

## FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in the Council Chamber, The Corn Exchange, Faringdon

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Dr. M. Wise (Town Mayor)  
Mrs. M.J. Barker (Deputy Mayor)  
Mrs. J. Boulton  
R. Cox  
J.C.W. Gillman  
K.J. Herbert  
A.V. Hickmore  
D. Keeble  
S. Leniec  
A. Marsden  
N.S. O’Keeffe  
D. Price

**In Attendance:** 0 Members of Public  
1 Member of the Press  
The Town Clerk

#### 114/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Boyle and Ms. J. Farmer.

#### 115/09 Council Vacancy : Co-option of New Member

Mr. Kevin Herbert indicated his wish to serve on the Town Council and he was invited to give a short presentation. Cllr. Mrs. Barker proposed that Mr. Herbert be co-opted onto the Council, which was seconded by Cllr. Keeble and CARRIED. Mr. Herbert gave his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

#### 116/09 Minutes of last meeting : 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

#### 117/09 Matters Arising & Action List

*Min. 108/09:* Cllr. O’Keeffe stated that he had raised the matter of the roadworks at the TAC meeting, but it was felt there was nothing further action required, but that the Town Council’s concerns were NOTED.

*Min. 108/09:* Cllr. Mrs. Barker queried whether Faringdon would be applying for LEADER funding, but Cllr. Hickmore felt it was unlikely Faringdon could benefit as the funding was aimed at agricultural businesses instead of for general use. The Chairman asked Cllr. Mrs. Boulton to raise the matter with Toby Warren at the next JEFF meeting and asked for information as to how the Committee who had set the criteria had been elected.

#### 118/09 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

### **120/09 Public Speaking Time**

#### **(a) Report from Thames Valley Police**

A report from PC Mike Bennett, which was tabled at the meeting was NOTED. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police thanking them for their handling of the recent robbery outside Lloyds Bank, which was handled extremely sensitively and with swift arrests being made.

#### **(b) Members of the Public**

Mr. A. Cane congratulated the Council on the swift replacement of the noise limiter in the Corn Exchange and reminded members of the Faringdon Arts Festival which would take place the following weekend.

### **121/09 County Councillor's Report**

C/Cllr. Mrs. Heathcoat tabled a written report, which was NOTED.

### **122/09 District Councillors' Report**

Cllr. Cox gave a verbal report which was NOTED. Cllr. Hickmore reported that D/Cllr. Barber had recently been elected as the Conservative Party Leader for the VWHDC and it was AGREED that a letter of congratulations would be sent to D/Cllr. Barber. D/Cllr. Cox confirmed that he had also been elected as Deputy Conservative Party Leader and he was congratulated.

### **123/09 Chairman's Activity Report**

Cllr. Wise tabled a written report, which was NOTED.

### **124/09 Reports from Committees**

*Planning & Highways : 16<sup>th</sup> June* – The Minutes were NOTED.

Item No. 6: Cllr. Cox reported that he was in communication with some of the Fernham Gate residents regarding the recent dumping of materials on the SSSI by Builders Ede and formal enforcement action would be taken by the VWHDC Enforcement Officer against them.

Cllr. Leniec expressed his concern that, as the SSSI was actually within the Great Coxwell parish boundary, they would have a major influence of any development of the site, whilst it would have little impact on them. He suggested that the P&H Committee should consider applying for a re-designation of the Faringdon boundary to the A420.

*Finance & Audit : 17<sup>th</sup> June*

Cllr. Leniec proposed that the decision made under Min. 47/09 be APPROVED, which was seconded and CARRIED and the Minutes were NOTED.

*Venues : 23<sup>rd</sup> June* – The Minutes were NOTED.

### **125/09 Reports from Outside Committees**

*Neighbourhood Action Group (Faringdon West) : 9<sup>th</sup> June*

The Minutes were NOTED. Cllr. Hickmore expressed concern regarding Min. No. 3.6.3. that the Faringdon Chamber of Commerce was not the most appropriate organisation to supply information regarding vulnerable people in the local community and suggested that there were more appropriate organisations who should be contacted.

## Economic Forum for Faringdon

one member following Cllr. Hickmore's resignation  
suggested that Cllr. Herbert be appointed, which was

seconded and CARRIED.

### 127/09 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

#### BILLS TO BE PAID

1. The following invoices require payment.

North Berks Football League	Tickets for Centenary Ball (2 No.)	70.00
Gold Dust Commercial	P/House cleaning	50.00
	Office cleaning	372.00
Mr. T. Wheeler	P/House window and bus shelter cleaning	75.00
Three Counties Business	Photocopier charges	51.69
Machines		
VWHDC	Pump House Council Tax	359.00
VWHDC	Dog bin servicing charge	238.45
VWHDC	Telephone system charge	207.42
Cotswold Coolers	Bottled water	20.70
Abingdon & Witney College	COSSH Training Course	60.00
A. Ledbury	C/Ex hanging baskets	130.00
John Hicks & Associates	Annual play equipment inspection	118.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	90.67
Simply Schoolwear	Uniform ó Leisure Services Assistant	20.58
J.P. Larkin Electrical Ltd.	Electrical repair ó P/House	66.93
Teamsafe Training	Manual Handling Course Fee	299.00
North Berks Football League	Tickets for Centenary Ball (2 No.)	70.00
NPower	Electricity charge ó Corn Exchange	619.76
Buckstop Print Services Ltd.	Accommodation leaflet printing	280.00
Beaumont House Hotel	Accommodation ó Summer Seminar	78.00
J. Barnes	C/Ex window cleaning	95.00
Davis Home Centre	Maintenance items	97.96
Walfins	Strimmer repair	71.32
Chubb Fire Ltd.	P/House fire alarm maintenance	81.65
Taylor's Catering Equip.	C/Ex replacement water boiler	940.78
Imprest Wages A/c	Salaries for June 2009 (inc. £160 P/Cash)	11211.04

2. Direct Debits

O2 Online	Venues Mobile Phone	
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Zen Internet Ltd.	Broadband charges	48.92
Direct Line Insurance	Van Insurance Premium	426.30
British Gas	C/Ex gas charge	1760.16

3. F.C. & T.I.C. Invoices

J. Wharton	Stock purchases	6.00
Tourism South East	Stock purchases	228.79
Piercing Glance	Stock purchases	167.61

	Jewellery sales	61.50
Mrs. J. Banks	Card sales	4.86
Inez Brinsden	Painting sales	2.70
Colin Franklin	Card sales	4.00
Project Inspire	Cookbook sales	4.00
Faringdon Community Bus	Ticket sales (Weeks 5-8)	264.41

Cllr. Mrs. Barker proposed that the bills in Sections 1-3 above be paid, seconded by Cllr. O'Keefe and CARRIED.

#### **128/09 Account to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

The Clerk apologised to members for an error she had made on the Annual Return, by transposing two numbers. The amendment was APPROVED.

#### **129/09 Civic Service**

Members were asked by the Mayor to consider organising a Civic Service and/or Civic Reception to create an opportunity for Mayors from other towns, District Council Chairman, etc. to visit Faringdon. It was AGREED that this should coincide with the Heritage Day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and the Clerk was asked to include an item on the next Finance Committee Agenda to discuss funding.

#### **130/09 Correspondence**

The correspondence which had been received since the last meeting was NOTED.