

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee
held on Friday, 14 September 2018 at 9.30 am
in the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon**

PRESENT: **C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman**
 C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor
 D/Cllr Mohinder Kainth (left after Min 7)
 T/Cllr David Barron
 T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise
 David Williams, Magistrate
 Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police
 Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations South

IN ATTENDANCE: Hilary Sherman, Town Council Planning Clerk

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Roger Cox, D/Cllr Robert Sharp and T/Cllr Andrew Marsden.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting: 1 June 2018 The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record after the following amendments had been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>List of Members present:</i> include David Williams, Magistrate; • <i>Min 3, Matters Arising:</i> 2nd Line to read "...been written as civil enforcement"; • <i>Min 6, A420 update:</i> Last line to read "C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor". <p>The Chairman thanked T/Cllr Dr Wise for producing the Minutes.</p>	
4.	<p>Review of Election of Deputy Chairman Town Council had now formalised the appointment of T/Cllrs Andrew Marsden and Dr Mike Wise to represent Town Council on FATAC. The Mayor, Cllr David Barron, would act as deputy in the event that the appointed representatives were unable to make a meeting. On this basis, it was AGREED that T/Cllr Dr Wise be elected as Deputy Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising Lee Turner tabled a written report outlining actions that he had followed up since the last meeting of FATAC:-</p> <p>S106 Monies: Geoff Barrell (S106 coordinator) had suggested that the £2070 from Coxwell Road could be put towards a 20mph speed limit project.</p> <p>Faringdon 20mph speed limit: It was noted that the County Council is supportive of such initiatives. Should Faringdon Town Council wish to make a formal request and fund, then the area of proposed limit would need to be established, followed by speed surveys being carried out to confirm '20' compliance. This would lead to possibly 7 / 8 surveys at a cost of £100/site. Going forward, the cost of the legal consultation is £2600 (there may be objections resulting in a subsequent Report and Cabinet Member decision), plus the cost of installing new/replacing existing speed limit signs. The Chairman proposed that Lee and Town Council discuss possible areas in more detail with a view to making a formal request. This was AGREED. The Chairman asked that she and Hilary be kept informed of progress.</p> <p>Pavements: The Highways & Drainage Team at Drayton is to carry out visual inspections of the footways in the centre of Faringdon. Footways requiring attention</p>	LT/FTC

