

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee
held on Monday 9th December 2024 at 10.00am
in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Present: D/Cllr Mark Coleman (Chair)
C/Cllr Thomas (also deputising for C/Cllr Constance)
Chris Hulme – Thames Valley Police
T/Cllr Webb (Deputising for Cllr. Ford)
D/Cllr Foxhall (online)
Lesley Kinch – Magistrate

In attendance: T/Cllr Boulton
Claire Ellson – Business Manager, Faringdon Community College
Lee Turner – Countywide Team Leader, Traffic & Road Safety Officer, Oxfordshire County Council
Rosabella Angira – Traffic Officer, Oxfordshire County Council
Andy Ford – Traffic & Road Safety Team Leader, Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
Andy Sweeney – Place Planning Co-ordination Team, Oxfordshire County Council
Katherine Doughty – Faringdon Town Clerk
One member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

T/Cllr. Ford, Stuart Dudley (Stagecoach), D/Cllr Edwards and C/Cllr Ash were not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation Time

Query raised regarding broken street signs in Fernham. It was recommended that the member of public record (Fernham Parish Councillor) the problem(s) on Fixmystreet.com with What3Words location identifier.

4. Minutes of the meeting: Monday 9th September 2024

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on the 9th September were signed as a correct record.

5. Updated constitution

It was noted that the Annual General Meeting will be held in June each year. It was resolved to adopt the updated constitution at Appendix A.

6. Action updates and matters arising

Members referred to the outstanding Actions List at Appendix B.

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

- A420 / Fernham Road - Pedestrian / cyclist island & footway / cycleway links. £180k CIL funding. Provisional construction start date 6th January 2025.

- A420 / Longcot turn – Pedestrian Refuge. £101k A&RSF. Refuge & footway links complete, street lighting ordered and being chased. Wayleave with National Trust to get power taking a long time to sort.
- A420, north of Faringdon to south of Great Coxwell - Reduce speed limit to 50mph. Approved, as were all of the sections of the A420 that were proposed to be lowered to 50mph. Implementation by 31/03/25 anticipated.
- A420 Buckland – ‘Pedestrians crossing’ signs and Home Farm signs. Ordered. Installation in the New Year.
- A417 Faringdon to Lechlade - Reduction to 50mph (excluding 40mph through Eaton Hastings). Speed surveys completed. Design & consultation only 2024/25.
- A417 through Eaton Hastings 40mph speed limit – **Complete.**
- A417 East Challow to Challow Station – Lower speed limit (surveys only). **Complete.**
- A417 Challow Station - Review 50mph speed limit, reduction to 40mph. Speed surveys completed. Design & consultation only 2024/25.
- B4508 Challow - Lower speed limit (surveys only). **Complete.**
- Besselsleigh – Relocation of 50mph speed limit being progressed by colleagues in our Vision Zero Team.
- Cumnor – Puffin Crossing on Cumnor Hill at Arnolds Way. **Complete.**
- East Challow – SIDs to be provided along the A417 by developer. Installed but need to be checked. After checking, require relocating.
- Faringdon, London Road - Reduce speed limit to 40mph. Approved, implementation by 31/03/25 anticipated.
- Fernham – Provision of dropped kerbs at Elmside. **Complete.**
- Gainfield – Ongoing discussions with PC regarding upgrading speed limit signs & road markings, and installation of SIDs. **Complete.**
- Little Coxwell – Repairs to fence and new gate onto A420 ordered. **Complete.**
- 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 at Horsecroft. Programmed for 2/12/24.

The Chair thanked the Officer for all his support.

8. Parish Matters

To receive and consider any matters causing issues and updates on ongoing matters in Faringdon Division parishes.

- a) Appleton Parish Council - The Plough bend – Suggest any issues are logged on FMS. No signage recommended (placemaking perspective is to remove signs to prevent urbanization). Suggest they monitor. Items 10 and 11 added to LT's list at Appendix B re Oaksmere.
- b) It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council Highway Enquiries should be called (0345 310 1111) to report matters that require an urgent response. These are forwarded to Thames Valley Police outside of normal working hours.

9. Faringdon Matters

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

- a) Speeding traffic in Marlborough Gardens – suggested having a Speed Indicator Device at this location. Vehicle survey scheduled for before Xmas to inform decision making. **Ongoing.**
- b) Junction of Bromsgrove/Ferndale Road – Junction markings needed to be redone. **Complete.**
- c) Carters Crescent - FCC will raise parking issues again with parents parking **Ongoing.**

(Clare Ellson, FCC left the meeting).

10. A420 Safety

To receive and consider updates.

Reduction to 50mph consultation is ongoing and refuge changes at Fernham Road will start in March 2025. CH provided an overview of the broader scheme. Work will be undertaken in two halves – Bourton to Southmoor first, then Southmoor to Cumnor bypass. Use of cameras is being considered by TVP.

Vision Zero is looking at the A420. Speed limit streaming to reduce the ups-downs and changing driver's behaviour is being considered. Needs to be funded.

11. Items for Information / next agenda items

AF shared information on roads and community safety services. Various campaigns are held throughout the year. To provide an update on a focus (presentation to follow by email).

BT A420 safety meeting has historically been held in January. A specific meeting was decided not to be held as it was felt to be already suitably covered.

AS suggested that the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (West & Vale) and how rail affects the plan, is added to the agenda.

Date of next meeting: Monday 10th March 2024 @ 10.00am. Meetings will be on the third Monday of every quarter (instead of the second).

The Committee Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

Meeting finished at 11.55am.

FARINGDON AREA TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Constitution

Oxfordshire County Council has approved the formation of Traffic Advisory Committees in urban areas where more detailed consideration should be given to proposals and a wide range of comments sought.

