

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 5 August 2008 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

Present: Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)
Mrs J Boulton
J Boyle
D Hughes
A Marsden
D Price
Dr M L H Wise
D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson

In Attendance: 1 member of public
Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs M J Barker, N S O'Keeffe, J G W Gillman.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 15 July 2008**
The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Public Question Time**
No questions had been received.
5. **Public Speaking Time**
No member of the public wished to speak at this time.
6. **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
7. **Planning Applications were considered as follows:**
 - GFA/15495/1** Erection of a two storey side extension
20 Spinage Close, Faringdon
For: Mr A Larkin
NO OBJECTIONS
 - GFA/20590** Erection of a single storey rear extension and proposed
loft conversion
19 Westland Road, Faringdon
For: Mr C Suart
NO OBJECTIONS

- GFA/5407/13-LB** Demolition of unused derelict building to form a courtyard
Moss Chemist, 17 Market Place, Faringdon
For: Mr W Dove
DO NOT OBJECT but request that an archaeological survey of the area be undertaken at this is in an old part of the centre of the town.
- GFA/15496/10** Conversion to 2 no. lower ground floor store rooms to form a 2 bedroom apartment with bin and cycle storage and amenity space to the rear
50-54 London Street, Faringdon
For: Mr Richard Crewe
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/6798/6** Change of use of 16 Marlborough Street from commercial to residential, to provide access to first floor accommodation suitable for disabled use
14-16 Marlborough Street, Faringdon
For: Professor Brian White
(Professor White spoke to the committee at this stage and outlined the plans and the reason for seeking a change of use)
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/636/31** Erection of 5 dwellings comprising of a detached house and four apartments with associated garages and parking
Land off Berners Way, Berners Way, Faringdon
For: Mr N Birch
OBJECT on the basis that the development is out of character with surrounding properties and should all be houses.
However, should planning permission be granted, Town Council seeks S106 contributions of £50,000 towards sports and recreation facilities in Liddiards Park, in consultation with the Town Council.
- GFA/20607** Erection of a single storey front extension
25 Beech Close, Faringdon
For: Mrs M Ashdown
NO OBJECTIONS

8. Proposed Taxi Rank in Faringdon

The following proposal for a taxi rank in Faringdon was received and considered.

Location: Market Place, Faringdon (West side)
Rank Size: 2 Vehicles
Hours of Operation: 6pm – midnight

It was AGREED that this was a good idea.

NO OBJECTIONS

9. For Information

(a) The following **Notice of Permission** from the Vale of White Horse District Council was received and **NOTED** in respect of the following planning application:

GFA/14935/3-X Outline application for demolition of existing garage to provide private access drive. Erection of two family dwellings on land forming part of rear gardens of 15a and 15b Coxwell Road. Proposed changes to layout of front garden to 15b Coxwell Road to provide parking.
15B Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Peter King
(FTC objected on the basis of overdevelopment and safety of access/egress) – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 23 April 2008)

10. Quarterly Financial Report to 30 June 2008

The quarterly Financial Report to 30 June 2008 was received. It was NOTED that the only money spent to date was that allocated to monthly cleaning of the bus shelters. The members expressed their appreciation at how well this cleaning work was being carried out and the Deputy Town Clerk was requested to write to the contractor thanking him for the excellent standard of his work.

11. Review of Sub-Regional Allocation of Primary Land-won Aggregates in the South East

A report from Cllr Wise on the above review was received and his responses to the relevant questions contained therein were APPROVED. The Deputy Town Clerk was requested that these responses be submitted to the South East England Regional Assembly by the deadline of 8 August 2008. It was also AGREED that a copy of Cllr Wise's report, together with the relevant responses should be forwarded to those local Parish Councils that had also previously expressed an interest in this matter.
Thanks were expressed to Cllr Wise for producing an excellent report.

12. S106 Contributions

(a) The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there had been no further details received regarding the applications made by Town Council for S106 contributions in respect of various proposed developments in Faringdon. However, it was NOTED that Bloor Homes were seeking a meeting with the Town Council and that a provisional date had been set for the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee due to be held on 26 September 2008;

(b) *Planning Application GFA/10187/2*: It was AGREED that, in respect of this application, S106 contributions to the following should be sought:-

- Installation of hump in the Market Place Service Road in order to discourage general traffic using this as a through road;
- Provision of water to the Town Council land adjacent to Willes Close preparatory to allotments being established there, together with tidying up the area.

In view of the various current and possible future housing developments being proposed for Faringdon and the associated potential S106 contributions from developers, members agreed it would be useful if the Principal Legal Officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council could attend a future meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee to talk through S106 agreements. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to send an invitation to the Principal Legal Officer to this effect.