

**FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee**  
**held on Tuesday, 16 September 2008 at 7.30 pm**  
**in the June Rennie Room, The Pump House, Market Place,**  
**Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)  
Mrs M J Barker  
Mrs J Boulton  
J Boyle  
J C W Gillman  
D Hughes  
A Marsden  
Dr M L H Wise

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 9 September 2008**  
The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record
3. **Matters Arising: Meetings held on 26 August 2008 & 9 September 2008**  
*Meeting 26.8.08, Min 14:* The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that planning agendas were being distributed, as agreed.  
*Meeting, 9.9.08, Min 7:* The Chairman advised that the consultation document had been approved by Town Council and that it had, together with covering letter and questionnaire, now been widely distributed to approximately 40 local organisations. Members offered further names to add to the distribution list.
4. **Public Question Time**  
No questions had been received.
5. **Public Speaking Time**  
There were no members of public present at the meeting.
6. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.
7. **Planning Applications to be considered:**

**GFA/ 15495/1**      Erection of a two storey side extension  
**20 Spinage Close, Faringdon**  
For: Mr A Larkin  
**DO NOT OBJECT** subject to lack of encroachment on  
neighbouring property

**GFA/20642**      Proposed new enlarged vehicular access to the existing  
sub-station, in the location of the existing vehicular  
access to the site  
**Electricity Sub Station, Park Road, Faringdon**  
For: Scottish and Southern Energy PLC  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

**8. For Information**

(a) **Notices of Permission** were received from the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the following planning applications and NOTED:

**GFA/4899/4-CC** Continuation of change of use from Highways Depot to Youth Centre, ref. V.09/06, granted on 15.1.07 without complying with condition 5 which required that a footway shall be provided on the south side of Highworth Road from Westland Road as far as the site access within one year of commencement of the development hereby permitted to provide: 1. new pedestrian crossing; 2. new footpath link to Youth Centre site; 3. resurfacing of existing footway; 4. Six new street lights and 5. a 50 metre extension to the 30 mph zone on Highworth Road (amended to relocate original position of 1. new pedestrian crossing.  
**Faringdon Youth Centre, The Cromwell Centre, Highworth Road, Faringdon**  
For: Oxfordshire County Council  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Meeting, 16.9.08)*

**GFA/20590** Erection of a single storey rear extension and proposed loft conversion  
**19 Westland Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr C Suart  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 6.8.08)*

(b) **Hart Avenue Subway, Faringdon:** The Deputy Town Clerk advised that in response to Town Council's request that the flooring in this area should be improved, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) had stated that it failed to see the need to replace the tarmac surface and considered the floor as minimal risk. The work therefore would not be added to the schedule. However, its offer to repaint the walls and Soffit still stood as a small subway was required to trial a new anti-graffiti coating. It was AGREED that this work should be carried out as soon as possible and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to contact the OCC accordingly.

(c) **Thames Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan:** A copy of the Vale of White Horse District Council's submission on the Thames Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan which the District Council had sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs was received and NOTED. It was AGREED that a letter should be sent to Thames Water and the Secretary of State highlighting the benefits of using canal barges for shifting gravel extraction and waste from the proposed reservoir south-west of Abingdon as no trucks would be involved. With money available from the European Community for the development of water transport, the Wilts & Berks Canal could be used as long as it was wide with double locks for commercial use.

**9. Work to Trees**

VWHDC Decisions were received and NOTED in respect of following proposals:

- (a) Felling of 1 Sycamore at 83 London Road, Faringdon  
**No objections**
- (b) Crown reduce 1 sycamore tree by 30% at 2 Kiln Cottages, Stanford Road, Faringdon  
**No objections**

**10. S106 Contributions**

There was no further update on S106 contributions.