

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March 2009 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Exchange, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs Dr M L H Wise (in the Chair)
Mrs M J Barker
Mrs J Boulton
D Keeble
A Marsden
N S O'Keeffe

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs AV Hickmore, D Hughes and D Price.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 3 March 2009**
The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising**
Min 3, Planning Application GFA/4905/9, 18 Coxwell Road: Cllr Wise reported on his attendance at the meeting of the VWHDC Development Control Committee held on 9 March 2009 at which this planning application was considered. Cllr Wise had been delegated by Town Council to raise its objections to the variation in the terms of permission which sought an amendment to the design of the access road. Cllr Wise advised that the variation was voted through and expressed his disappointment at the way District Council had not taken on board the safety issues surrounding this variation.
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. **Planning Applications to be considered:**

GFA/5403/3 First floor rear extension providing master bedroom and en-suite bathroom
28 Highworth Road, Faringdon
For: Mrs A Evenden
NO OBJECTIONS

8. For Information

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

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 – Planning & Highways Committee
Meeting, 20.1.09)*

(b) 3rd Quarterly Budget Report to 31.12.09 was received and NOTED. In view of the recent spate of vandalism to the glass panels in the bus shelters, it was AGREED that these should be replaced with polycarbonate panels which would be stronger and more resistant to breakage.

9. Redevelopment of Parking Provision at Untons Place, Faringdon

It was NOTED that Town Council had written to the Vale Housing Association (VHA) at the beginning of March expressing its concern about the lack of adequate parking space in Untons Place and asking VHA to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

A letter dated 11 March 2009, written in response to Town Council's letter, was received and considered. VHA stated that a survey had been carried out in 2001 looking at the possibility of providing extra parking but that no further action had been taken as a result of the responses. However, as the issue of car parking had been raised again, VHA would be seeking funding in the next financial year, in turn with other major schemes being undertaken and funded by the Association. This was felt to be an unsatisfactory response and it was AGREED that a letter should be sent to VHA suggesting that in view of the time that had passed since the survey in 2001, a further survey should now be carried out by VHA. As VHA had asked if Town Council would be able to assist with funding towards any such scheme, VHA should be asked to give an indication of what the overall costs would be in terms of any improvement to the area.

10. VWHDC Core Strategy – Preferred Options Evidence Base

It was NOTED that the Vale of White Horse District Council had recently advised that further documents had now been added to the Evidence Base as follows: (i) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, (ii) Appropriate Assessment, (iii) Housing Needs Assessment and (iv) Retail Study. A report on these documents was received from Cllr Hickmore together with notes tabled by Cllr Dr Wise. Following detailed consideration of these documents, it was AGREED that Cllr Dr Wise be delegated authority to formulate comments to be submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council by the deadline of 30 March 2009.

11. Bollards in front of Corn Exchange

Due to complaints having been received regarding the problems caused by vehicles parking on the pavement outside the front entrance of the Corn Exchange, the members were asked to consider making recommendation to the appropriate authority for installation of bollards to prevent further parking on this area. Concern was expressed by some members as to what impact this would have on hirers of the venue if they wished to make deliveries for functions. However, it was pointed out that there was an on-street loading bay already provided on Gloucester Street for this purpose. Following consideration, it was AGREED that the relevant authority to be asked for advice on how to deal with the problem and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to ascertain from hirers of the venue what impact there would be if they were unable to unload at the front of the venue.

12. S106 Agreements

It was NOTED that no further news had been received regarding S106 contributions.