

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

Cllrs Present:	<p>Mike Wise (Mayor) Julie Farmer (Deputy Mayor) Kiera Bentley Jane Boulton (From min 12/8/19) Rosalind Burns Peter Castle James Famakin Angela Finn Steve Leniec Liz Swallow</p>
In attendance:	<p>4 members of the public C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat Sally Thurston, Town Clerk Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk Jo King, Clerk's Assistant</p>
1/8/19	<p>Apologies for Absence D/Cllr. Grant. T/Cllrs. Boulton, Martin, Morgan, Smith, Thomas. Thames Valley Police</p>
2/8/19	<p>Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2019 were signed as a correct record</p>
3/8/19	<p>Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations None</p>
4/8/19	<p>Public Participation Time None</p>
5/8/19	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies Members NOTED a report from Thames Valley Police</p>
6/8/19	<p>County Councillor's Report Members NOTED a report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat Cllr. Heathcoat informed members that the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service has been one of only four services to be awarded outstanding in any category following an inspection from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services. Cllr. Leniec asked about progress and timescales regarding a review of the number of crew that man an appliance. Cllr. Heathcoat advised this was an ongoing discussion and she would circulate any information, in the public domain, via the Clerk.</p>
7/8/19	<p>District Councillors' Report Members NOTED a report from District Cllrs. Grant and Thomas</p>
8/8/19	<p>Chairman's Activity Report Members NOTED an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise, which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The excellent work being carried by Mr Saeed Ismail who was teaching the current YoCo group Swahili. The group will visit Kenya in August. It was agreed the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to Mr. Ismail. • Faringdon in Bloom was a huge success. Thanks, were noted to the organising team. • Farcycles cycle park opening was a wonderful event. It was agreed the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to Farcycles for their hard work in securing this excellent new facility in the town.

<p>9/8/19</p>	<p>Reports from Committees Members NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning & Highways: 26th June 2019 Cllr. Finn enquired if Thames Water had given any further update on the sewage works. Nothing further had been received. b) Community and Partnerships: 3rd July 2019 c) Town Centre Regeneration Working Party
<p>10/8/19</p>	<p>Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments (appendix 1) Members NOTED a Clerk's activity report. Cllr. Wise PROPOSED that the schedule of payments up to and including July 10th, 2019. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Finn and RESOLVED</p>
<p>11/8/19</p>	<p>Town Centre Businesses Members discussed Faringdon Town Council's position on supporting town centre businesses. Cllr. Wise explained that the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan supported both public houses and businesses in Faringdon.</p> <p>Cllr. Wise PROPOSED that standing orders be suspended to allow members of the public to contribute to the discussion. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion followed regarding businesses and a complaint about a licenced premise in the Town Centre. Some members felt that the Town Council could not comment on an individual case that was in the hands of the licensing authority, but all members were in support of local business and wanted to assist in making the town thrive. The Town Council has set up a Town Centre Regeneration Working Party for this purpose.</p> <p>Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED that the Town Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign a petition from residents that wanted a public house in the town to remain open and successful. 2. Commit to support local businesses and regenerate the Town Centre in any way it was able within the statutory limits. 3. Widen a planned survey of residents to include a survey of local businesses to ascertain what issues they are facing and how they would like to Council to assist. <p>The Clerk advised that the Council could make a statement to say it supported businesses in the Town Centre, but the Licensing Authority were responsible for any matters to do with licensing law and this was outside the remit of the Town Council. The Town Council should not sign a petition until advice had been sought. Some members felt that the business needed immediate support. Other members felt that all the facts were not available, and these were needed if the Town Council were to comment.</p> <p>Cllr. Leniec amended the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED that Town Council support the spirit of a petition from residents that wanted a public house in the town to remain open and successful. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. Four in favour. Two against. Three abstentions. • Cllr. Leniec further PROPOSED that the Town Council commit to support local businesses and regenerate the Town Centre in any way it was able within the statutory limits. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED unanimously. • Cllr. Leniec further PROPOSED Widen a planned survey of residents to include a survey of local businesses to ascertain what issues they are facing and how they would like to Council to assist. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED unanimously.

12/8/19	Vale Chairman's Awards Members AGREED a list of nominees.
13/8/19	Items for Information Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Boulton informed members that a planning application for residential housing on Volunteer Way had been approved by the Vale of White Horse Planning Committee. Faringdon Town Council had objected to this application as this land was designated for employment in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Farmer declared an interest as an employee of the landowner. • The Clerk informed members about a new scheme of safe places launched by the Vale. • Cllr. Wise welcomed Jo King to the Council staff as Town Clerks Assistant. • OCC Officers had recommended to Cabinet that the Place be awarded a grant of £11,300 to make the project sustainable.
14/8/19	Correspondence Members NOTED, for information only, correspondence from 12 th June up to and including 11 th July 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Appendix 1:

CLERK'S REPORT July 2019		
Salaries by BACS	Salaries	£ 12,494.67
HMRC by BACS	Tax and NI	£ 3,023.74
OCC by Cheque	Pension Contributions	£ 4,165.36
Bacs payments to pay		
RBS Ltd	Asset Software	£ 403.80
AIS Ltd	Copier Costs	£ 87.40
A Townsend Architect	Architect OTH	£ 720.00
Aston & James	Stationery	£ 102.91
Lease Plan	Van Lease x 2	£ 338.96
J Clements	Agency	£ 32.40
S Meeuws	Agency	£ 11.70
FCB	Agency	£ 56.00
S Irigoyen	Agency	£ 66.60
J Fennelly	Agency	£ 18.00
Faringdon Folly	Info Ad	£ 39.37
Microsade	Anti Virus	£ 43.20
Filmbank	Film Licence	£ 99.60
Spurgeons	Family service	£ 2,763.08
L Remington	Agency	£ 34.65
A Saunders	Agency	£ 45.00
The Place	Agency	£ 29.00
Skylight	Outdoor Cinema	£ 897.00
CIS	Hosted IT	£ 114.00
JB Kerr	OTH Renovation	£ 8,757.89
Loveden Booklet	Agency	£ 7.00
Faringdon History Society	Stock	£ 29.09

ANLX	Web hosting	£ 22.80
Ellis Whittam,	HR and HS Services	£ 3,057.00
Active	Plumbing	£ 2.59
Direct Debits		
Coop Bank	CC repay	£ 442.55
VWHDC	C/Ex Rates	£ 761.00
VWHDC	Phouse Rates	£ 363.00
Castle Water	PH Water	£ 38.76
Castle Water	CEX Water	£ 51.45
Barclay card	Merchant fees	£ 31.36
Fuel Card services	Fuel	£ 33.95
British Gas	PHP Electric to be reimbursed	£ 361.52
British Gas	CEX Electric	£ 1,094.96
British Gas	OTH Electric	£ 304.66
British Gas	PH Electric	£ 322.95
British Gas	PH Gas	£ 452.17
O2	Mobiles	£ 67.91
Mainstream	Telephone	£ 117.12
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 41,906.17