The Constitution of the Committee will generally be as follows:-

Town Council	2 Members and 1 Substitute
County Council	2 Members and 1 Substitute
District Council	2 Members and 1 Substitute
Magistrates Court	1 Member

(Three members from the above shall constitute a quorum. Members online will form part of the quorum)

Representatives (non-voting members) are:-

OCC Highways	1 Officer
Thames Valley Police	1 Officer
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service	1 Officer
Stagecoach representative	1 Officer

(Written reports or substitutes representing these organisations will be required when the usual officer cannot attend).

The Chairmen of local Parish Councils will be informed by their relevant County Councillor of the dates of future meetings and can be invited to attend in order to speak on issues relevant to their parish but not to vote.

The area covered by the Committee is shown in Appendix 1.

Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be chosen from the members forming the quorum. The selection shall be open to all those members and rotational. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected on an annual basis, with a maximum term of office of 2 years.

Meetings

Meetings shall be held 4 times per year (March, June, September and December)

The AGM will be held in June.

Meeting dates and time to be agreed annually at the AGM

Minutes of Meetings

Administration of the Committee will be undertaken by the Clerk (or an Assistant Clerk) to the Town Council.

Public Access

Members of the public have the right to address the Committee for not more than five minutes, provided the statement is related to an item on the agenda or is within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Requests to address a meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk to the Committee before 12.30pm on the last working day preceding the meeting, and any such request shall be passed to the Chair or Vice Chair, or to the Chair on the day of the meeting with the Committee's approval

Responsibilities

The following is a list of those items which may be raised for discussion:-

- (a) Traffic management matters in relation to existing road systems, eg One-Way systems, weight restrictions, prohibition of turns;
- (b) Traffic signs and road markings;
- (c) Mini-roundabouts;
- (d) Traffic signals;
- (e) Pedestrian crossings;
- (f) Footpaths;
- (g) Condition of both roads and footpaths;
- (h) Street lighting;
- (i) School safety
- (j) Car parking (on and off street);
- (k) Road safety engineering;
- (l) Traffic calming;
- (m) Rural traffic matters.

Other items may be raised but where these are not the direct responsibility of the Committee, a note will be made and passed to the appropriate section.

APPENDIX 1 - PARISH AREAS COVERED BY THE FARINGDON AREA TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

County Division (Kingston & Cumnor)

Appleton & Eaton, Besselsleigh, Charney Bassett, Cumnor, Denchworth, East Hanney, Frilford, Fyfield & Tubney, Garford, Goosey, Hatford, Hinton Waldrist, Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor, Longworth, Lyford, Pusey, Shellingford, Stanford-in-the-Vale and West Hanney

County Division (Faringdon)

Coleshill, Buscot, Eaton Hastings, Faringdon, Lt. Coxwell, Gt. Coxwell, Littleworth, Buckland and Gainfield

County Division (Shrivenham)

Ashbury; Baulking; Bourton (Shrivenham); Childrey; Compton Beauchamp; East Challow: North Parish Ward ; East Challow: South East Parish Ward ; Fernham; Kingston Lisle; Letcombe Bassett; Letcombe Regis; Longcot; Shrivenham; Sparshot; Uffington; Watchfield; West Challow; Woolstone

Actions from FATAAC 9th December 2024

Task	Person	Status
Minutes of meeting – send for approval and draft on web	KD	✓
June Actions		
1. Faringdon Community College - Investigate extending zig zags at Carters Crescent. Ongoing	LT	
2. 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 & Highways Committee. KD to check if FTC is paying for the proposed yellow lines TRO. (Carters Crescent is not to be pursued for yellow lines so that the work does not jeopardise FTC's scheme). Other matters to be considered. Ongoing	ST / KD	Ongoing
3. Bus lane camera enforcement – KD follow up email to Keith Stenning, TVP. BT will support. Update received – bus lane is being considered for ANPR. If successful, installation will be March/April 2025. (For future updates).	ST / KD	✓
4. Traffic bollards on Park Road – Tesco have been contacted about damaged bollards – they report they are not their responsibility (BT/KD to check). A list with photos of other damaged bollards has been forwarded to OCC. BT to chase and walk around with Clerk. All bollards on Park Road to be reviewed. Bethia to report on FMS. Roundabout at Coxwell Road/Park Road bollards need to be reviewed also. To do	BT / KD	
5. Try to resolve the issues at Henry Blake Way (retail park). Highway is not adopted/ransom strip. KD to walk around with BT to understand. To do	BT	
6. Diversions of the A420 through villages. Visit parishes to review permanent diversion signs and consider whether it is appropriate for 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs to be installed (Network Team). Review signs. Ongoing	LT	
7. Parklands Campus signs – Relocation of 50mph speed limit now with OCC Vision Zero Team. Cabinet decision scheduled for March. Ongoing	LT	
8. B4019 – past Holloway toward Badbury Clump. Two signs have fallen on both sides – to be checked. Complete? (TBC)	LT	
December Actions		
9. <i>'A417 Faringdon to Lechlade - Reduction to 50mph (excluding 40mph through Eaton Hastings). Speed surveys completed. Design & consultation only 2024/25. BT queried re 20/30mph limit introductions.'</i> Lee check with Vision Zero to ask that they review the A417 through Buscot Village to reduce the speed from 40mph to 30mph.	LT	
10. Appleton PC – Oaksmere bend needs improving. Dragons teeth need improving. Safety issues. Investigate	LT	
11. Appleton PC – Oaksmere - No footpath or street lights, both needed. Investigate	LT	
12. Investigate PROWs routes near Oaksmere to assist with walking/connections.	AS	