

## FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. J.C.W. Gillman (Town Mayor)  
Mrs. M.J. Barker (Deputy Mayor)  
Mrs. J. Boulton  
R. Cox  
A.V. Hickmore  
D. Hughes  
A. Marsden  
N.S. O'Keeffe  
Dr. M. Wise

**In Attendance:** D/Cllr. Mrs. A. Thomson  
0 Members of Public  
The Town Clerk & Assistant Clerk

#### **149/08 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Boyle, S. Leniec and D. Price.

#### **149/08 Council Vacancy : Co-option of New Member**

No candidates came forward to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. S. Vinall. The Clerk was instructed to place an advertisement in the next edition of the Faringdon Folly to publicise the vacancy.

#### **150/08 Minutes of last meeting : 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

#### **151/08 Matters Arising & Action List**

*Min. 143/08:* Cllr. Hickmore apologised that he had not carried out this action. It was NOTED that all other actions arising from the previous Minutes had been completed.

#### **152/08 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **153/08 Public Question Time**

No questions had been received.

#### **154/08 Public Speaking Time**

(a) Report from Thames Valley Police

Members received a report from Sgt. Tony Maddison, the recently appointed Sergeant for Faringdon. This was tabled at the meeting and NOTED. Cllr. Gillman suggested that the Police should be allowed to make free use of a room for a forthcoming meeting of PubWatch and it was AGREED that should should either be a Venues

Committee decision or, in the case of the Old Town Hall, the Faringdon War Memorial Trust.

(b) Members of the Public

There were no members of public present.

### **155/08 County Councillor's Report**

C/Cllr. Mrs. Heathcoat had submitted a written report in her absence, which was NOTED.

### **156/08 District Councillors' Report**

D/Cllr. Cox had submitted a written report and read out a letter he had recently received from D/Cllr. Richard Farrell confirming a proposal to gift the Corn Exchange to the Town Council. Cllr. Hickmore proposed that a meeting of the group delegated by the Finance Committee to deal with this matter should be held as soon as possible to discuss D/Cllr. Farrell's letter with a view to reporting to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

D/Cllr. Mrs. Thomson reported on her intervention in a problem being experienced by an elderly resident of a Housing Association property, and that this had now been successfully resolved. She expressed her concern about the decreasing vibrancy of the town centres of Abingdon and Wantage and expressed the view that the proposed Tesco store might have a similar effect on Faringdon town centre. Cllr. Hickmore stated that no decision had yet been made on the proposed new store and a full consultation with residents would be carried out before any decision was made.

### **157/08 Chairman's Activity Report**

The Chairman gave a verbal report during which he paid tribute to the F.C. & T.I.C. for arranging such a successful Familiarisation Day.

### **158/08 Reports from Committees**

*Planning & Highways : 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September*

Cllr. Hickmore reported on the meeting held on the previous evening, which was attended by Mr. Jonathon Ede from Builders Ede, who presented his proposal for the building of a Neurological Centre on land adjacent to the Fernham Gate development.

*Venues : 9<sup>th</sup> September* : The Minutes were NOTED.

### **159/08 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**

1. The following bills required authorization and payment.

Gold Dust Commercial	Office cleaning	322.00
	Pump House/TIC cleaning	100.00
Mr. T. Wheeler	Bus shelter cleaning	60.00
Three Counties Business Machines	Photocopier charges	81.59
VWHDC	Pump House Council Tax	342.00
VWHDC	Dog Bin Servicing Charge	243.64
Travis Perkins	Materials for Church path repair	118.65
R. Peacock	Labour charge for church path repair	130.00

R. Peacock	Pump House wall repair	20.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	127.09
Mrs. J. Rennie	Reimb. For court charges & office equip.	39.95
MoreThanIT	Inst. and integration of new computer	603.25
J.P. Larkin Electrical	Thermostat ó P/House	70.41
Cotswold Coolers	Bottled water	14.10
Post Office Ltd.	Van Tax	185.00
S.L.C.C.	Reference Books	45.20
S.L.C.C.	CiLCA Registration Fee	150.00
S.L.C.C.	Working for your Council Course	195.00
Imprest Wages A/c	Salaries for September (inc. £160 P/Cash)	11393.21

**TOTAL F.T.C. INVOICES** **14473.36**

*F.C. & T.I.C. Invoices*

Marion Holly	Stock purchases	7.80
Tourism South East	Stock purchases	4.52
Simplyicons	Stock purchases	83.94

*Agency Sales:*

Celia Brown	Artist of the Month Sales	17.10
Naomi Whale	Card Sales	4.10
Faringdon Community Bus	Ticket Sales (Weeks 23-27)	203.00

**TOTAL F.C. & T.I.C. INVOICES** **320.46**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Hickmore, seconded by Cllr. J. Gillman and CARRIED that the above bills be authorised for payment.

**160/08 Previously notified Members' Questions under S/Order No. 24**

The following question had been received from Cllr. A. Hickmore:

1. *What progress is being made on the Council newsletter and has a meeting been planned to consider the content?*

It was NOTED that no progress had been made.

2. *Have Chairs of Committees asked voluntary groups if they may attend voluntary meetings of their groups and, if so, which Chairs and which Groups?*

Cllr. Hickmore stated that he had already contacted four groups. Cllr. O'Keefe suggested that an invitation should be printed in the Faringdon Folly inviting organisations to contact the Clerk if they wished to have a Council representation at their meetings.

3. *Has contact been made with JEFF to consider their constitutional arrangements?*

Cllr. Wise undertook to bring this to the attention of JEFF at their A.G.M. being held on the following evening. He also stated that he intended to propose Cllr. Marsden for Chair for the following year.

4. *What actions have been taken to promote a constituted bye-election for the available space on Town Council?*

The Clerk reminded members that no bye-election could be called for the existing vacancy, as this was out of time.

**161/08 Focus on Faringdon**

*To receive report from Cllr. Ms. Farmer on her attendance at a recent meeting.*

In the absence of Cllr. Ms. Farmer, this item was deferred to the next meeting and the Clerk was asked to request a report from Cllr. Ms. Farmer.

**162/08 Recreation & Open Spaces Committee**

Council were asked to consider a further request to appoint additional members. Cllr. N. O'Keeffe indicated his willingness to serve on the Committee and it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that he be duly appointed.

**163/08 Correspondence**

The contents of the correspondence box were NOTED.

DRAFT