	<p>will then be submitted to a list of Value Engineering sites. This list has a rolling programme of 2 – 5 years according to priority. The Chairman asked Lee to chase up on any actions that arose from the visual inspections and to ascertain whether any remedial action could be undertaken, sooner rather than later, particularly as there was concern in the town regarding the poor condition of the pavements and the safety of residents.</p> <p>Eaton Hastings Gateways: A meeting between Lee Turner (OCC) and Christian Walker (National Trust) at Eaton Hastings had yet to be arranged. Lee was awaiting response to latest email.</p> <p>Road to Eaton Hastings Church: A hand patching gang was scheduled to carry out 3 days of 'sweep & fill' (tarmac) on 27th / 28th September & 1st October. Lee confirmed that it would definitely be tarmac.</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing on Henry Blake Way: The uncontrolled crossing is located at a point where the road is 2 lanes wide, not 3. OCC's Transport Development Control Team confirmed that a controlled (zebra) crossing was not required during the S38 process in 2016. Zebra like markings were shown on a pre-planning architectural layout which caused the subsequent confusion. Committee members felt that improvements to safety in this area was still required. At present, there are no safety measures in place, such as road signage on the pavements at the side of the road warning driver of pedestrians in this area. The Chairman agreed that she would contact the developers of the proposed future development in the immediate area to ask whether they would be prepared to fund such signage.</p>	<p>LT</p> <p>LT</p> <p>JH</p>
6.	<p>Public Speaking Time There were no members of public present.</p>	
7.	<p>County Council Highways – Officer's Report update and Items for discussion by FATAC members</p> <p>A written report from the County Council Principal was tabled and noted, as follows:-</p> <p>Traffic Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleshill – Machine lining now completed on B4019, hand lining is ordered. • Buscot – Orders in place for various signs to be straightened/secured. • Eaton Hastings - High visibility junction warning sign has been replaced, road markings refurbished at village gateways and junctions, new 'Slow' markings have been installed. • Faringdon – Lining refurbishment works carried out in the Market Place and Bromsgrove. Radcot Road - orders in place for replacement road narrows signs, and vegetation obscuring signs to be cut back. Orders have been issued for the A420 / London Street junction to have the road markings refurbished and the bollard on the centre island replaced. • Lt. Coxwell – Amendments made to road markings at the A420 / Fernham Road junction to improve road safety. • Buckland – We have discussed HGV/parking/speeding issues with the Parish Council – suggestions made and awaiting reply from PC. <p>Highways & Drainage Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A415 Kingston Bagpuize to Newbridge – structural patching in October (date tbc). • Charney Bassett – Mini patching at Main Street & New Road in next 2 to 3 weeks. • Shrivenham – Mini patching at Martens Road and Highworth Road. • Duxford – Dragon patching. • Great Coxwell – cleaning out of the strategic ditch between Oakfield bends and A420. The Chairman asked Lee if he could find out when this work would be undertaken. <p>Gravel Walk:</p>	<p>LT</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are plans to repair the subsided section(s). We do not believe that the subsidence was caused by the lorry fire. It is thought that an underlying problem was not investigated prior to the resurfacing works. No date yet, but in this financial year's budget. If the work involved any closure of roads, the Chairman asked that she be advised as well as the residents. <p>Ridden Horse Warning Signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bridleway crossings along the A420 are historic, therefore I would expect them to already have 'ridden horse' warning signs. Such signs do exist on both approaches to the crossing point that is south west of the old Plough pub. If there are other bridleway crossings which are not signed, then Lee to be contacted direct, or report the issue at https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk 	LT
<p>The Chairman thanked Lee and his team for the work and actions that had been undertaken.</p>	
<p>Other matters were discussed, as follows:-</p>	
<p>Faringdon: It was noted that foliage in some residents' properties in Faringdon was growing over road signs. It was agreed that before any report was made to County Highways, T/Cllr Barron would discuss this issue with Town Council with a view to a general request being made to residents to cut back such foliage. The Chairman and Lee Turner to be kept updated.</p>	DB
<p>Coleshill - car parking: It was recognised that parking on the steep hill was causing problems but as none of the houses had parking facilities, it was suggested that perhaps, as the village shop is closing, the area behind the shop could be developed by the National Trust for parking for the residents. The Chairman agreed to contact Christian Walker at the National Trust to raise this possibility with him.</p>	JH
<p>Kingston Bagpuize: C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor stated that there were still road problems in Kingston Bagpuize. S106 had not been allocated properly or not spent at all.</p>	
<p>Charney Bassett: Concern had been expressed by the parish council regarding speeding, although no accidents had been reported. They were very aware of villages in C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor's ward which want 20mph speed limits. Lee Turner stated that Charney Bassett had already received a lot of advice from Oxfordshire County Council.</p>	
<p>Tubney: Chris Hulme advised that Tubney had contacted OCC to ask for a speed survey.</p>	
<p>Fyfield Parish, A420 crossing from the bus stop to the other side: Lee advised the committee that a survey had now been completed but that funding is always an issue.</p>	
<p>A420: Lee stated that OCC is aware of A420 problems generally and he referred members to the A420 Route Strategy which can be found on the OCC website, see link below. https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/roadsandtransport/connectingOxfordshire/ConnectingOxfordshire7b-A420CorridorStrategy.pdf</p>	
<p>Bus Services: T/Cllr Dr Wise stated that S106 monies would be better used for the improvement of the S67 service and local buses, not the S6 service which was already well provided for.</p>	
<p>Kingston Bagpuize/Southmoor: Concern was raised that many travel problems will occur with the opening of the 2 new Co-op shops, especially the one on the site of the old Hinds Head pub in Kingston Bagpuize.</p>	
<p>A420/Park Road Junction: T/Cllr Dr Wise asked why Stanford Road could not be opened to relieve pressure on the A420/Park Road junction? The Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan stated that there should be improvement of the A420/Park Road junction and this seemed a good option. The Chairman commented that with parked vehicles on Stanford Road there would be accidents and access on to the A420 would cause a problem.</p>	

8.	<p>Any other business C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor raised two matters:- - Stanford-in-the-Vale, Bow Road footpath: Parish Council wanted this path to be improved, particularly in view of the new estate coming on line. Lee would follow up and liaise with C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor. - East Hanney would like a crossing on the A338. Lee Turner would follow up and liaise with C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor. Pigeon Nuisance, Faringdon: C/Cllr Heathcoat had received an email from Greenstreet who wanted to bring in birds of prey to get rid of the pigeons in Faringdon. It was agreed that this matter be taken to Town Council to investigate further. St John's Bridge, Buscot to Lechlade.road: Concerns were discussed regarding the safety of driving across this bridge due to the volume of traffic and how this issue could be addressed. As the bridge lies on the very edge of Oxfordshire, the Chairman asked Lee if OCC Highways could put pressure on Gloucestershire County Council to install intelligent traffic lights to control single access over the bridge. Lee agreed to follow up relevant contacts.</p>	F-O'C/ LT FTC LT
9.	<p>Confirmed Future Meeting Dates Friday 7 December 2018 at 0930hrs</p>	