

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 May 2010 at 7.15 pm in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Town Clerk
Assistant Clerk

87/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N S O’Keeffe, D Price and D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson.

88/10 Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 20 April 2010

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

89/10 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

90/10 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

91/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Boulton declared an interest in Planning Application GFA/21099 as she was a neighbour and had personally made the original objection to this application to the District Council.

92/10 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:-

GFA/5403/4 Erection of a first floor rear extension to provide additional bedroom and ensuite bathroom
28 Highworth Road, Faringdon
For: Ms A Evenden
NO OBJECTIONS

GFA/14696/4 Proposed erection of four terraced houses (Re-submission)
9 Butts Road, Faringdon
For: Lechlade Homes
NO OBJECTIONS

- GFA/21180** Two storey rear extension to replace existing single storey extension
27 Coxwell Street, Faringdon
 Mr C Jones
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/15496/16-LB** Replacement of external door and frame on London Street frontage
The Folly Inn, 54 London Street, Faringdon
 For: Mr Richard Crewe
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/20682/1** Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions. Erection of new single storey side and rear extensions
81 Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon
 For: Mr & Mrs Stallard
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/12319/1** Add first floor to single storey dwelling
Wayside, 6 Coxwell Road, Faringdon
 For: Mr Paul Goodway
NO OBJECTIONS
- GFA/21099** *(Cllr Mrs J Boulton left the room whilst the following application was being discussed)*
 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
 Planning & Highways Committee objected to this planning application at its meeting held on 16 February. However, following discussions held between the Vale of White Horse District Council and the applicant, District Council had now asked if Town Council would accept that this application could be dealt with at a Chairman's meeting instead of a committee meeting. Although the members noted that discussions had been held with one of the neighbouring properties, ie No. 38, who had agreed an acceptable compromise, they were aware of at least one objection from another neighbour who was overlooked and they stated it was not clear whether other neighbours had been consulted or only No 38. Therefore, the previous objection made by town council that other properties were being overlooked is still one that it wished to make.

It was AGREED that town council did not accept that this application could be dealt with at a Chairman's meeting instead of a committee meeting and the District Council should be advised accordingly.

(Cllr Mrs Boulton returned to the meeting at this stage)

93/10 Finance: End of Year Report 2009/10

Year end figures for the financial year 2009/10 were received and NOTED. With regard to the repair of the vandalised bus shelters, it was NOTED that the budget for 2009/10 had not been used but that there was an amount of £300 in the 2010/11 budget in this respect.

The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to research costs for replacement of the vandalised panels and to bring back to the committee for consideration.

94/10 S106 Agreements

(a) *Bloor Homes Development, Park Road:* A letter dated 20 April 2010 from Oxfordshire County Council, written in response to Town Council's letter seeking clarification in respect of the clause in the S106 Agreement regarding the Public Transport Vehicle Infrastructure Contribution, was received and NOTED. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to write in acknowledgement of this letter seeking clarification on how this money was planned to be spent for the benefit of the new residents of the Bloor Homes Development if it was not being spent on the community bus.

(b) *Development south of Park Road, Faringdon:* It was NOTED that the Vale of White Horse District Council now required more detailed information on projects that Town Council would like to be funded via S106 agreement. Various projects were identified, together with costs, and it was AGREED that the following list should be submitted to the District Council.

1) *All weather pitch at Tuckers Park.*

It was noted that District Council Leisure Services were likely to seek contributions to an all weather pitch at the leisure centre. However, town council felt that Tucker's Park was an area better suited for an all-weather pitch. The park was already very actively used by the Faringdon Town Football Club (a high-achieving club) and with an all-weather pitch it would enable the park to be developed for multi-use activities which would be of greater benefit to the townspeople as well as being in a location closer to the centre of town.

2) *Allotments*

Town council supports any provision of further allotments. It was NOTED that allotments could be provided on the above development south of Park Road. If this was the case, town council asked that these were included in the total pool of allotments in the town and not specifically for the site. Regarding the costs, as town council felt it did not have the experience to provide these costs, it suggested that the planners provide these.

3) *Car Parking:* Town council agrees that this is a District Council matter.

4) *Trim Track*

Town council agreed that the trim track in the woods on London Road was a long way from the site. It would suggest that a trim track is installed around the Country Park.

5) *Old Town Hall*

- Improved heating £12,000

- War memorial: Faringdon War Memorial Trust which looks after the current exterior war memorial (wooden boards) wished to replace this with one of a more permanent material such as stone. Current opinion was that the wooden memorial was not imposing and did not reflect its significant importance to the townspeople. £15,000

6) *Pump House*

Development of theatre - stage improvements, theatre lighting, seating, toilets, heating, internal decoration £150,000

7) *Play Area, Tucker's Park*

Town council has recently had plans drawn up for redesigning its play area in Tucker's Park. £80,000

8) *Community Bus*

A replacement bus, in order to ensure continuation of the Faringdon Community bus service.

9) *Corn Exchange, Faringdon*

Facility improvement £50,000

10) *Environmental Improvements*

Seats, flowerbeds in town centre, public parks £15,000

It was also AGREED that Town Council should request that (a) it be involved with any S106 discussions that ensue with county council/district council regarding this development and (b) as part of any S106 agreement made with the developer it should be stipulated that payment should be made upfront before the relevant work starts.

It was FURTHER AGREED that an invitation should be extended to the relevant District Council officer to attend a future meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee to talk about this proposed development and also the Faringdon car parking survey.

(c) To receive and consider any updates on other current S106 agreements. It was NOTED that no further updates had been received.

95/10 “Our Faringdon – Our Future” Working Party

The Chairman advised that a draft of the working party’s final report would be submitted to the Planning & Highways Committee in June for its consideration and approval. This would then be submitted to town council’s planning consultant for his comment and input.

It was NOTED that Oxfordshire County Council was holding a consultation from 10 May to 20 June 2010 on the scenarios for the Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-2030). It was AGREED that authority be delegated to Cllr Mrs J Boulton to attend one of the drop-in events and to report back to the working party. It was FURTHER AGREED that Cllr Mrs Boulton’s attendance expenses be accepted as an approved duty.

96/10 For Information

(a) A progress report on actions arising from the previous meeting was received and NOTED. Cllr Marsden asked if an item on the change of parish boundary request could be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee.

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

GFA/15243/3 Erection of a single storey side extension
2 Coxwell Road, Faringdon
For: Mr and Mrs A and S Hunt
*(No objections – Planning & Highways
Committee Meeting, 5.1.10)*

GFA/15480/6 Demolition of existing cattle housing building
and replacement with new cattle housing
building
Pidnell Farm, Faringdon
For: Mr Richard Bolter
*(No objections – Planning & Highways
Committee Meeting, 30.3.10)*

- (c) **GFA/21093**: Notification that this planning application will be considered at the VWHDC Development Control Committee on 13 May 2010.