

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2009 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Exchange, Faringdon

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Town Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J C W Gillman and N S O'Keeffe.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 6 January 2009

Min 3: Cllr Dr Wise pointed out that this should read"Development Control Committee had deferred making a decision on the application and had voted that the issue regarding access be referred to *an independent road transport engineer*" and not "Oxfordshire County Council" as stated. Following this amendment, the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The Chairman wished to record the Committee's thanks to the Deputy Town Clerk for her comprehensive minutes of a complex meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Min 9: Oxfordshire County Council Consultation – Formal Bus Stop

Markings: It was NOTED that Oxfordshire County Council had confirmed that the road in question was Coxwell Road but that each map was named after the name given to the bus stop. In this case, it was Highworth Road as the stops are close to the junction of Highworth Road and side roads are often used to identify the bus stop for the benefit of passengers using electronic journey planners, rather than all stops being called "Coxwell Road".

Min 11: VWHDC Local Development Framework – Preferred Options

Consultation: The Chairman apologised that he had not had time to consult with the Vice-Chairman when the summary was drawn up due to pressure of deadlines for distributing this document to the relevant parties. The Vice-Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the committee to the Chairman for a well-drawn up summary.

Min 7, P&H Meeting 9 12 08 – Planning Application GFA/10178/3: It was NOTED that this application was due for consideration by the District Council Development Control Committee at its meeting due to take place on 26 January 2009. Town Council had objected to this application but as a Town Meeting was due to be held on the same date it would be unable to send a representative.

D/Cllr Mrs Thomson was asked if she would ensure that Town Council's views were highlighted by the District Councillors representing Faringdon and the Coxwells.

Min 8, P&H Meeting, 26 08 08: It was NOTED that although permission had not yet been granted, the District Council was minded to grant permission once it had received clarification of certain items of information.

4. Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

5. Public Speaking Time

There were no members of the public present.

6. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

7. The following Planning Applications were considered:

GFA/9480/6 Conversion of existing rear flat roof extension forming
GFA/9480/7-LB kitchen/garden room and enlarged rear hall extension.
Alterations removing 2 existing windows and
replacement windows and insertion of roof light above
stair
29 London Street, Faringdon
For: Mr & Mrs Hulse
NO OBJECTIONS

8. For Information

Notification was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council that the following application has now been withdrawn:

GFA/7341/10 Erection of new industrial building
RAC Building Yard, Park Road, Faringdon
For: RAC Ltd.
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 9.12.08)

NOTED

9. Work to Trees

Notification was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council that the following works to trees have been approved:

Reduce crown of 1 Birch by 15%
34 London Street, Faringdon

NOTED

Notification was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council of intention of works to be undertaken to trees, as follows:

Gloucester House, Gloucester Street, Faringdon
Reduce by 20% one Goat Willow

NOTED

10. Risk Assessment

Recommendations drawn up by Cllr Hickmore and the Town Clerk were received and considered.

Cllr Price proposed that the Committee accept these and recommend that these be signed by the Town Council Chairman. This proposal was seconded and CARRIED

- 11. Vale of White Horse District Council Local Development Framework Preferred Options Consultation**
(a) A copy of an Executive Summary drawn up following the issues discussed at the last meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee was received. It was NOTED that this had been circulated to relevant interested parties and that the deadline for receipt of comments from them was 5 February 2009. These comments would then be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee due to take place on 10 February 2009.
(b) *VWHDC Special Discussion Group for Town/Parish Councils – 22 January 2009, Wantage Civic Hall.*: It was AGREED (a) to delegate authority to Cllrs Mrs Boulton and Dr Wise to attend this meeting as Town Council's representatives and (b) that their attendance expenses be accepted as an approved duty.
- 12. Gated Communities**
Following a recent meeting of Town Council, the committee had been asked to discuss whether proposals for such communities should be supported by Town Council. Following discussion, it was AGREED that any decisions should be made on a case by case basis.
- 13. S106 Agreements**
Bloor Homes Development: It was NOTED that OCC had advised it was still in discussion with the developer following the developer's request to defer payments and that some of the provisions may be amended by a Deed of Variation.
- 14. Precept 2009/10**
After reviewing the draft budget, it was AGREED that the budget line of £5000 for costs of opinion polls be removed. The budget was also prioritized.
- 15. Faringdon Community College**
It was NOTED that Cllr Hickmore, in his role as Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, had been invited to speak at the next meeting of the Governors of the Faringdon Community College. Cllr Hickmore tabled his proposed presentation which was APPROVED.