

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 10am in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Present: District Cllr. Mark Coleman (Chair)
C/Cllr Thomas (online)
T/Cllr Boulton
T/Cllr Wise
D/Cllr Foxhall (online)
Cllr. Yarwood (non-voting)
Lesley Kinch (Magistrate)

In attendance: Chris Hulme – Thames Valley Police (online)
Lee Turner – Officer Oxfordshire County Council (online)
Sally Thurston – Town Clerk
4 members of the public (2 online)

1. Apologies for absence

Stuart Dudley – Stagecoach West

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Participation Time

Members of the public are invited to speak for up to 3 mins on any item detailed on the agenda. A maximum of 15 mins public speaking is allocated. Questions can be submitted up to 3 working days in advance.

4. Minutes of the meetings: Monday 11th December 2023 and Monday 23rd January 2024

**5. Action updates and matters arising
Monday 11th December 2023**

- a) Littleworth would like a similar crossing e.g. a Pelican Crossing and appropriate speed restriction. Added to list for consideration at OCC
- b) Buscot Parish Council resident raised concerns regarding speed limits between Faringdon and Lechlade with specific reference to:
 - 30mph on the A417 as it passes Buscot village and Buscot Wick
 - 20mph in the village of Buscot going down towards the river
 - 40mph through Eaton Hastings
 - 50mph for the remainder of the A417 between Faringdon and Lechlade.

This is moving forward under general business within OCC
- c) Hinton Waldrist pedestrian/cyclist island refuge: issue raised by Longworth Parish Council asking for consideration to be given for adding a pedestrian/cyclist refuge on the A420. Will be added to list for consideration but unlikely to be undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year.
- d) Chris Hulme of TVP provided information and contacts
- e) Task and finish group regarding bus review to be set up following town council decision
- f) Bus lane enforcement – ST continuing to follow up and also to email TVP.
- g) Real time information to be put on some Faringdon bus stops
- h) MC wrote to X35 to request stopping on Park RD – this is now happening.

- i) Abingdon bus to be put on the task and finish group
- j) Anti-social behaviour on bus reported to FTC
- k) Traffic Bollards on Park Road: Tesco have been contacted about damaged bollards which are their responsibility. A list with photos of other damaged bollards has been forwarded to OCC. BT to chase and walk round with Town Clerk
- l) Henry Blake Way: Cllr. Thomas will continue to try and resolve the issues here as soon as possible.
- m) 20mph changes – ST to contact relevant officers to ask if consultation took place.

Monday 23rd January 2024

- a) Diversions of the A420 through villages. Cllr. Thomas and CH explained that formal diversion plans were in place and options were limited. All diversions were on the south side of the A420 so villages would be affected. Issues may arise from people selecting their own route. It was suggested that more appropriate and clear signs should be in place – FATAC request that highways officers visit parishes to review permanent diversion signs. LT will action. It was suggested that heavy goods vehicles should be turned around. CH confirmed that police would have authority to turn vehicles around but in an emergency situation it is unlikely that this would be actioned. It was suggested that the diversion routes were changed to state they are not suitable for HGVs. LT will provide details of who to contact to request this.
- b) FATAC are not in a position to request officer visit's to individual parishes. Parishes are advised to discuss A420 issues directly with their County Councillor who can raise either at FATAC or with officers on their behalf.

6. County Council Highways Officer's Update Report for Faringdon Area

- A420 / Fernham Road - Pedestrian / cyclist island & footway links. £60k CIL funding, on list for delivery 2024/25 Financial Year. Detailed design underway.
- A420 / Longcot turn – Pedestrian Refuge. £101k A&RSF, **programmed to start on site 18/03/24.**
- A420, north of Faringdon to south of Great Coxwell - Reduce speed limit (50mph?) on 24/25 A&RSF for investigation.
- A420 Buckland – 'Pedestrians crossing' signs and Home Farm signs. On 24/25 A&RSF program.
- A417 Faringdon to Lechlade - Reduction to 50mph (excluding 40mph through Eaton Hastings) on 24/25 A&RSF for investigation.
- A417 through Eaton Hastings 40mph speed limit – consultation finished 1/3/24, objections received. Report to future Cabinet Members Decision meeting.
- Besselsleigh – Changing 'Parklands Campus' signs to 'Parklands Manor' and relocation of settlement sign. **Programmed to start on site 18/03/24.** Relocation of 50mph speed limit on future list subject to consultation & funding.
- Cumnor – Puffin Crossing on Cumnor Hill at Arnolds Way – Traffic signal and civils detailed design being finalised. Delivery 2024/25 FY due to lead in times on signal equipment. Quotation received (£165k) To be ordered shortly.

- East Challow – SIDs to be provided along the A417 by developer. Installed but need to be checked.
- Frilford – Reduction in speed limit on the A338 (30 / 40mph) in conjunction with the Parish Meeting. **Programmed to start on site 25/03/24.**
- Gainfield – Ongoing discussions with PC regarding upgrading speed limit signs & road markings, and installation of SIDs. On 24/25 A&RSF program.
- Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor – Zebra crossing on the A415 between Faringdon Road and Oxford Road – **COMPLETED 5/3/24.**
- Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor – Wigwags with advisory 20 / children crossing signs on Faringdon Road either side of footpath link to school. **Installed, commissioning date 19/3/24.**
- Little Coxwell – Upgrading signage at speed limit terminals completed. Repairs to fence and new gate onto A420 ordered.
- Littleworth – Solar streetlights at the A420 bus stops. **Programmed to start on site 20/3/24.** Provision of dropped kerb on south side of A420 at Swindon bound bus stop. Completed.
- Shrivenham – SID locations agreed with PC, poles to be ordered. Completed.
- Stanford in the Vale – Provision of dropped kerbs on Horsecroft On 24/25 A&RSF program.

7. **Parish Matters**
Covered above

8. **Faringdon Matters**

To receive and consider any matters causing issues, and updates on ongoing matters, in Faringdon:

- a) Church Street – reports of illegal parking and dangerous driving had been received. Cllr. Thomas will follow up with an email to civil enforcement to highlight as a hotspot.
- b) 20MPH – covered above.
- c) General road and pavement condition throughout the town.
Cllr. Wise reported that several residents had come forward to report issues with people with mobility issues using pavements. FTC will carry out a survey in April.
Cllr. Wise also reported pavements are in a poor state following broadband installation. BT reported that officers were inspecting this and taking remedial action to ensure contractors meet their obligations. BT advised that all issues observed should be reported on fix my street. Cllr. Thomas would follow up in contacting the inspection team.
- d) Highworth Rd layby – Cllrs and officers have tried to resolve this issue. Cllrs. Thomas and Edwards will contact planning enforcement for clarification on planning conditions. Another letter would subsequently be written to the developer. The road surface is also being monitored.

9. **A420 Safety**

- a) To receive and consider updates – see above. Cllr. Thomas thanks LT and team for action and work undertaken so far.

Pot holes on the A420 were raised as an issue on the carriageway between Watchfield and Faringdon. It is on the task list and is regularly inspected. LT would check the inspection and reporting regime. This should also be reported on fix my street by all.

- b) To receive an update on officer visits to parishes adjacent to the A420 – see above.

10. Bus Service Task and Finish Group

Cllr. Coleman was elected to represent FATAC on the task and finish group.

11. Items for Information / next agenda items

- a) Traffic lights at the Maybush need resetting – recommended that this be reported online via this link: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/traffic-signals>
- b) Better signage on Radcot bridge – in hand new signs planned.

Meeting closed at 11.35am