

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Bentley (Chair)
Boulton
Burns
Castle
Smith
Thomas
Webb
Wise
Morgan (online)

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
4 members of public

1/2/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Finn, Cllr. Leniec, Cllr. Martin, D/Cllr. Grant

2/2/23 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 9th January 2023

It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 be SIGNED as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

3/2/23 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/2/23 Public Participation Time

1. Members received and discussed a question from two local residents attending the meeting concerning the need for urgent protection of families crossing Park Road to get to the new Primary School (Folly View Primary) - particularly at the popular crossing point at the Volunteer Way Bus Stop - along with a survey they have conducted amongst concerned parents and carers. The following suggestions were made:
 - Place a SID at suitable location to be determined, programmed to say "Children crossing"
 - D/Cllr. Thomas has requested Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) highways officer meeting to be attended by the Clerk, and parents representative
 - Contact Faringdon Learning Trust at FCC ref local residents' concerns about the road crossing to the new school and including the survey carried out.
 - Add to agenda of next Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee (FATAC) meeting being held on 13th March 2023
 - New 20mph limit for whole town which includes this crossing has been requested – decision being made by OCC on 23rd February 2023.

2. Members received and discussed a series of questions from a local resident very concerned about footpaths and A420 crossings including
 - footpaths that cross the A420 between the roundabout and Little Coxwell turn
 - Need for path connecting FCC to new Primary School
 - possible potential paths connecting new estates to the Leisure Park e.g to tennis courts / cycle park.Resident was advised to contact FixMyStreet about overgrown vegetation. Clerk to send the latest FATAAC minutes to the resident for information and questions will also be taken to the next FATAAC meeting.
3. Members also considered a further question from a resident regarding possible barrier for safety at the end of the Fernham Road where it meets the A420 opposite the Little Coxwell turn. To be referred to FATAAC

5/2/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Members NOTED a report from Thames Valley Police (TVP).

6/2/23 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from C/Cllr. Thomas.

7/2/23 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED a report from D/Cllr. Grant. This included reference to recent decision allowing the new signs at Malvern Tyres. D/Cllr. Thomas agreed to continue pursuing this.

8/2/23 Chair's Activity Report

Members received and NOTED a verbal report from Cllr. Bentley

9/2/23 Reports from Committees

Members received and NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- a) Climate Change Working Party Notes: 9th January 2023
- b) Finance and Audit Committee discussion notes: 16th January 2023
- c) Planning & Highways Committee: 23rd January 2023

10/2/23 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Members NOTED Clerk's external activities to 13th February 2023 including meetings with Faringdon Community College Head and Local MP.
- b) Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED to approve the schedule of payments up to and including 13th February 2023. This was RESOLVED.

11/2/23 Financial Risk Assessment 2022.23

Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED, Cllr. Burns SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the Financial Risk Assessment 2022.23

12/2/23 Faringdon Police Station

- a) Members NOTED correspondence
- b) Members considered next steps with reference to the building which they are given to understand will be sold subject to negotiations between OCC and TVP without detriment to the provision of either the local police or fire services.
 - Clerk to invite Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, to attend an FTC meeting.

- Cllr. Thomas and Clerk will check whether FTC can apply for the building to be an Asset of Community Value. If the answer is Yes, this item to be put on next Full Council agenda.

13/2/23 Calendar of Meetings

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to approve the draft calendar of meetings from 1st April 2023 to 30th April 2024.

14/2/23 Airspace Change Proposal

Members received and considered stakeholder engagement correspondence from RAF Brize Norton regarding airspace change proposal. Clerk to respond thanking them for consulting FTC but with no specific comments.

15/2/23 Elections May 2023

- a) Members NOTED dates and information
- b) Members considered the engagement plan and volunteers were allocated to different engagement events.
- Clerk to include note in next FTC Newsletter about requirement for ID at voting stations

16/2/23 County Councillor Priority Fund (CCPF)

Members APPROVED the application form to the CCPF to request funding to replace broken bench on Folly Path.

17/2/23 Items for information only

- Councillor volunteers were allocated to meet up with Oxford Brookes architecture students visiting Faringdon on Tuesday 14th February.

18/2/23 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email from 3rd January 2023 up to and including 13th February 2023. This included a request from VoWHDC for information for their new equalities database for which they are gathering local knowledge about voluntary organisations/groups that relate to 'protected characteristics' ref the Equality Act 2010. Members agreed to go ahead with passing on any relevant information held.

19/2/23 Action list

Members NOTED the update.

20/2/23 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Items for 13th March 2023 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 7th March 2023.

Due to the confidential nature of Item 21 item Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED it be discussed in confidential session. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

21/2/23 Climate Change Officer

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to extend the Climate Change Officer post for another 6 months from 1st March 2023.

Meeting closed at: 20.55 pm