

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 July 2016 at 7.15pm in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon**

### **PRESENT:**

**Cllrs Andrew Marsden (Chairman)**  
**David Barron**  
**Jane Boulton**  
**Al Cane**  
**Richard Marsh**  
**Dr Mike Wise**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**3 members of public (up to and incl. Min 7/10/16)**  
**Hilary Sherman, Deputy Town Clerk**

### **1/10/16 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mark Greenwood.

### **2/10/16 Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday, 21 June 2016**

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

### **3/10/16 Declarations of Interest**

*Planning Application P16/V1630/HH:* Cllr Jane Boulton declared an interest in this application.

*Reason for declaration:* In so far as she is a personal friend of the applicant.

*Planning Application P16/V1201/FUL:* Cllr Dr Mike Wise declared an interest in this application.

*Reason for declaration:* In so far as he is a Trustee of The Faringdon Folly Tower Trust. .

### **4/10/16 Public Question Time**

There were none.

### **5/10/16 Public Speaking Time**

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

### **6/10/16 For Information**

(a) The following action list was NOTED, as follows:-

Min No.	Action	Person/s Delegated	Action Taken
13/2/16(a)	Funding for maintenance of new bus shelters installed in Coxwell Road	Deputy Town Clerk	Update on this matter currently being sought from OCC but no response to date.
8/7/16	Letter to be written to Police & Crime Commissioner regarding parking policy		To be progressed.
8/9/16	Comments on planning applications to be forwarded to District Council	Deputy Town Clerk	Submitted to VWHDC 22 6 16

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

**Planning Applications – Permissions Granted by VWHDC:**

P16/V0335/FUL Retrospective Application to install acoustic screen adjacent to condensing units and to relocate condensing units to end of service year (replacement of scheme previously approved under permission P15/V1644/FUL)  
Costcutter Store, 17 Folly View Road, Faringdon SN7 7DL  
For: Mr O Yaqub  
(No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 10 5 16)

**For Information**

District Council has advised that the following planning application does not require a formal application for planning permission.

P16/V1419/AG Erection of agricultural storage building  
Pidnell Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon  
For: Mr Richard Bolter  
(No objections – P&H Committee Meeting, 21 6 15)

- (c) *Change of Property Name:* District Council notification of a change of property name from Devon House to Uplands Cottage, Canada Lane, Faringdon was received and NOTED;
- (d) *A420 Junction/Coxwell Road:* Copy correspondence between C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat and OCC regarding signalisation of this junction was received and NOTED.;

**7/10/16 Planning Applications to be considered:**

Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken, as follows:

[P16/V1630/HH](#)

Proposed two storey Granny Annex  
47 Gravel Walk, Faringdon  
For: Mr & Mrs Booth

**NO OBJECTIONS**

[P16/V1674/HH](#)

Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and single storey extension to front  
4 Catkins Close, Faringdon  
For: Mr & Mrs Jo & Gordon Wilson  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

[P16/V1602/FUL](#)

Change of use of land to sensory garden and proposed café  
Land at Willes Close, Faringdon  
For: Ms Melanie Lane  
**As Faringdon Town Council has an interest in this land it is unable to consider the application.**

[P16/V1201/FUL](#)

Provision of drinks and snacks from a self-contained unit (van) and change of use for a section of the woodland from D2 (Assembly and Leisure) to A3 (Restaurant and Café)  
Faringdon Folly, London Street, Faringdon  
For: Stay Grounded  
**FULLY SUPPORT**

[P16/V1691/SCR,](#)

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion  
Land south of Park Road, Faringdon  
For: Bloor Homes (South West)

It was noted that this request from the developer only seeks confirmation from the local planning authority as to whether the proposed development is EIA development. Although District Council had notified Town Council that this request had been received, no comments were invited at this stage. Town Council would be notified and invited to comment when the planning application is submitted.

However, Town Council had some observations to make regarding the written request submitted on behalf of the developers. It was AGREED that these observations, as outlined in a paper drawn up by Cllr Dr Wise, should be forwarded to the District Council. It was particularly noted that there had been no reference made to the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan.

Town Council was also deeply concerned that, despite repeated requests from Town Council for allotments to be included within sites for large housing developments, it appeared that no space had been provided in this proposal.

#### **8/10/16 Proposed extension to Hills' Bowling Green Quarry Complex, Faringdon – Pre-application Community Consultation**

Details regarding the above proposal were received and NOTED. There were no objections. Deputy Town would contact Hills Quarry Products Limited accordingly.

## **9/10/16 Neighbourhood Planning**

A letter was received from the Department for Communities and Local Government in response to Town Council's letter dated 18 May which had been written to Brandon Lewis MP raising Town Council's concerns regarding certain aspects of neighbourhood planning. It was NOTED that although the queries raised had not been answered directly, the letter confirmed that a neighbourhood plan does attain the same legal status as the Local Plan once it has been agreed at a referendum and is made (brought into legal force) by the local planning authority. This would give considerable weight to the FNP when discussing future planning applications .

## **10/10/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)**

- (a) The FNP was still currently being examined by the Independent Examiner who had indicated that his report should be with the District Council by 1 August 2016;
- (b) *Proposed designation of Humpty Hill as a Local Green Space:* In order to ensure adequate examination of this issue, the Independent Examiner had indicated that it would be necessary for him to hold a hearing. This would be held on 18 July.
  - (i) It was AGREED to recommend to Town Council that Cllr Dr Mike Wise be delegated authority to attend the hearing as the Town Council representative and that Rob Stewart, a local resident, act as assistant to Cllr Mike Wise in order to provide technical back-up, should it be required.
  - (ii) the Independent Examiner had requested that, prior to the hearing, a written statement be submitted to him in respect of the questions he had raised. A draft written statement was considered by the members present and following amendments, it was AGREED that this should be submitted to the Independent Examiner to meet the deadline of 13 July 2016.

## **11/10/16 Local Plan 2032 Preferred Options Consultation June 2016**

It was NOTED that the above consultation in respect of the South Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan was now available to view and comment on between 27 June 2016 and 19 August 2016

<https://consult.southandvale.gov.uk/portal/south/planning/pol/poj2016/poj2016>

## **12/10/16 Damaged Bus Shelter**

The bus shelter near Travis Perkins on Park Road had been vandalised and damage sustained to one of the rear upper panels. It was AGREED that both the back panels should be replaced with mesh panels from Spacemaster at a total cost of £465 excl VAT, the cost to be met out of the bus shelter and salt bins budgets.

## **13/10/16 Vale of White Horse Summer Town and Parish Forum – 7 July 2016**

Cllr Dr Wise had attended the above forum and gave a brief report on the planning matters that had been raised, specifically highlighting the proposed changes to the Vale of White Horse District Council planning scheme of delegation.

He had also pointed out that at present Town Council is not automatically notified of Reserved Matters and that it was important that it is involved in these matters at an early stage.

**14/10/16 District Council – Planning Scheme of Delegation**

*Training, Monday 25 July, Faringdon from 10.00 am – 12 noon:* It was NOTED that places were due to be booked for the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk. Cllrs Mike Wise and Andrew Marsden indicated that they would wish to attend.

**15/10/16 Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee AGM – 24 June 2016**

Draft minutes for the above meeting were tabled and a short report on the meeting was made by David Barron who had attended the AGM as the Town Council representative.