

# FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28 July 2009 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber, The Corn Exchange, Faringdon**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of public  
Deputy Town Clerk**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Boyle and J C W Gillman.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 16 June 2009**

The Minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

*Min 5:* It was NOTED that the Town Council had been advised by Wales & West Utilities that the remaining work would not be carried out until September as there were not enough qualified men available in August to install the size of pipes that were required in Faringdon.

*Min 6, Planning Application GFA/16464/5:* It was NOTED that this application had been considered by the Vale of White Horse District Council Development Control Committee at its meeting on 22 July 2009 and that permission had been granted. Regrettably, no-one could be available to attend on that day on behalf of the town council. It was FURTHER NOTED that in response to the town council's query seeking clarification on why two different plans had accompanied this application, the VWHDC Planning Officer had eventually advised that one was the proposed layout for consideration and the other was just an engineering drawing.

*Min 12:* It was NOTED that Cllr Mrs Barker's report had been circulated to the members for approval and subsequently submitted to the District Council.

*Min 13, New Ferngrove Development:* It was NOTED that a letter had been received from Mr George Goddard, (brother of the late F/Sgt Goddard), in which Mr Goddard expressed his thanks to the Town Council for putting forward the suggestion that the development should be named in memory of his brother.

**4. Public Question Time**

No questions had been received.

**5. Public Speaking Time**

*The Chairman proposed that the meeting be suspended in order for a member of the public to speak regarding a matter which was not included on the agenda and this was agreed. Following this discussion, the meeting was reconvened.*

*Faringdon Fossil Trust:* A member of the public asked whether there had been any progress made regarding the transfer of land from Builders Ede to the Town Council. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to check the progress of this with the Town Clerk.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

CLlr Keeble declared an interest in Planning Application GFA/20913 as he was a neighbour.

**7. Planning Applications were considered and decisions made as follows:**

*The Chairman proposed that Planning Application GFA/16696/5 be moved forward on the agenda in order that the applicant who may wish to speak about the application could leave the meeting early and this was AGREED.*

**GFA/16696/5** Proposed use of shed as a small farm shop, selling produce from farm

**Wicklesham Lodge Farm, Faringdon**

For: Mr T Allen-Stevens

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**GFA/20930** Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions to provide new and enlarged accommodation to dwelling

**30 Orchard Hill, Faringdon**

For: Mr R Cooper

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**GFA/20921** Conversion of existing garage to form kitchen and loft conversion with roof lights

**3 Harding Close, Faringdon**

For: Mr & Mrs Edgington

**DO NOT OBJECT but request that the following issues be given consideration:**

(a) There is sufficient space off the road for car parking;

(b) There are no windows overlooking other properties.

**GFA/20913** Extension to existing dwelling above garage creating a new bedroom and en-suite bathroom

**24 Spinage Close, Faringdon**

For: Ms J Ellis

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**8. For Information**

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

**GFA/15496/14-LB** Amendment to Listed Building application  
GFA/15496/13-LB to allow the creation of 1 no.  
window into bedroom 2  
**The Folly Inn, 54 London Street, Faringdon**  
For: Mr Richard Crewe  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee  
Meeting, 5.5.09)*

**GFA/20873** Erection of single storey rear extensions  
**32 Elm Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr and Mrs D Kenyon  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee  
Meeting, 16.6.09)*

**GFA/12833/8** Installation of equestrian ménage  
**Hatton Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mrs Caroline Bell  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee  
Meeting, 16.6.09)*

(b) Notice of Refusal in respect of the following application was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council and NOTED:

**GFA/9480/9-LB** Re-location of a standard satellite dish  
29 London Street, Faringdon  
For: Dr G J Hulse  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee  
Meeting, 16.6.09)*

(c) *Consultation of the Vale of White Horse Local Development Framework Core Strategy, Evidence Base:* Copies of correspondence regarding the lack of business land allocation in the LDF were received from Mr T Allen-Stevens and NOTED.

(d) *Income & Expenditure:* The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report to 30 June 2009 was received and NOTED. With regard to the bus shelters, the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to obtain costs to replace the damaged glass panels with polycarbonate, as well as costs of rubbish bins and to bring these costs back to the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee for consideration.

(e) A letter from Swindon Borough Council acknowledging receipt of the town council's submission on the Eastern Development Area Supplementary Planning Document (EDA SPD) was received and NOTED.

**9. Work to Trees**

Notification in respect of the following work to trees was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council and NOTED:-:

**58 Gloucester Street, Faringdon**

1 Cherry	20% crown reduction
1 Sycamore	20% crown reduction
1 Ash (neighbours)	Reduce to fence height
2 Leylandii	Remove to ground level
3 Leylandii	Reduce to height of 8 foot

**10. Street Names – Development of 9 properties at site formerly 49a Bromsgrove, Faringdon**

A letter was received from the VWHDC advising that the developer had asked if the Town Council could put forward at least two street names for consideration. It was AGREED that in line with Town Council policy, streets should be named after people listed on the Faringdon War Memorial wherever possible and that the names of G C Dowell and R J T Stickley be proposed to the developer. The Deputy Town Clerk would contact the relevant families seeking their permission.

**11. Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East Provision of Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

A copy of recommendations in respect of the above was received from the South East England Partnership Board. Cllr Marsden was delegated to read through these recommendations and to report back to the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee due to be held on 18 August 2009 with his comments for further consideration. It was NOTED that the closing date for submission of comments to SEEPB was Tuesday, 21 September 2009.

**12. S106 Agreement**

Concern was expressed that the Town Council had not been given the opportunity to be involved in the S106 contributions currently being drawn up in respect of the 4&20 Business Park. It was NOTED, however, that the developers had now agreed to forward to the town council a copy of these details and that this matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee.

In light of the above, and also taking into consideration the second phase of the Red House development, it was AGREED that a letter should be written to the VWHDC expressing Town Council's disappointment that despite the District Council's promise that it would involve the Town Council in discussions regarding the drawing up of S106 agreements, this did not seem to be happening.

**13. Speed Limits Review of "A" and "B" Roads in Oxfordshire**

It was NOTED that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) was carrying out a review of speed limits in Oxfordshire and had asked for comments on proposals for roads affecting Faringdon, namely the A4095 Clanfield to Faringdon road. The members felt that it was unnecessary to reduce the speed limit to 50mph on this road but that there was a need for a 50mph speed restriction on the Faringdon to Coleshill road and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to advise the OCC accordingly.

**14. Draft Local Development Framework**

It was AGREED that an invitation should be extended to the Oxfordshire County Council traffic planning group to attend a future meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee in order to discuss plans for the A420 and Park Road particularly in view of the planned future development of Faringdon.

**15. Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Training Event**

Notification from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils regarding a half day training event for clerks and councillors due to take place on Tuesday, 20 October 2009 was received. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should attend this course.

**16. Emergency Management – A420**

Cllr Hickmore advised that he had attended a meeting organised by the OCC Traffic Planning Department held on Monday, 20 July 2009 and he gave a brief report. He further advised that full details of the emergency management plan would be forwarded to the Town Council.