FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 7 December 2018 at 9.30 am in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman

C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor T/Cllr David Barron (Mayor)

T/CIIr Dr Mike Wise

Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations (South)

David Williams, Magistrate

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of public

Hilary Sherman, Town Council Planning Clerk

(Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman proposed that the agenda item under Public Speaking regarding the pedestrian crossing for the Junior School be moved forward on the agenda so that the member of public could speak early AGREED.)

| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
|----|--|----|
| •• | Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Roger Cox, D/Cllr | |
| | Mohinder Kainth, D/Cllr Roger Sharp, T/Cllr Andrew Marsden and Chris | |
| | Hulme, Thames Valley Police. | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest | |
| | There were none. | |
| 3. | Public Speaking | |
| | A local parent expressed her deep concerns about the lack of safety | |
| | regarding pedestrian access to the Junior School in Faringdon. Currently | |
| | there is no crossing patrol person to assist children crossing Gloucester | |
| | Street, a busy road, and she believed there was a need for a pedestrian | |
| | crossing to be installed. The Chairman advised that her comments were | |
| | noted and would be discussed when the item came up for consideration | |
| | later in the meeting. | |
| 4. | Minutes of the Last Meeting: 14 September 2018 | |
| | The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record. | |
| 5. | Matters Arising | |
| | Pavements: Lee reported that market town asset maintenance had not | |
| | been included in the extra £10m funding and no town centre | |
| | improvement schemes had been put forward. The members were | |
| | concerned about the poor state of Faringdon's town centre and other | |
| | areas in the town. Lee stated that the whole area would have been | |
| | inspected as part of the routine assessment process and at that time | |
| | there had been no immediate concerns in terms of safety. Lee stated | |
| | that more money was coming forward from estate management and it | JH |
| | was agreed that the Chairman would contact Paul Fermer, Assistant | |
| | Director of OCC Infrastructure operations, to see if Faringdon could be | |
| | included in its budget. It was also pointed out by members that the | |
| | material used for repairing roads invariably did not match what was | |
| | currently in place. This was not aesthetically pleasing and was disturbing | |
| | to people with visionary problems. Lee agreed it should be part of the | |
| | routine that when repairs of this sort are carried out, proper matching | |
| | materials are always used. | |
| | | |
| | | 1 |

Parking: It was noted that at present the District Council is reviewing enforcement procedures which may lead to more local involvement in policing of this problem. Faringdon 20 mph speed limit: T/Cllr Barron reported that this matter had been discussed by Town Council but it could not see any justification for progressing this any further. Lee reiterated that there is £100 + VAT available from Oxfordshire County Council to be put towards a site survey. It was suggested that Town Council consider exploring this **FTC** matter further with Dr Helen Pryce, NAG. It was further noted that Town Council meeting, at its meeting on 12 December, would be considering a request to cover speed watch volunteers under the Town Council public liability insurance. Eaton Hastings Gateway: Lee reported that National Trust would make the gates and that OCC would install. Lee was liaising with Christian LT Walker of National Trust. Road to Eaton Hastings Church: It was noted that this work had been Pedestrian crossing on Henry Blake Way: The Chairman reported that she had contacted the developers who had responded they would be prepared to look at the introduction of the relevant signage and would discuss this at their next project meeting. Overgrowing Foliage in Faringdon: T/Cllr Barron stated he would DB follow up this issue. Car parking, Coleshill: The Chairman reported she had contacted Cristian Walker at the National Trust and he was now looking into the Kingston Bagpuize: C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor reported there had been large problems with the traffic works caused by the opening of the new Co-op Store at the old Hinds Head roundabout. Lee advised that contact should be made with the Road Agreements Team; he would check who LT should be contacted within the team. 6. **County Council Highways** (a) Officer's Report: Lee had already commented on previous agenda items and had nothing new to report at the moment. Concern was expressed by the Chairman that she was continually having to report problems where material that had been used to patch potholes that had come out of the hole after only a few days. Lee advised that the dragon patcher was used only on classified roads. He recommended that the Chairman continue to register the problems on FixMyStreet as and when they occur. C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor queried the significance of the different LT colours that were used to circle potholes in need of repair. Lee would HS find out and advise Hilary in order that this information could be circulated to the FATAC members. (b) School Crossing patrol or pedestrian crossing at Faringdon: It was noted that the schools had advertised for someone to take on the role of a school crossing patrol but there had been no applicants. Various options were discussed but it was noted that there is currently no funding available. The Chairman stated that she had contacted Lee to see if S106 money could be used but had been advised there was none. It was noted that money could possibly become available from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and that when Town Council receives a planning **FTC** application for consideration, it should make sure that this issue forms part of the planning gain. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the local resident accordingly and also suggest she contacts the Road Safety Team who gives talks on road safety awareness.

