

# FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 November 2009 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber, The Corn Exchange, Faringdon

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A V Hickmore (Chairman)  
Mrs J Boulton  
K Herbert  
D Keeble  
A Marsden  
Dr M L H Wise  
D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D/Cllr R Cox (*left after Min 8*)  
Mrs A Blyth, VWHDC Principal Planner  
(Environmental Policy and Conservation)  
Mrs G LeCointe, VWHDC Planning Officer  
C Webb, VWHDC Leisure Facilities  
(*the VWHDC Representatives left after Min 7*)  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Assistant Clerk

*Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman proposed that Agenda Item 10 referring to the VWHDC consultation paper on referral of planning applications to Development Control Committee be moved up the agenda for discussion after Agenda Item 7 to enable D/Cllr Cox to participate in the discussion. This proposal was seconded and CARRIED.*

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Price, N S O’Keeffe and Mrs M J Barker.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 20 October 2009**

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

**3. Matters Arising**

*Min 1, Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Canada Lane:* Cllr Dr Wise stated that it appeared there were not many people in the vicinity who were aware of the OCC consultation at this stage and he asked what area the consultation actually covered. It was AGREED that a letter should be written to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) seeking clarification on this issue and requesting confirmation that the consultation process would involve everyone in that neighbourhood.

*Min 10, Coxwell Pit:* Regarding the continuing deposit of hardcore on this site by builders, D/Cllr Cox advised that the Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) is due shortly to issue an Enforcement Order and the builders will be allowed a short period of time to comply with this order. Thanks were expressed by the Chairman to D/Cllr Cox for his assistance in moving this matter forward.

**4. Public Question Time**

No questions had been received.

**5. Public Speaking Time**

*Faringdon Fossil Trust:* A local resident enquired what progress had been made with the transfer of land from Builders Ede to the Town Council. The Chairman advised that the town council's solicitors had been in contact with Builders Ede but to date had had no response. He confirmed that he would ask the Town Clerk to follow up the matter again.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**7. Update on Local Development Framework (LDF)**

*A request for confidentiality had been made by the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of this item as some of the information for discussion was not yet in the public domain. The Chairman, therefore, proposed that in accordance with Town Council Standing Order No. 65 the public, including the press, be temporarily excluded from the meeting whilst this item was discussed. This proposal was seconded and CARRIED.*

Mrs A Blyth VWHDC Principal Planner (Environmental Policy and Conservation), Mrs G LeCointe, VWHDC Planning Officer and Mr C Webb, VWHDC Leisure Facilities updated the committee on the Local Development Framework. It was NOTED that public consultation on the Preferred Options had now finished and that before the draft Core Strategy was prepared, all comments received would be considered. Thanks were expressed by the Chairman on behalf of the town council to the VWHDC representatives coming to talk to the councillors.

*The confidential session then ended.*

**8. Vale of White Horse District Council Consultation**

District Council is undertaking a review of its scheme of delegation regarding planning applications and a copy of the consultation paper which had been circulated to town and parish councils was received and considered. It was NOTED that currently, district council delegates a number of its planning decisions to the Head of Planning or to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chairman of the Development Control Committee. Cllr Cox advised the committee that he had received queries from another local parish regarding this matter and informed the committee of the reply to them which he hoped would assist the town council in interpreting and responding to the VWHDC scheme of delegation consultation. Following discussion, the members felt that the proposed changes were undemocratic and that, in some areas, decisions could be delegated to the relevant parish council/town council. It was AGREED that the Chairman and the Deputy Town Clerk be delegated to write a letter to the District Council incorporating the comments of the draft paper submitted by Cllr Hickmore which proposed suggestions towards achieving this.

9. **The following Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:-**

- GFA/18337/1** Erection of a rear conservatory  
**3 Coxwell Lodge Drive, Faringdon**  
For: Mr & Mrs Merrill  
**NO OBJECTIONS**
- GFA/18657/2-LB** Repair/Replacement of lead to existing lead valley.  
Removal of stone tiles and replacement with clay tiles to match other tiles to valley.  
**Duke of Wellington, 7 Lechlade Road, Faringdon**  
For: Admiral Taverns (780) Hd  
**NO OBJECTIONS**
- GFA/14696/3** Erection of 4 semi-detached houses with new car port and parking  
**9 Butts Road, Faringdon**  
For: Lechlade Homes  
**DO NOT OBJECT but concerned about parking in the area**
- GFA/12833/9** Retrospective application for installation of a horse walker  
**Hatton Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mrs Caroline Bell  
**NO OBJECTIONS**
- GFA/19770/1 (Amended description)** Demolition of existing redundant building. Erection of 1x1 bedroom dwelling and 1x2 bedroom dwelling with parking. (Part retrospective)  
**The Old Barn, Stanford Road, Faringdon**  
For: Miss J Carroll  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

10. **For Information**

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

- GFA/4570/3** Internal alterations within existing offices. Works will involve infilling one internal window opening, replacing one internal window with a door and removing a section of counter  
*(As Town Council had an interest in this application, it was not considered by Planning & Highways Committee)*

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

**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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 29.9.09)*

(c) Work to Trees

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

Remove 1 Western Red Cedar  
**32 London Street, Faringdon**

**11. Faringdon Fossil Trust – SSSI**

As the SSSI is within the Great Coxwell Parish boundary, the members were asked to consider town council applying for a re-designation of the Faringdon boundary to the A420. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to research how this could be progressed.

**12. Speed Limits Orders to “A” and “B2 Roads in Oxfordshire**

A notification was received from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) advising (a) that it is now carrying out formal consultation on speed limit changes and (b) outlining the changes that affect Faringdon. It was NOTED that town council had responded to the OCC informal consultation in July 2009 and it was AGREED that these comments should be reiterated, ie the members felt that it was unnecessary to reduce the speed limit to 50mph on the A4095 Clanfield to Faringdon road but that there was a need for a 50mph speed restriction on the Faringdon to Coleshill road.

**13. A415 Newbridge – Alternative River Crossing**

Information was received and NOTED from Oxfordshire County Council regarding the public exhibitions due to be held at the end of November in respect of the above.

**14. Annual Review of Town Council Development 2008-2026**

It was AGREED that this matter should be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee.

**15. Precept 2010/11**

The draft budget was considered. It was NOTED that the glass panes in the bus shelters had been subjected to vandalism over the year and following discussion, it was AGREED that the Deputy Town Clerk should ascertain the cost of replacement of the glass with polycarbonate and also to contact the shelter manufacturers to look into the possibility of replacing the lower sections of glass with appropriate boards.

**16. S106 Agreements**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there were no further updates on current S106 agreements.