

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/Cllr 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 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 vision 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.	JH

	<p>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.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>Eaton Hastings Gateway: Lee reported that National Trust would make the gates and that OCC would install. Lee was liaising with Christian Walker of National Trust.</p> <p>Road to Eaton Hastings Church: It was noted that this work had been carried out.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Overgrowing Foliage in Faringdon: T/Cllr Barron stated he would follow up this issue.</p> <p>Car parking, Coleshill: The Chairman reported she had contacted Cristian Walker at the National Trust and he was now looking into the matter.</p> <p>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 should be contacted within the team.</p>	<p>FTC</p> <p>LT</p> <p>DB</p> <p>LT</p>
6.	<p>County Council Highways</p> <p>(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 colours that were used to circle potholes in need of repair. Lee would find out and advise Hilary in order that this information could be circulated to the FATAC members.</p> <p>(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 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.</p>	<p>LT HS</p> <p>FTC</p>