| (c) Dropped kerb: A request had been received for a dropped kerb in Fernham Road where it meets the A420. Following discussion, it was agreed that this request should be considered in the wider context of | |
|---|---|
| agreed that this request should be considered in the wider context of | |
| | |
| | |
| future plans for the A420 in connection with the new housing estates at | |
| Fernham Fields and The Steeds | |
| T/Cllr Dr Wise reported that he and T/Cllr Marsden had met | |
| representatives of other parishes along the A420 to discuss safety issues | |
| and road crossings with a view to presenting a group letter to Ed Vaizey | |
| MP. | |
| The Chairman advised that OCC will be having a meeting about the A420 | |
| in January 2019. | |
| (d) Kingston Bagpuize: C/Cllr Anda-Fitzgerald had understood that | |
| S106 money had been set aside for road safety but could not find out | |
| where this had gone. Lee advised that to the best of his knowledge, | |
| there was money in the budget for road crossing. He agreed that he | |
| would ask for an update on the status of S106 monies. He advised that | |
| Penny Budgen could be contacted regarding bus shelters, as well as LT | |
| Kathy Champion, Infrastructure leader for the Vale of White Horse | |
| District. | |
| It was noted that the OCC Local Transport Plan 5 (which is refreshed | |
| annually), will be published next year. | |
| 7. Any other business | |
| Stanford-in-the-Vale, Bow Road footpath: C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor | |
| stated that nothing had happened to date and reiterated that the footpath | |
| needed maintenance. Lee would press Highways to inspect and assess | |
| the area but he reiterated that paths do get routinely inspected by the | |
| team and that often there is a difference between the public's | |
| expectations and the actual state of a footpath. | |
| East Hanney, A338 crossing: Lee reported that costs were still being | |
| discussed. | |
| St John's Bridge, Buscot to Lechlade Road: The Chairman reported | |
| that a site visit had taken place but because there had been no | |
| accidents, it was deemed there were no problems. | |
| Farm vehicles: It was noted that farm vehicles these days are so big | |
| and heavy they cause damage to verges and drains but that it was not | |
| possible to stop them using certain roads. Lee advised that bollards can | |
| be placed outside properties if householders wanted to fund. | |
| Stanford-in-the-Vale: C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor reported that bollards | |
| have been put on the green near Bow Lane and asked if this was | |
| allowed. Lee advised that it would be dependent on the ownership of the | |
| green. If it was in the ownership of County Highways, then it would not | |
| be allowed; if it was Parish Council property, then it was its own decision. | |
| LT would check. | |
| Reduced Parking permits in Faringdon: Town Council had been | |
| advised by D/Cllr Cox to approach FATAC with its request. It was agreed | |
| that any such request should be sent direct by town council to District | • |
| Council. | , |
| 8. Confirmed Future Meeting Dates | |
| Dates were AGREED as follows: | |
| Friday, 1 March 2019 | |
| Friday, 7 June 2019 | |
| Friday, 6 September 2019 | |
| Friday, 6 December 2019 | |