

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 September 2009 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)
Mrs J Boulton
D Keeble
A Marsden
D Price
K J Herbert
D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of public
Deputy Town Clerk
Assistant Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dr Wise, N S O'Keeffe, J Boyle and Mrs M J Barker
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 18 August 2009**
Min 10: Cllr Marsden asked that the first sentence be changed to read ".....the information contained therein did not directly affect Faringdon." Following this amendment, the Minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising**
Min 3, Min 5, Faringdon Fossil Trust: It was NOTED that a complaint had been made by the Town Clerk to the solicitors regarding the delay that had occurred in their dealing with this matter. The solicitors had now responded apologising for the lapses in their service standards and advising that a letter was due to be sent to Builders Ede on 2 September setting out what was required to progress the matter.
Min 11, 4&20 Business Park: It was NOTED that the S106 details had still not yet been received from the developers and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to chase up this matter.
Min 11, Development, Park Road, Faringdon: It was FURTHER NOTED that following a query from the Town Council, the District Council had advised that to date there had been no revisions to this S106 agreement drawn up in respect of this development.
4. **Public Question Time**
No questions had been received.
5. **Public Speaking Time**
The member of public stated that he had noted the updated situation regarding the transfer of land in respect of the Faringdon Fossil Trust. He also expressed his concerns regarding access problems to the fossil site.

6. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

7. Planning Applications:

Planning applications were considered and decisions made as follows:-

GFA/20959 Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension
33 Elm Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Jeff Wells
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/5693/15-LB Replacement of existing fireplace in south lounge with one more in-keeping with the house
Hill Side, 79 London Street, Faringdon
For: Mr Barry Cockroft
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/12807/13 Conversion of existing hotel to form one additional self contained flat in the roof space. Internal alterations and
GFA/12807/14-LB Change of Use of part of the building to office accommodation. Re-roof existing damaged roof with additional roof lights, converting two existing windows into doors. External improvements to provide waste storage, bicycle storage and ramped entrance. Removal of two self seeded shrubs.
Portwell House, 27 Market Place, Faringdon
For: Mr N Elwell
NO OBJECTIONS

8. For Information

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

GFA/16464/5 Erection of 11 affordable houses (5x2 bed & 6x3 bed) with parking and access road. (Land behind Winslow House). (Re-submission of withdrawn application GFA/16464/4)
Land adjoining Coxwell House and Winslow House, Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Cotswold Homes & South Oxfordshire HA
(Object – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 26.5.09)

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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 28.7.09)

GFA/7341/11

Construction of a new industrial building

RAC Building Yard, Park Road, Faringdon

For: Mr Chris Gurney

(Object – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 16.6.09)

9. Tourism Signs, Sudbury House Hotel, Faringdon

As required by Oxfordshire County Council's Tourism Signing Policy, OCC had forwarded a copy of an application for tourism signing from Sudbury House Hotel and had asked for town council's comments. Following consideration of this application, it was AGREED there were no objections.

10. Work to Trees

(a) Notification was received and NOTED from the Vale of White Horse District Council that the following works were proposed:-

Faringdon Vicarage, Coach Lane, Faringdon

Various works to trees (*plan will be made available at meeting*)

(b) Notification was received and NOTED from the Vale of White Horse District Council that it had no objection to the following work to trees:

2 Sudbury Court, Faringdon

Removal 3 Yew

Removal 1 Cypress

11. S106 Agreement

The Chairman advised that representatives of the District Council would be attending a meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee in the immediate future in order to seek Town Council's views on possible S106 contributions in respect of the land south of Park Road which had been designated for development in the Local Development Framework (LDF). This was due to the fact that District Council, before submitting the LDF to the Secretary of State, was required to include in the LDF details of any S106 funding that would be involved. It was AGREED that in order for Town Council to represent the town's wishes, local organisations should be contacted seeking their suggestions for possible projects. The Chairman and the Deputy Town Clerk were delegated authority to draw up a questionnaire, together with information on the S106 criteria, for distribution to the relevant local organisations, any suggestions to be submitted to Town Council in time for consideration at the above-mentioned meeting.

Bloor Homes Development, Park Road: It had been noticed that the building of this development was progressing quickly and the Deputy Town Clerk was asked to check with the District Council whether the hundredth house had been built and occupied yet.

12. Street Names – Folly Park Development Park Road, Faringdon

Notification was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council that the developer of the above site has asked if the Town Council could put forward four names for consideration.

Following discussion, it was AGREED that, in line with Town Council policy which states wherever possible streets should be named after people listed on the Faringdon War Memorial, the following names be forwarded to the District Council once approval for their use had been received from the relevant families:

Russ, Hobbs, Goodbody, Walker

13. Footpath from Nursery View to Folly Park

A letter dated 17 August 2009 was received from a local resident querying who was responsible for the above path. It was AGREED that a letter should be written to Bloor Homes, with a copy to the local resident concerned, asking Bloor Homes to deal with this matter as the path concerned was on their land.