

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th January 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber, The Corn Exchange, Faringdon

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the press
Assistant Clerk

1/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs.M.J. Barker, N.S. O’Keeffe, J. Boyle, D/Cllr A. Thomson and Deputy Town Clerk.

2/10 Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday 15 December 2009

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

3/10 Matters Arising

Item 9, Proposed changes to Waiting Restrictions – Gloucester Street, Faringdon:
Cllr Marsden queried whether a letter had been sent to the Oxfordshire County Council in this respect. As the Deputy Town Clerk was not present at the meeting, the Assistant Clerk was asked to check.

4/10 Public Speaking Time

No questions had been received.

5/10 Public Speaking Time

Al Cane, Editor of the Faringdon Folly Newspaper, commented that he was pleased to see members of the public showing an interest and getting involved in planning matters.

6/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

7/10 Precept 2010/2011

The draft budget was discussed. Following a letter received from a local resident requesting installation of a salt bin it was agreed that an amount of £160.00 should be included in the 2010/2011 budget for a salt bin giving a total budget figure of £2,280.00.

It was FURTHER AGREED that if Finance Committee wished committees to lower their budgets then the amount of £1,300.00 in respect of vandalism costs could be reduced by £600.00 to £700.00 by using different materials.

8/10 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:

GFA/21052 Two storey front & side extension
2 Marlborough Close, Faringdon
For: Mr. Lewis
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/15243/3 Erection of a single storey side extension
2 Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr and Mrs A and S Hunt
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/10598/8 Erection of wooden and glazed building to provide indoor area for café and additional retails space for existing shop. The building will also serve an occasional identified need for a meeting room and for small private functions. Extension of existing from decking area and erection of a building to be used as a toilet for people with a disability.
Wicklesham Lodge, Sands Hill, Faringdon
For: Mr.T Allen-Stevens
NO OBJECTIONS

9/10 For Information

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

GFA/19770/1 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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 01.12.09)

GFA/16154/5 Erection of four dwellings (revised application
Plots 2-5) (Retrospective)
Ferngrove, Portway, Faringdon
For: Vale Housing Association
**(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee
Meeting, 01.12.09)**

GFA/12833/9 Retrospective application for installation of a horse
walker
Hatton Farm, Radcot Road, Faringdon
For: Mrs Caroline Bell
**(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee
Meeting, 10.11.09)**

10/10 Park Road, Faringdon – Relocation of Stone Gateway

A letter dated 16th December 2009 received from the Consulting Civil & Structural Engineers regarding the above was received and considered. Cllr Marsden objected to the tone of the letter and stated that one side of the stone gateway remained standing. Cllr Mrs. Boulton suggested the gateway be moved to just past the 30 mph sign as close to the A420 roundabout as possible. Cllr Mrs. Boulton also suggested we advise of possible road widen and access. Deputy Town Clerk to reply.

11/10 Street Names – Development on land to rear of Winslow House, Coxwell Road, Faringdon

The Vale of White Horse District Council had forwarded a request from the developer of the above site. Following discussion it was AGREED that the following names should be forwarded to the VWHDC once permission had been received, where possible, from the relevant families.

Ernest John Chambers
Wilfred James Taylor (1939).
James Leonard Wearn
Mr.H. Stallard

12/10 Vale of White Horse District Council - Core Strategy

In January 2009, the District Council published its Core Strategy Preferred Options for consultation. Further work had now been carried out and District Council was seeking comments on additional matters before it finalised the draft core strategy. A letter dated 15 December 2009 together with information leaflet from the District Council was received and considered. The Chairman advised that following a query raised with the VWHDC by the Deputy Town Clerk as to whether there would be an opportunity for further consultation, a response had now been received from Mr Williams, Principal Planning Officer (Policy) which indicated a probable further consultation.

Concern was expressed by Cllr Dr Wise regarding the short period of only one hour allocated by the District Council for its question and answer session due to be held on 26 January in respect of the future of shopping in Faringdon. Cllr Keeble also expressed his concern that Tesco would receive planning permission before town council had submitted its comments. The Chairman proposed that in order that Faringdon spoke with a united voice, a Working Party be formed and that as many people/local organisations as possible be invited to become members. This proposal was seconded and CARRIED and it was AGREED that the name of the Working Party would be Our Faringdon – Our Future. Initial membership of the Working Party would be Cllrs Hickmore, Gillman, Mrs Boulton, Marsden and Dr Wise, together with an officer yet to be appointed and any other interested parties. Al Cane was requested to promote the working party through his publications.

It was NOTED that the planning consultancy involved with Budgens had now indicated that Budgens would like a private meeting with the Town Council and had suggested 13 January 2010. It was AGREED that if possible this meeting should be held in the Pump House at 5.00 pm and that Cllrs Hickmore, Dr Wise, Keeble and Mrs Boulton be delegated to attend on behalf of the Planning and Highways Committee.

13/10 Planning & Highways Committee Meeting - 26 January 2009

Following suggestions from the Chairman, it was AGREED that the meeting would start at 6.45 pm in the Council Chamber in order to consider normal agenda items before moving to the Corn Exchange hall for public speaking at 7.15 pm. If, however, representatives from Faringdon House wished to talk to the committee, then the meeting could start at 6.30 pm. It was FURTHER AGREED that members of the public should sign in and, where relevant, state the organization they represented.

The Chairman asked the Assistant Clerk to arrange for a large map of Faringdon to be made available.

With regard to the VWHDC Draft Core Strategy, it was AGREED that it would be useful to obtain advice from Terry Gashe from DPDS Consultants on any further consultation process for the draft Core Strategy and that a request should be submitted to Finance Committee for funds to pay for this advice.

14/10 Salt Bin – Ash Close, Faringdon

It was NOTED that this item had already been discussed under Min No 7/10.

15/10 S106 Agreements

It was NOTED that no further updates had been received.