

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 March 2010 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of public
Deputy Town Clerk**

61/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K Herbert, D Price, Mrs M J Barker and D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson.

62/10 Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 9 March 2010

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

63/10 Matters Arising

Min 49/10, Min 40/10: It was NOTED that Oxfordshire County Council was still progressing this matter.

Min 54/10, Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: It was NOTED that a letter had now been sent to Ed Vaizey MP and a copy was circulated to the members for information.

64/10 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

65/10 Public Speaking Time

No member of the public wished to speak at this time.

At this stage, the Chairman proposed that the item dealing with the Traffic Regulation Order from Oxfordshire County Council be moved forward on the agenda in order that one of the members of public could speak early on the matter. This proposal was seconded and CARRIED.

66/10 Traffic Regulation Order from Oxfordshire County Council regarding proposed “Limited Waiting” restriction, Canada Lane, Faringdon

A local resident expressed concerns regarding car parking in the Canada Lane/Lechlade Road area as a whole.

Following discussion, it was AGREED that objections to the Order should be submitted to the OCC, as follows:-

- (a) Town Council objects to the Order on the basis that the area is unlikely to be properly policed, the restriction will be ignored and money was being spent on a scheme which was not necessary;
- (b) Town Council further felt that as a survey on car parking in Faringdon was due to be carried out by the Vale of White Horse District Council in the summer of 2010, it would be prudent to wait until this survey had been completed before making any proposals regarding car parking in this area.

67/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

68/10 Vale of White Horse District Council – Core Strategy

(a) & (b): Mr T Gashe from the DPDS Consulting Group was introduced to the committee members. He gave a detailed background to the VWHDC Core Strategy and its consultation process. It was NOTED that following consultation, the Core Strategy would be submitted by the District Council to the Secretary of State. An independent inspector, appointed by Government, would then examine the Core Strategy for its soundness and any objectors would be able to put their case to the inspector at a public hearing. In view of the importance of any further submission the Town Council makes in this regard, an invitation was extended to Mr Gashe to act as the Town Council's consultant which Mr Gashe accepted. It was AGREED, therefore, that once the final observations of the "Our Faringdon – Our Future" Working Party had been put together as a report at the end of May 2010, this would be submitted to Mr Gashe for his comments together with a copy of the updated town council's development strategy. The Chairman reminded members that money for planning consultancy fees had been allocated in the Planning & Highways 2010/11 budget.

69/10 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:

GFA/20505/1 Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension above existing car port and garage. (Amendment to approved application GFA/20505)

24 Beech Close, Faringdon

For: Mr David Turner

NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/19782/3 Application to alter existing planning consent GFA.19782/2 to add additional bay to proposed extension to existing industrial buildings.

RAC Workshop, Park Road, Faringdon

For: Radcot Armoured Components

NO OBJECTIONS

70/10 For Information

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

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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 16.2.10)

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
(Fully support – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 16.2.10)

GFA/10015/4 Part retrospective application for a pergola for photovoltaic solar panels in rear garden
17 Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr D Williamson
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 26.1.10)

(b) Notice of Consent for the Display of Advertisement was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the following application and NOTED:-

GFA/13458/2-A Application to display 2 non-illuminated fascia signs and 1 non-illuminated projecting sign
Second to None, 5 Park Road, Faringdon
For: The Midcounties Co-operative Limited
(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 16.2.10)

(c) Notice of Refusal was received from the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the following planning application:

GFA/10598/8 Erection of wooden and glazed building to provide indoor area for café and additional retail 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 front 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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 5.1.10)

71/10 S106 Agreements

(a) *Bloor Homes*: Notification had now been received that the Vale of White Horse District Council would be undertaking a car parking survey in Faringdon in summer 2010 which would be funded by Bloor Homes S106 monies. It was AGREED that the relevant officer from the Vale of White Horse District Council should be invited to attend a future meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee in order that Town Council's requirements could be discussed.

(b) It was NOTED that there were no further updates on other current S106 agreements.

72/10 Review of Faringdon Town Boundary

A paper from Cllr Marsden detailing the procedure for applying for a boundary change was received and considered. It was AGREED that Cllr Marsden together with the Deputy Town Clerk should prepare and submit a formal application to the VWHDC seeking a Community Governance Review of the parish boundary.

73/10 Garage Conversions

Following a review of Town Council's policy on considering planning applications for permission to convert a garage into accommodation, it was AGREED that in future this policy would be that there should be a minimum space available on the site for 2 cars to park off road, otherwise Town Council would normally object. However, it would also take a pragmatic view in some circumstances.

74/10 Annual Review of Town Council Development Strategy 2008-2026

Cllr Hickmore tabled a written report outlining suggestions for possible areas of the Strategy which should be updated. The members were asked to review the suggestions and to bring back any comments to the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee for further consideration.