

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee
held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 10am
in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Present: District Cllr. Mark Coleman (Chair)
C/Cllr Thomas
T/Cllr Boulton
T/Cllr Webb (Deputising for Cllr. Ford)
D/Cllr Foxhall
Lesley Kinch (Magistrate)
Stuart Dudley – Stagecoach (online)

In attendance: Lee Turner – Officer Oxfordshire County Council
Sally Thurston – Town Clerk
3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Chris Hulme – Thames Valley Police, Cllr. Ford

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Boulton Coxwell Street parking

3. Public Participation Time

1. Faringdon Community College Parking

Three members of the public attended to raise the issue of dangerous parking by parents, students and staff on Fernham Rd and Carters Crescent. Residents felt that a serious issue was imminent. It was requested that zig zags and white lines are extended and appropriate parking restrictions implemented to improve safety.

LT:

- Will investigate extending zig zags.
- Dangerous parking should be reported to the police.
- White lines are used on junctions and can be implemented quicker and cheaper than double yellow lines. However, if there are other yellow lines being installed in the town they can be added to the traffic order. It should be noted that children can be dropped off on yellow lines.
- The current white lines are unfinished, they will be completed in the near future.

BT:

Suggested that a member of the academy be invited to the FATAAC meeting ongoing as school parking causes issues regularly. ST would send the date of the next meeting and invite a representative.

MC:

Suggested the Neighbourhood police team were informed and requested to attend regularly. ST will email the Neighbourhood police team and ask them to attend from September.

A review of yellow lines was suggested. ST would enquire with the OCC parking team as to what restrictions are possible and could be added to the current reviews throughout the town. If restrictions are advised, ST will request that parking restrictions around the Community College are progressed as part of the current scheme with the Town Council Planning and Highways Committee.

2. A resident in Gloucester St reported parking in the vicinity of my home is difficult and requested residents' parking. ST will respond that this is being investigated.
3. A resident enquired why a 10mph sign had been removed from King Street – an estate off Cowell Rd. LT advised this road has not yet been adopted so is in the control of the developer. The resident is advised to contact the developer to request the sign be reinstated as without a sign it is 30mph. It was requested that the section of Coxwell Rd that is 60mph be made 40mph, as they felt it is currently unsafe for pedestrians and a buffer is needed on the approach to the 30mph. This was considered. LT advised that development is still ongoing, and it is likely the 30mph will be extended with the development. ST would advise the resident.
4. **Minutes of the meetings: Monday 11th March 2024**
The minutes were signed as a correct record.
5. **Action updates and matters arising**
 - a) Task and finish group regarding bus review has been set up and will take place Wed 12th June. Abingdon bus to be added. **complete**
 - b) Bus lane enforcement – ST continuing to follow up and also to email TVP. BT will support - **ongoing**
 - c) 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 – **ongoing**
 - d) Henry Blake Way: Cllr. Thomas will continue to try and resolve the issues here as soon as possible – **ongoing**
 - e) 20mph – correct process was confirmed - **complete**
 - f) 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 clearer signs be put 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 – ongoing route maps have been received and will be reviewed over summer.
 - g) 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.
 - h) 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 – **complete**
 - i) 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 – **ongoing** Bins in road obstructing pavements which causes issues – **ST to email MC** to request bins are moved

- j) 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 – **complete all reported. Further issues should be reported on fix my street.**
- k) 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 – **ongoing BT will look at planning conditions for making good following works**
- l) 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 – **potholes are checked monthly. There are still issues on this stretch of road. LT will provide a contact for BT to contact to enquire on resolutions planned.**

