

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 August 2009 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)
Mrs J Boulton
J Boyle
J C W Gillman
D Keeble
A Marsden
N S O'Keeffe
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 D Price and Mrs M J Barker.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 28 July 2009

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

3. Matters Arising

Min 5, Faringdon Fossil Trust: It was NOTED that Town Council had initially contacted the solicitors in the middle of May 2009 in order to progress the transfer of land from Builders Ede to the Trust. Town Council had subsequently, on many occasions, sought updates on the progress being made and the solicitors eventually responded on 17 August apologizing that due to pressure of work they had not, to date, been able to give the matter the time it needed but that they would now be progressing the matter. The members expressed their extreme dissatisfaction about the way this matter was being dealt with by the solicitors and the length of time involved and asked that their comments be relayed to the town clerk to pass on to the solicitors.

Min 10; Street Names: It was NOTED that letters from the relatives of G C Dowell and R J T Stickley had been received in which thanks had been expressed to the Town Council for proposing their relatives' names to the District Council as possible street names. It was AGREED that these letters should be included in the Remembrance Exhibition due to be held in the Old Town Hall in November this year.

D/Cllr Mrs Thomson stated that the Twinning Association would like a street to be named after Le Mele. However, she was advised that this would override Town Council policy to name streets after the names listed on the War Memorial and that a motion to change this policy would need to be submitted by the Twinning Association to the Planning & Highways Committee for consideration.

Min 14: The Deputy Town Clerk advised that representatives from OCC Transport Planning had indicated that they would be able to attend one of the Planning & Highways Committee meetings due to be held at the end of September/beginning of October 2009 and that they would be confirming the date shortly.

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

Cllr O'Keeffe declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Application GFA/12807/12 .

7. Planning Applications

Planning applications were considered and decisions made as follows:-

GFA/12807/12

Change of use of ground floor to a wine bar
Portwell House, 27 Market Place, Faringdon

For: Mr M Blatch

DO NOT OBJECT

Town Council strongly recommends that planning permission should be conditional on proper disabled access in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act.

It was noted that this application applied only to the ground floor and Town Council assumed that a separate application would be submitted regarding any plans for the upper floor.

GFA/20413/1

Proposed single storey rear extension
7 Folly View Crescent, Faringdon

For: Mrs Joanne Walsh

NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/13339/2

Proposed roof extension with dormer windows
(re-submission of withdrawn application GFA/13339/1)
1 Hampden Close, Faringdon

For: Mr David Hatton

NO OBJECTIONS

8. For Information

Additional Information was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the following planning application. It was NOTED that the single storey rear extension element of this application had been confirmed as Permitted Development. The erection of a single storey front and side extension would continue to be considered.

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

9. Work to Trees

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

2 Sudbury Court, Faringdon

Removal 3 Yew

Removal 1 Cypress

(b) Decision was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the following works to trees and NOTED:-

58 Gloucester Street, Faringdon

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

NO OBJECTIONS

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

Having reviewed the recommendations received in respect of the above, Cllr Marsden gave a brief report outlining the details and stated that his conclusion was that the information contained therein did not directly affect Faringdon. Following discussion, it was AGREED that there was no need for the Town Council to make any specific comments and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to advise the South East England Partnership Board accordingly.

11. S106 Agreement

(a) *4&20 Business Park*: It was NOTED that apologies had been received from the developers of the site that they were unable to attend the meeting. It was FURTHER NOTED that no copy of the S106 details had yet been received from the developers. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that a letter had been written to the District Council expressing Town Council's concern and disappointment that it had not been involved in any of the current S106 discussions taking place in respect of this site but that, to date, there had been no response to this letter. Discussion then took place regarding possible S106 contributions relevant to this site that Town Council would wish to submit to District Council. It was AGREED that a letter should be written to the District Council seeking £30,000 for expenditure on the Pump House for converting it into training and conference facilities which would be useful for users of the proposed Business Park.

(b) *To receive any updates on S106 agreements*: It was NOTED that no further information had been received.

**12. Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan 3: Objectives &
Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation**

A written report was received from Cllr Hickmore following his attendance at a consultation meeting held on 4 August 2009. As his attendance as a representative of the Town Council had been arranged by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee, it was AGREED that the his attendance expenses be accepted as an approved duty.

It was NOTED that there are 7 consultation stages planned running from July 2009 through to Autumn 2010. It was AGREED it was important that the Town Council's views are made known at each stage. The current consultation is Stage 1 which seeks comments on the draft objectives and goals of the Local Transport Plan. Cllr Hickmore's report was considered and specific suggestions were made for changes to the draft LTP objectives. It was AGREED that these changes should be submitted by Town Council to OCC by the deadline of 4 September 2009.

13. Swindon Core Strategy – Proposed Submission Document

Notification was received from Swindon Borough Council advising that it is currently consulting on the above. Cllr Dr Wise stated that he had viewed the document which was basically a statement of SBC's intent. It was NOTED that SWC will be submitting the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for independent examination. It was AGREED that a letter should be written to SBC acknowledging receipt of the notification letter and advising that Town Council had no comment to make. Deadline for submission of comments was 21 September 2009.