

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 15 December 2017 at 9.30 am in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman  
C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald  
D/Cllr Mohinder Kainth  
T/Cllr Andrew Marsden  
T/Cllr David Barron  
David Williams, Magistrate  
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police  
Keith Stenning, OCC Area Operations (South)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Hilary Sherman, Town Council Planning Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Roger Cox, D/Cllr Robert Sharp, T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise and Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations South.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting: 15 September 2017**

It was noted that David Williams had been present at the meeting. Following amendment, the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**4. Matters Arising**

*Min 5:* The Chairman confirmed that the Faringdon Folly newspaper had published her article highlighting the ongoing problems with inconsiderate parking in the town but that this did not seem to have made any difference. She asked what could be done by the police and magistrate to ensure that people parked more sensibly. Chris Hulme replied that this issue had been going on for 20 years but that he would feed back the concerns of this committee to the team. T/Cllr David Barron reiterated the parking problems on Coxwell Road. Installation of double yellow lines was discussed but funding would be difficult and unless there was enforcement of these lines, it would not improve the situation.

He stated all the districts, except for South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Cherwell District Council, had now moved to self-enforcement and this worked very well.

It was agreed that the Chairman would campaign each month through the Faringdon Folly newspaper to raise the ongoing problems with car parking in Faringdon.

Double yellow lines on Coxwell Road and Coxwell Street were discussed but as funding was an issue, it was agreed that Keith Stenning would explore the cost of double yellow lines to be placed on Coxwell Road and Coxwell Street and T/Cllr Barron would discuss with Faringdon Town Council.

D/Cllr Kainth agreed to talk to both South and Vale District Councils about the possibility of self enforcement being taken up.

*Min 6, County Council Highways Officer's Report:* It was NOTED that Lee Turner had now provided a copy of next year's resurfacing capital programme which had been approved last year. The forward programme was currently being finalised for Cabinet approval in January/February 2018.

*Min 8, FATAc Constitution:* The Chairman stated she had queried with the relevant District Councillors currently sitting on FATAc whether District Council could provide a substitute. However, as the response received was that this would prove difficult given how busy District Councillors were, it was AGREED that FATAc should continue to meet on Fridays. D/Cllr Kainth AGREED to attend FATAc meetings whenever possible. He would, in future, be included in the distribution list for the meeting papers.

*Faringdon Chamber of Commerce.* The Chairman would follow up this matter. It was noted that there was no Chamber representative present at this meeting.

*Min 9:* It was noted that this matter had now been resolved.

**5. Public Speaking Time**

There were no members of public present.

**6. Constitution and Terms of Reference**

It was AGREED to adopt the amended Constitution and Terms of Reference.

**7. Chairman's correspondence since the last meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September**

The Chairman had circulated copies of her correspondence undertaken since the last meeting of the committee.

*Easton Hastings Road Safety:* The committee considered road collision data for the last 5 years in addition to the results of a survey which OCC had carried out in September and October this year. On the basis of this

data, OCC had advised that there would be no justification to lower the speed limit to 40 mph although it could be possible to lower the speed limit to 50 mph. Funding for this would need to be identified, either through Section 106 or third party (cost £2600 consultation/advert fee together with the cost of the sign and posts).

Keith Stenning agreed to

(a) look into the cost of putting up signage stating “Concealed Entrances “; (b) to draw up, for circulation to the committee, a statement showing all the costs and arguments in respect of lowering the speed limits to either 50 mph or 40 mph.

As the National Trust owned virtually all the properties in the area under discussion and as it had already carried out a similar exercise in Coleshill where the speed limit had been reduced, the Chairman agreed to contact the Trust with a view to it being involved in funding a similar exercise in Eaton Hastings.

The Chairman stated she would communicate the committee’s discussions from this meeting to the local resident who had initially raised the issue of road safety.

#### **8. County Council Highways Officer’s Report**

As Lee Turner could not be present at the meeting, Keith Stenning presented Lee’s written report which was NOTED.

D/Cllr Kainth raised a query on behalf of Shrivenham Parish Council regarding which authority was responsible for signage for new developments. Keith replied that it was OCC’s responsibility although it was looking at providing the parish council, in this instance, with the authority to act on OCC’s behalf.

Keith also wished to highlight the hard work that OCC had carried out in the region in keeping as many roads as possible open during the recent bad weather. In response to a query regarding salting “B” roads, Keith advised that should any member of public wish to ask for a particular road to be considered as part of the salting programme a request should be forwarded to FixMyStreet <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

#### **9. Any other business**

*(a) Future Date(s), Day and time for FATAc meetings:*

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting when it was AGREED that the FATAc meetings would continue to be held on Fridays;

*(a) Shellingford Quarry, Stanford-in-the-Vale:* C/Cllr Fitzgerald expressed her concern regarding the lorry movements but understood that this was a District Council planning issue rather than OCC’s responsibility.

**10. Future Meeting Dates**

Dates were AGREED as follows:

Friday 2 March 2018 at 0930hrs  
Friday 1 June 2018 at 0930hrs – AGM  
Friday 7 September 2018 at 0930hrs  
Friday 7 December 2018 at 0930hrs

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