

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 15 September 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  
T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise  
T/Cllr Andrew Marsden  
T/Cllr David Barron  
David Williams, Magistrate  
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police  
Lee Turner, OCC Environment & Economy

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Pauline Beesley (*left after Min 5*)  
Hilary Sherman, Town Council Planning Clerk

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from C/Cllr Yvonne Constance, D/Cllr Roger Cox, D/Cllr Robert Sharp and Andy Hayter. The Chairman welcomed C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald as the substitute for C/Cllr Yvonne Constance.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting: 23 June 2017</b> Min 8, 3rd paragraph should read: “...and asked Lee Turner to investigate this matter further.”  Min 10(a) should read: 1st line “Planning Application P17/V1375/FUL, Faringdon Community College, Fernham Road, Faringdon - New teaching block to accommodate the proposed expansion of the Faringdon Community College from 7 form entry to 9 form entry.” 6th line: “Planning Application P17/V1375/FUL”  Following the above amendments, the Minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <i>Min 3 (Min 2) Parking in Coxwell Street/Coxwell Road:</i> This matter was again discussed at some length. T/Cllr Barron expressed his concerns about the problems caused by irresponsible parking and stated that the situation was becoming dangerous.	

	<p>Chris Hulme confirmed that, as requested at the previous FATAC meeting, he had now passed on the information to the police neighbourhood team. He would pass the team's contact details to T/Cllr Barron to follow up.</p> <p><i>Coxwell Street:</i> T/Cllr Marsden pointed out that currently there is only a single yellow line on the left side of Coxwell Street exiting the town and asked whether it would be sensible to replace this with double yellow lines.</p> <p><i>Min 10, Any Other Business:</i> The Chairman stated she had met officers regarding the road funding situation. At her request, they would speak to Legal to ascertain if money can be allocated before it is received from the developer, particularly with reference to making the A420 junction more substantial.</p> <p>The Chairman had also asked if the 5-year housing supply in the plan would continue as there were no longer any more big developments planned. The OCC officer would chase up with the District Council.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Speaking Time</b></p> <p>Pauline Beesley, a retailer on London Street as well as being a Faringdon resident, spoke on behalf of the retailers who wished to express their deep concerns surrounding the parking problems on London Street where drivers ignore the double yellow lines on both sides of the road. This was dangerous, particularly for children crossing the road, and the retailers were concerned that traffic regulations were not being enforced.</p> <p>She also wished to express her support in respect of the comments made earlier in the meeting regarding the issues surrounding the dangerous parking on Coxwell Street/Coxwell Road.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that as a matter of procedure, no response is given to points raised during public speaking time but wished to point out that the issues regarding car parking had been noted before by FATAC. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Folly Newspaper to highlight the ongoing problems with inconsiderate parking in the town and the need for people to observe the highway code.</p>	<p><b>JH</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>County Council Highways Officer's Report</b></p> <p>Lee Turner gave a verbal report detailing the restructure of Highways policies beginning September 2017.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if Lee could arrange for a programme of road works to be sent to her.</p> <p><i>Faringdon Infant School, Access Road – Highway issues</i> Lee Turner reported that he and D/Cllr Cox had visited Faringdon Infant School to discuss the access road to the school. As OCC only owned the first part of this road, OCC would be assessing the situation with a view to re-marking OCC's part of the road. Maintenance responsibility for the road needed to be clarified;</p> <p><i>Annual Event – trip to Hill End Camp, Farmoor:</i> The school had highlighted the difficulties the coach experienced in being able to access the school and had asked whether zig-zag road markings could</p>	<p><b>LT</b></p>

	be provided. Chris Hulme stated that the cost of putting in yellow lines for one annual event did not seem sensible.	
7.	<p><b>District Traffic Matters</b></p> <p>There were no District Councillors present but D/Cllr Roger Cox wished it to be recorded that new pay machines had been installed in the two District Council car parks in Faringdon and were now in use.</p> <p>It was noted that the issues regarding the access road to Faringdon Infant School had been discussed under item 6 above.</p>	
8.	<p><b>FATAC – Constitution</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the County Council’s barrister had confirmed it would be possible for another County Councillor to be included in the FATAC Constitution to act as substitute. As C/Cllr Yvonne Constance currently had a very busy schedule, the Chairman proposed that C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald be named as her substitute. This proposal was CARRIED.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to check with the District Councillors currently sitting on FATAC whether District Council could put in a substitute.</p> <p>As it was unclear what area the FATAC currently covered, it was AGREED that this would constitute those areas covered by the three County Councillors who sit on FATAC, the County Councillors to provide the Clerk with a list of their parishes. It was felt important that the parishes in these areas were made aware of FATAC and became more involved in its work. The FATAC Constitution would be updated to include the above-mentioned areas.</p> <p>The Chairman would contact the Faringdon Chamber of Commerce to ask if it would be able to provide a named substitute for Andy Hayter, who currently sits on FATAC as the Chamber’s representative.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH/AF/YC</p> <p>JH/HS</p> <p>JH</p>
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>T/Cllr Dr Wise raised the issue of mud on the roads near construction sites and wished to point out that it was the responsibility of the construction site to keep the roads clean and District Council’s responsibility to enforce planning conditions.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Proposed Future Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>These were AGREED, as follows, and would be circulated to all FATAC members:</p> <p>Friday, 15 December 2017 at 0930 hrs  Friday 2 or 9 March 2018 at 0930hrs  Friday 1 or 8 June 2018 at 0930hrs – AGM  Friday 7 September 2018 at 0930hrs  Friday 7 December 2018 at 0930hrs</p>	HS