

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 June 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
J Boyle
J C W Gillman
D Keeble
A Marsden
D Price
Dr M L H Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Sheppard (Project Officer, Wales &
West Utilities) (*up to and incl. Min. 5*)
1 member of public
Deputy Town Clerk

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N S O'Keeffe.
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman**
Cllr Hickmore proposed Cllr Dr Wise, seconded by Cllr Price. There being no other nominations, this proposal was CARRIED and Dr Wise was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.
- 3. Appointment of Co-opted Member**
Cllr Hickmore proposed that D/Cllr Mrs Alison Thomson continued to sit on the Planning & Highways Committee as a non-voting member. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Dr Wise and CARRIED.
- 4. Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 26 May 2009**
The Minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

At this point of the meeting the Chairman proposed that Agenda item 14 referring to current road works in Faringdon be brought forward for discussion in order that the representative from the utilities company could leave the meeting early. This proposal was seconded and AGREED.

- 5. Current Road Works in Faringdon**
Mr Sheppard from Wales & West Utilities, the contractor for the gas works at present being undertaken in Coxwell Street, Marlborough Street, Gravel Walk, Gloucester Street and Station Road, advised that the work being carried out was necessary to replace old cast iron gas mains that were 80-90 years old as well as old ductile iron pipes that were between 30-40 years old.

Wales & West Utilities had liaised with Oxfordshire County Council to undertake all the work at the same time instead of coming back over a period of years and creating continuing disturbance to the town. The work was planned to be finished by 9 August 2009.

It was NOTED that Wales & West Utilities were aware of the forthcoming air show at Fairford on 18/19 July and planned to remove traffic lights that weekend. However, they were not aware of the Faringdon Arts Festival on 10/11/12 July and Mr Sheppard stated he would ensure that there would not be any problems with shutting down work during that weekend and would confirm this to the Deputy Town Clerk accordingly.

It was FURTHER NOTED that although Town Council had been notified at the end of April about the road works, some councillors expressed their concern that there had been insufficient notice to nearby householders of the proposed work and that this had caused problems for some of them

Mr Sheppard was also advised that workers appeared to finish work early and he agreed he would take this matter up with the site supervisor.

Thanks were expressed to Mr Sheppard for attending the meeting and for bringing the committee up to date on the schedule of works.
(Mr Sheppard left the meeting at this stage.)

6. Matters Arising

Min 5: It was NOTED that this matter was still being progressed with the relevant solicitors. It was FURTHER NOTED that materials removed from a building site on Park Road were being dumped on the SSSI in Fernham Road and it was AGREED that the Deputy Town Clerk would follow this matter up with the Planning Enforcement Officer at the District Council.

Min 7, Planning Application GFA/16464/5: The Deputy Town Clerk advised that no clarification had yet been received from the District Council regarding the query submitted to them about the inconsistency of the plans. She was asked to email the relevant Planning Officer asking for clarification and pointing out that this would be the third time this question had been asked.

Min 9: Cllr Mrs Boulton asked what progress had been made regarding the S106 money. The Chairman explained that the initial payment of £30,000 was now with the District Council and that the Town Council's Venues Committee was currently working very hard on putting together the costs of the lift in the Pump House.

Min 10: It was NOTED that Town Council's comments on the SPD had now been submitted to Swindon Borough Council, with a copy to the Consortium of Western Vale Villages. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of the final submission to the members of the Planning & Highways Committee.

Min 12: The Chairman advised that he would be attending the consultation meeting on 18 June 2009 and that following the consultation an informal meeting had been arranged with officers from Oxfordshire County Council to discuss provision of education in Faringdon over the next few years. He invited any other members of the committee to attend this meeting if they were available and stated that he would report back to the next scheduled meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee.

7. Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

8. Public Speaking Time

No member of public wished to speak at this stage of the meeting.

9. Declarations of Interest

Cllr John Boyle declared an interest in Planning Application GFA/7341/11 due to personal connections with the owner of a neighbouring property.

10. Planning Applications to be considered:

GFA/9480/9-LB Re-location of a standard satellite dish
29 London Street, Faringdon
For: Dr G J Hulse
NO OBJECTIONS on the basis that reception for radio and television is very bad in this area and it is essential to have a satellite dish

GFA/20873 Erection of single storey rear extensions
32 Elm Road, Faringdon
For: Mr and Mrs D Kenyon
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/12833/8 Installation of equestrian ménage
Hatton Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon
For: Mrs Caroline Bell
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/7341/11 Construction of a new industrial building
RAC Building Yard, park Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Chris Gurney
OBJECT on the following basis:-
(i) all the relevant facts are not before the Planning & Highways Committee as all the buildings that will be affected by this development have not been shown on the plan;
(ii) problems caused with egress from the site and congestion of traffic on Park Road, Faringdon;
(iii) movement of vehicles around the site seems very congested;
(iv) neighbours have not been consulted.

Town Council is not against the application in principle as more employment provision will be gained on this site. However the above issues need addressing in the first instance.

It was AGREED that D/Cllr Roger Cox should also receive a copy of the Town Council's objections.

It was FURTHER AGREED that Cllr Boyle would attend the meeting of the VWHDC Development Control Committee when it considered this particular planning application.

This is in line with Town Council policy that at the time Town Council objects to a planning application, a member is delegated to speak on behalf of the Town Council at the relevant VWHDC meeting.

11. For Information

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

GFA/3396/11 Stripping of existing felt roof covering and timber roof structure and replacement with new profiled metal roof cladding on steel trusses including works to rear elevation
Faringdon Garage, Marlborough Street, Faringdon
For: Fish Brothers (Swindon) Ltd
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 5.5.09)

GFA/20827 Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of part of garage for disabled use.
61 Folly View Road, Faringdon
For: Ms J Williams
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 14.4.09)

(b) Notification was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council regarding withdrawal of the following planning application and NOTED:

GFA/13321/1 Change of use from agricultural to boat moorings and 8 car parking spaces
Land at Pidnell Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon
For: R Boulter
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 5.5.09)

**12. Vale of White Horse District Council
Review of the Statement of Community Involvement**

The following planning documents were received:

- (a) revision draft Statement of Community Involvement;
- (b) draft Sustainable Design & Construction and Resource Efficient Buildings;
- (c) draft Residential Design Guide

Cllr Mrs Barker AGREED to review these documents with particular attention being paid to the draft document on Sustainable Design & Construction and Resource Efficient Buildings and she was asked to report back to the next scheduled meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee due to be held on 7 July, 2009.

It was NOTED that copies of the documents would be available in the Town Council office and could also be viewed on the District Council website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk
It was FURTHER NOTED that the deadline for comments to the District Council is Wednesday, 8 July 2009.

13. New Ferngrove Development

A letter was received from Sovereign Housing Group seeking possible proposals for a name for the new development due to replace the Ferngrove sheltered housing scheme. It was AGREED that in line with Town Council policy, streets should be named after people listed on the Faringdon War Memorial wherever possible.

Cllr Dr Wise advised that information had been received by the Faringdon War Memorial Trust regarding Sgt Goddard and it was AGREED that the name of Goddard Court should be proposed to the Sovereign Housing Group.

14. S106 Agreements

There was nothing further to report apart from that which had already been discussed earlier in the meeting under Min. 6.