

# FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday 9 December 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  
D Hughes  
A Marsden  
Dr M L H Wise  
D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson (*up to & incl. Min 9*)

**In Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk**

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J C W Gillman, N S O'Keeffe, D Price and Mrs M J Barker.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 18 November 2008**  
The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising**  
*Min 7, Planning Application GFA/4905/9:* Cllr Dr Wise asked whether a date had yet been set by the District Council Development Control Committee to consider this application. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that no notification had been received to date but that Cllr Dr Wise would be contacted as soon as any information was to hand.  
*Min 12, Gravel Walk – Installation of Gas Main:* It was NOTED that the Deputy Town Clerk had contacted Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who had advised that their records showed that information had been sent out 4 months ago to all concerned parties, including Town Council. The work had encountered various problems, namely engineering problems which meant an extension to the period originally applied for, the first group of workers left in the middle of job and then work was interrupted due to illness. It was FURTHER NOTED that work had now ceased for the Christmas period but that an application would be made to OCC for permission to complete the work in January 2009.
4. **Public Question Time**  
No questions had been received.
5. **Public Speaking Time**  
There were no members of public present.
6. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.

7. The following **Planning Applications** were considered:
- GFA/10178/3** Erection of Nine 2 and 3 bedroom dwellings and car parking  
**49A Bromsgrove, Faringdon**  
For: Cotswold Homes Ltd  
**OBJECT** on the following basis:
- (a) Inadequate access and egress for emergency and other utilities services;
  - (b) Overdevelopment of site;
  - (c) Parking for cars inadequate
- GFA/7341/10** Erection of new industrial building  
**RAC Building Yard, Park Road, Faringdon**  
For: RAC Ltd  
**NO OBJECTIONS**
- GFA/20722-LB** Demolition and rebuilding of existing garden wall in car park to rear of property  
**Gloucester House Dental Surgery**  
**8 Gloucester Street, Faringdon**  
For: Gloucester House Dental Practice Ltd  
**DO NOT OBJECT** but request that the work is carried out in a sympathetic way bearing in mind the age of the wall.
- GFA/19939/2** Proposed single detached garage to new detached property  
**62 Coxwell Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr Edward Young  
**NO OBJECTIONS**
8. **Work to Trees**  
Vale of White Horse District Council Notices of Intention to undertake following works were received and NOTED:-
- Fell 1, Lime stump, 1 Larch, 3 Acacia, 2 Acacia saplings**  
**The Estate Office, Faringdon House Estate, Church Street, Faringdon**
- Reduce the crown by 15% to 1 Birch tree**  
**34 London Street, Faringdon**
- Remove 4 Leylandii**  
**Rear of property at The Old Bull, 27 London Street, Faringdon**
9. **For Information**
- (a) Notices of Permission from the Vale of White Horse District Council were received and NOTED in respect of the following Planning Applications:-  
**GFA/20700** Demolition of existing lean-to utility extension and erection of new single storey rear kitchen extension  
**17 Westland Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr John Newman  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 29.10.08)*

**GFA/15438/3** Change of use from nursery to one bedroomed dwelling. Retrospective.  
**Oakley Court Nursery, Southampton Street, Faringdon**  
For: Mr Peter Hughes  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 29.10.08)*

**GFA/20682** Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear outbuildings and construction of new two storey rear extension  
**81 Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon**  
For: Mr and Mrs J Stallard  
*No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 7.10.08)*

**GFA/20683** Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of semi-detached new dwelling  
**15 The Pines, Faringdon**  
For: Mr Tim Stuart  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee meeting, 7.10.08)*

(b) A Notice from Vale of White Horse District Council advising that the following Planning Application had been withdrawn was received and NOTED:

**GFA/20681** Proposed extension to existing building and to existing garage  
**39 Fernham Road, Faringdon**  
For: Ashton Lodge (Sunbury) Ltd  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 7.10.08)*

(c) *Hart Avenue Subway – Anti-graffiti coating*: Notification was received from Oxfordshire County Council that the work had now been completed. NOTED.

(d) Notification was received from the Government Office South East advising that Faringdon Town Council had now been registered on its Consultation Portal. NOTED

(e) *Faringdon Development Strategy*: Written observations from a local resident were received and NOTED. It was AGREED that a letter should be written thanking the resident for the comments and advising her to look at the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Development Framework - Core Strategy Preferred Options document which had now been published for public consultation.

(f) *Planning & Highways Committee Meetings*: Copies of (i) a letter from the Faringdon Association of Residents (FAR) dated 18 November written in connection with issues raised at recent meetings of the Planning & Highways Committee, together with (ii) Town Council's response, were received and NOTED. Cllr Hughes was asked raise this matter at the next meeting of FAR Executive as the Town Council wished to work with all local communities and was disappointed by the comments raised in FAR's letter, despite full explanations having already been given.

**10. Parking for Residents in Town Centre.**

The Chairman presented a draft survey form to be sent out initially to local residents of Faringdon's central area in order to gather their views in respect of residential parking being made available on the streets in the town centre. The draft form was approved in principle and authority was delegated to the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Deputy Town Clerk to finalise the document and to arrange distribution. Once responses had been received and considered, subsequent steps could then be taken to progress the matter further.