

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 February 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
N S O’Keeffe
Dr M L H Wise
D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr O Yaqub (*up to Min 38/10*)
Mr J Flawn, **Bluestone Planning** (*up to Min 38/10*)
Deputy Town Clerk
Assistant Clerk

32/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Price, K Herbert, J Boyle and Mrs M J Barker

33/10 Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 26 January 2010

D/Cllr Mrs Thomson pointed out that she had been present at the meeting up to Min 20/10 and that this had not been noted. Following amendment, the Minutes were signed as a correct record.

34/10 Matters Arising

Min 21/10, Min 7/10, Precept: As a figure had now been included in the Planning & Highways Committee budget for planning consultant’s fees, it was AGREED that Mr T Gashe should be invited to the next meeting of the committee due to take place on 9 March 2010.

Min 21/10, Min 11/10, Street Names: Cllr Dr Wise stated that it had been noted that although there was a sign leading to Dowell Court, there did not appear to be an actual name plate in place. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that she was in the process of following this up with the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Min 27/10, Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: At the last meeting of the Town Council, C/Cllr Mrs J Heathcoat had made reference in her report to a workshop that was being held in Stanford and Cllr Dr Wise queried whether the Town Council had received any invitation to this. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that no such invitation had been received but that she would look into the matter.

35/10 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

36/10 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak at this stage.

37/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs J Boulton declared an interest in planning application GFA/21099 as she was a close neighbour.

38/10 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:-

- GFA/3499/5** Extensions and alterations to Folly Stores (Costcutter Supermarket) to form a new external store, extension to trading area and relocated entrance to No. 19A Folly View Road)
Folly Stores, 17-19 Folly View Road, Faringdon
For: Mr Omar Yaqub
(A presentation was made by Mr Flawn and Mr Yaqub outlining details of the proposed extensions and alterations.)
FULLY SUPPORT for the following reason:
The community benefits the shop already gives will be extended and will not have any adverse effect on anybody else.
- GFA/21099** Replace existing concrete slab decking with wooden decking to same height and incorporate a safety handrail (Retrospective)
Fit one velux light tunnel
26 Coxwell Street, Faringdon
For: Karl Uzzell
OBJECT for the following reason:-
Invasion of neighbours' privacy as area overlooks them.
- GFA/120/7**
GFA/120/8-LB Erection of a rear single storey extension and improvements to rear access
13-15 London Street, Faringdon
For: Winter Blackwell Limited
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/21095** Erection of a single storey extension
5 Marlborough Close, Faringdon
For: Mr M Gaynor
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/21093** Demolition of existing industrial units. Erection of new industrial units with new access road.
7-8 & 9 Pioneer Road, Faringdon
For: Badnell Properties Ltd
FULLY SUPPORT for the following reason:
The proposal will help to improve employment opportunities in the area.
- GFA/13458/2-A** Application to display 2 externally illuminated fascia signs and 1 externally illuminated projecting sign
Second to None, 5 Park Road, Faringdon
For: The Midcounties Co-operative Limited

NO OBJECTIONS although it was NOTED that the address was not completely correct and that this should be pointed out to the District Council

GFA/15480/6 Demolition of existing cattle housing building and replacement with new cattle housing building
Pidnell Farm, Faringdon
Mr R Bolter
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/17445/1 Conversion of garage to home office including the removal of garage door and insertion of a bay window
5 Cedar Road, Faringdon
For: Mr J Francis
OBJECT for the following reason:-
Town Council, as a matter of principle, objects on the grounds that allowing garages to be converted into accommodation could cause problems in the future with regard to car parking on the roads in the area.

39/10 For Information

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

GFA/19782/2 Extension to unit 2 to provide additional warehouse space
RAC Workshop, Park Road, Faringdon
For: Radcot Armoured Components
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 15.12.09)

GFA/21052 Two storey front & side extension
2 Marlborough Close, Faringdon
For: M Lewis
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 5.1.10)

(b) Work to Trees

A Notice of Permission was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council and NOTED in respect of the following work to trees:-

To remove 1 Purple Prunus
3 Sudbury Court, Faringdon

40/10 Park Road, Faringdon – Relocation of Stone Gateway

A letter dated 8 February 2010 enclosing a plan showing the layout of the proposed new location of the stone gateway was received from the consulting civil & structural engineers and following consideration, the proposed new location was APPROVED.

However, in view of the future developments planned for that area of town with possible widening of the road it was felt it should be pointed out to the engineers that the location of the gateway 1.5m from the road may not be sufficient.

41/10 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Following further discussion on this levy, it was AGREED that a letter should be written to the Vale of White Horse District Council (the Local Planning Authority) to enquire whether the District Council had a policy on CIL.

42/10 Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan 2, 2011-2030

A report written by Cllr Hickmore in respect of Consultation 4 on the draft policies was received and considered. Cllr Hickmore pointed out in his report that apart from the omission of mention of a train station at Challow, all the policies could be easily supported and encouraged as they were broad in their application and scope. It was AGREED that although town council accepted the policies, it would like the possibility of a train station at Challow to be included in these policies. It was NOTED that any comments should be forwarded to the OCC by 21 February 2010. It was FURTHER NOTED that the Our Faringdon – Our Future Working Party had set up a Transport Group.

43/10 Vale of White Horse District Council – Core Strategy

A letter was received from a local resident regarding the need for possible future sites for both the Bromsgrove Day Centre and the Faringdon Family & Children's Centre to be included in the Core Strategy for Faringdon. Following discussion, it was felt that although this was not a District Council Core Strategy matter, it was nevertheless an important point that should be raised with the OCC Social Services. It was, therefore, AGREED that this letter, together with a supporting letter from the town council, should be forwarded to OCC to take into account when considering future education, with copies to C/Cllr Mrs J Heathcoat and the VWHDC. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Thrower thanking him for bringing the matter to the attention of the town council.

44/10 Swindon Borough Council – Draft Inclusive Design Access for All Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Public Consultation

A written report from Cllr Dr Wise was received and considered in respect of the above. Cllr Dr Wise stated that the aim of the Swindon Design Guide was to ensure that the quality of design in the Borough was raised to reflect its corporate aim of making Swindon an enjoyable place to live, work and play. He outlined various key points and it was AGREED that his report should be NOTED and a copy kept on file for future reference. It was FURTHER AGREED that a letter should be written to Swindon Borough Council thanking it for keeping the town council up to date with its plans.

45/10 West Oxfordshire District Council – Core Strategy Preferred Approach

A letter dated 4 February 2010 from West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) was received and considered. It was NOTED that the WODC was seeking comments, if any, in respect of its consultation document in respect of the above. It was AGREED that Cllr Hickmore would research and report back to the committee members by email if there was anything contentious.

46/10 S106 Agreements

It was NOTED that no further updates on current S106 agreements had been received.