

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 September 2009 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)
Mrs M J Barker
Mrs J Boulton
J C W Gillman (*from Min 9*)
D Keeble
D Price
Dr M L H Wise
D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of public (*left after Min 4*)
Deputy Town Clerk
Assistant Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Boyle, N S O’Keeffe and A Marsden.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 8 September 2009

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

3. Matters Arising

Min 11: The Chairman advised that since the last meeting, the District Council had clarified that it initially only required ideas from the town council in respect of its own venues and facilities.

Min 13: In response to a query, the Deputy Town Clerk advised that a letter was sent to Bloor Homes.

At this stage of the meeting, the Chairman proposed that Agenda Item 9 referring to the Local Development Framework (Core Strategy) be moved forward in order that the members of public present could leave the meeting early. This proposal was seconded and AGREED.

4. Local Development Framework – Core Strategy

Town Council had been asked what its preference was, if any, regarding which of the two sites (A or B) in Faringdon in the above framework was chosen for long term residential development. It was NOTED that Site B was in the Parish of Gt Coxwell but that in view of the impact any development on this site would have on Faringdon’s infrastructure, it was felt this site should also be considered in town council’s decision-making process. Following lengthy discussion, including input from the two members of public and the various concerns raised by the councillors such as the increased level of traffic in Park Road, already a major concern and the closeness of the sites to the A420, it was AGREED that the council would prefer long term development on both sites

5. **Public Question Time**
No questions had been received.
6. **Public Speaking Time**
The members of public had left at this stage of the meeting.
7. **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
8. **The following Planning Application was considered and decision made:--**

GFA/19684/3 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and garage with new access drive
Manor Farm Cottage, Lechlade Road, Faringdon
For Mr K Weise

DO NOT OBJECT

However, as Town Council is a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and the commitments stated therein, Town Council would wish, in respect of new dwellings, to see the following included as part of the conditions of planning permission, if granted:

- Grey water capacity;
- Solar panels;
- Where appropriate, wind or water power
- Ground source heating

9. **For Information**

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

GFA/16696/5 Proposed use of shed as a small farm shop selling produce from farm
Wickleham Lodge Farm, Faringdon
For: Mr T Allen-Stevens
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 28.7.09)

GFA/13339/2 Proposed roof extension with dormer windows (re-submission of withdrawn appl. GFA/13339/1)
1 Hampden Close, Faringdon
For: Mr David Hatton
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 18.8.09)

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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 28.7.09)

GFA/20930 Erection of single storey front and side extensions to provide new and enlarged accommodation to dwelling
30 Orchard Hill, Faringdon
For: Mr R Cooper
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 28.7.09)

GFA/20413/1 Proposed single storey rear extension
7 Folly View Crescent, Faringdon
For: Mrs Joanne Walsh
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 18.8.09)

(b) Work to Trees

It was NOTED that the Vale of White Horse District had advised that it had no objection to various works to trees at Faringdon Vicarage, Coach Lane, Faringdon.

(c) Faringdon Flood Map – Update for September

A copy of updated information was received from the Environment Agency and NOTED.

(d) Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan 3 – Objectives Consultation

It was NOTED that OCC had acknowledged receipt of town council's comments on the above and that the consultation had now closed. OCC had considered the objectives for the Local Transport Plan on 15 September and agenda/minutes would be available on website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

10. Parking Survey

In view of the S106 contribution available for the cost of a car parking study, it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that a consultant be appointed to carry out the car parking survey. The Deputy Town Clerk was requested to seek quotes from companies to carry out such a survey which would (a) take into account the issues listed below, (b) make recommendations on if and how parking could be improved and (c) provide related costs:

- residential parking;
- future possible new housing development on site south of Park Road;
- impact of shoppers;
- possibility of very large store with free parking on outside of town;
- public transport to be available within Faringdon in order for people to get to the centre of town without using cars;
- charge for parking;
- free parking;
- park and ride;
- coach park off the A420

- 11. Preferred Options Report – Future Provision of Services in Faringdon**
Possible ideas were discussed and agreed for the improvement of and/or new services that should be provided if the development of an additional 400 homes and 4 ha of employment land to the South of Park Road did go ahead.

12. S106 Agreements

(a) It was NOTED that a reply had now been received from the District Council in response to a letter from town council sent in August this year expressing town council's concern and disappointment that it had not been involved in S106 discussions regarding planning application GFA/20602/2-X. District Council stated that, unlike with new housing, it did not have an established formulae to link new commercial floor space to financial contributions. The committee queried why there was no financial link and the Deputy Town Clerk was requested to write a letter to the local District Councillor who was a member on the District Council Development Control Committee asking him to raise this question. A list detailing the draft S106 heads of terms was tabled and NOTED.