hutchins Payne, OCC  
Environment & Economy, Vale  
Area Steward  
Andy Hayter, Faringdon Chamber of Commerce

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from C/Cllr Yvonne Constance, D/Cllr Roger Cox and T/Cllr Andrew Marsden.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 4 December 2015**

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

*Min 5(b), Coxwell Road, Pinch Point outside Coxwell Gardens:* Laura advised she would follow up this action and advise the Chairman of the outcome.

*Min 5(c), Grass Verges, Marlborough Gardens:* C/Cllr Heathcoat and D/Cllr Cox had visited the site and it was felt that this was a problem best sorted out by the residents concerned talking to each other. The possibility of artificial grass being used had been raised but Laura advised there would be no money available in the budget.

Laura was asked to see if verge marker posts could be installed. T/Cllr Price stated that a similar issue had arisen on Folly Park View near the play ground.

*Min 5(c), Section 154 & School Flashing Amber Lights:* Laura apologized that these actions had not yet been carried out but would follow them up. T/Cllr Price was still concerned about the speed of traffic on Fernham Road. He pointed out that Shrivenham High Street had a 20mph speed limit and asked if there was an opportunity to revisit this possibility for Fernham Road. It was noted, however, that Shrivenham had obtained S106 funding to cover the necessary works required for a 20mph speed zone.

Chris Hulme advised that a 20 mph zone could be provided if it was deemed necessary but firstly a survey would need to be carried out. A survey would need to be requested by FTC and would be funded by the council

### ACTIONS

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David Williams stated that there had been a similar situation at Gt Coxwell with 20 mph signs. This matter had been referred to its Parish Council for further consideration and had now been included in its draft Community Plan.

The Chairman advised that in order to ensure costings and project work were carried out as a joint exercise, Oxfordshire County Council had now split the A420 into divisions, as follows:

C/Cllr Melinda Tilley - Longworth/Kingston Bagpuize  
C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat – Faringdon  
C/Cllr Yvonne Constance – Shrivenham

*Min 6, Parking in the Market Place:* Chris stated that if parking in the Market Place is taken up by allowing long term users then the installation of a pay and display system could be installed. He stated he could take the matter back to the neighbourhood team but that enforcing time limited parking is quite intensive and that is why it has probably not been done in the past.

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It was NOTED that the repair to the Gloucester Street parking meter had been carried out.

*Min 7, Double yellow lines near Tesco in Park Road:* The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the County Council had now advised that the reason behind the consultation on the double yellow lines was to ensure that the legal documentation matched what was currently on the ground which would then enable the Police to enforce the restrictions should they need to.

It was AGREED that in future and for ease of reference, a column highlighting actions would be included in the Minutes.

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**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**4. Public Speaking Time**

There were no members of public present.

**5. County Council Highways – Officer’s report.**

Laura advised that the Tesco footpath work had now been carried out.

A number of complaints had been made to OCC as well as to Ed Vaizey MP about the state of the carriageway outside the Infant School, highlighted by the fact that some patching had already been carried out in an area near the school which made the area left appear even worse.

Laura tabled the latest highway maintenance newsletter (February, March, April 2016) which was NOTED.

Hilary advised that Faringdon Town Council will be putting a new section on their website for Highways information. Laura would provide a series of FAQs information for the Faringdon Town Council website.

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Laura outlined the on-going programme for temporary repairs to potholes until such time as the budgets had been sorted.

David Williams asked whether utility companies would pay for the damage caused by diversions creating more traffic on other routes, due to work being carried out by utility companies. Laura to follow up.

Laura reported that OCC was receiving complaints about the length of time telephone calls were taking to get answered in respect of highway maintenance problems. She advised that the best place to report such incidences was "Fix My Street". Depending on the problem, the maintenance team would turn out within

- 2 hours
- the next working day
- within 28 days

**6. District Traffic Matters**

D/Cllr Cox had sent a written report advising that the Vale Council had allocated £50K in its budget to fund a study to identify ways to increase car parking capacity across the district, with an initial commitment of up to £2m of capital funding.

D/Cllr Robert Sharp stated this study was planned to be carried out this year.

**7. Any Other Business**

Andy Hayter queried who was responsible for litter picking on the roads. He was advised that this was the responsibility of the District Council. He was also referred to the OCC Highways Maintenance Newsletter for further details on all Highways works.

**8. Future Meeting Dates**

Friday, 24 June 2016 (AGM) at 0930 hrs  
Friday, 16 September 2016 at 0930 hrs  
Friday, 16 December 2016 at 0930 hrs

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