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 complete. Further funding needs to be identified.
- A420 / Longcot turn – Pedestrian Refuge. £101k A&RSF. Refuge & footway links complete, street lighting ordered.
- A420, north of Faringdon to south of Great Coxwell - Reduce speed limit (50mph?) on 24/25 A&RSF for investigation. Speed surveys carried out, data to be analysed...
- 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. Speed surveys ordered.
- A417 through Eaton Hastings 40mph speed limit – consultation finished 1/3/24, objections received. Report to future Cabinet Members Decision meeting. Approved at CMD, now at procurement stage.
- A417 East Challow to Challow Station – Lower speed limit (surveys only). On 24/25 A&RSF for investigation.
- A417 Challow Station - Review 50mph speed limit, possible reduction to 40mph. On 24/25 A&RSF program.
- B4508 Challow - Lower speed limit (surveys only). On 24/25 A&RSF for investigation.
- Besselsleigh – Changing 'Parklands Campus' signs to 'Parklands Manor' and relocation of settlement sign. **Complete.** Relocation of 50mph speed limit on future list subject to consultation & funding.

- Cumnor – Puffin Crossing on Cumnor Hill at Arnolds Way – Construction programmed to start on 15th July 2024 for 5 weeks.
- East Challow – SIDs to be provided along the A417 by developer. Installed but need to be checked. After checking, require relocating.
- Faringdon, London Road - Lower speed limit (surveys only). On 24/25 A&RSF for investigation.
- Frilford – Reduction in speed limit on the A338 (30 / 40mph) in conjunction with the Parish Meeting. **Complete.**
- Gainfield – Ongoing discussions with PC regarding upgrading speed limit signs & road markings, and installation of SIDs. On 24/25 A&RSF program and ordered.
- Little Coxwell – Repairs to fence and new gate onto A420 ordered.
- Littleworth – Solar streetlights at the A420 bus stops. **Installed** – bus stop pole to be moved from middle of footway.
- Stanford in the Vale – Provision of dropped kerbs on Horsecroft. On 24/25 A&RSF program and ordered.

7. **Parish Matters**

- a) Fyfield and Tubey enquired on the progress of extension of footpath to PharmaGenesis. LT advised this is on a long list for the future but is not on the 2024.25 schedule. LT will email the chair of the Parish Council.
- b) Fernham residents from social housing bungalows have requested a dropped kerb from carpark for safety reasons. KF asked if this could be investigated. It was confirmed this is an adopted path. KF will email LT with a request.
- c) Little Coxwell - Faringdon quarry lorries are still using the Coxwell road to turn. This should be reported directly to the quarry.
- d) B4019 – past Holloway toward Badbury Clump. Two signs have fallen. LT will check.
- e) Little Coxwell – have enquired about a no overtaking zone on the A420 past the LC junction. LT reported there are double white lines on the junction which prohibit overtaking.

8. **Faringdon Matters**

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

- a) Faringdon Community College Parking - dealt with above.
- b) Coxwell Street Parking – the community bus reported that parking here causes issues for the bus. It has been requested that double yellows be extended here, and residents parking installed. We are awaiting the final list and design for the town council to approve. ST will respond to FCB with update.
- c) Bromsgrove parking – this has been raised with BT who will investigate fully.
- d) The Lees Parking – dangerous car parking has been raised adjacent to the carpark (Portway). Restrictions are in place. Enforcement would be requested.

9. **A420 Safety**

See update above.

Parishes should be reminded that they should contact OCC or their C/Cllrs directly, via their clerk, if they have issues.

Crossing the A420 at Littleworth is difficult, particularly for residents who cannot move quickly. A crossing has been requested and is on a list for consideration and assessment. LT advised new crossings allow time to cross for residents of all abilities.

BT asked if times to cross could be extended on Faringdon crossings – BT was advised to contact signals team for clarification. LT further advised that even if the green man goes out it does not mean the traffic light will go green.

10. Items for Information / next agenda items

- It was agreed that a Faringdon Fire and Safety officer should be asked to join FATAC – this would be put on the next agenda to change the constitution.
- Parishes have asked how they know when meetings will be. County Councillors are responsible for communicating the date of the meetings and distributing the minutes to their parishes, and also for bringing matters to FATAC. County Councillors should be contacted directly if they are not providing this information.
- Date of next meeting: Monday 9th September 2024
- The committee thanked the Town Clerk for her service to the committee over many years, as this was her last meeting as clerk.