

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 June 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  
J C W Gillman  
D Keeble  
Dr M L H Wise

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr D McCallum (DPDS Consulting)  
2 members of public  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Assistant Clerk

### **108/10 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K Herbert, A Marsden, Cllr N S O'Keeffe and D/Cllr Mrs A Thomson.

### **109/10 Election of Vice-Chairman for committee year 2010/11**

Cllr Hickmore proposed Cllr Dr Wise, seconded by Cllr Mrs Barker. There being no other nominations, this proposal was CARRIED and Dr Wise was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

### **110/10 Invitation to District Councillor to sit on Planning & Highways Committee as a non-voting member for committee year 2010/11**

Cllr Hickmore proposed that D/Cllr Mrs Alison Thomson continued to sit on the Planning & Highways Committee as a non-voting member. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Dr Wise and CARRIED.

### **111/10 Minutes of Last Meeting: Tuesday, 1 June 2010**

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

### **112/10 Public Question Time**

No questions had been received.

### **113/10 Public Speaking Time**

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

### **114/10 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hickmore declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Application GFA/21218.

### **115/10 Retail in Faringdon**

Mr D McCallum, DPDS Consulting, was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Mr McCallum talked about the future of retailing in Faringdon and the various points he raised were considered.

It was NOTED that in March 2010 the District Council had commissioned a further survey through Savills and the members expressed their dissatisfaction that the town council had not been made aware of this important document relating to Faringdon. Mr McCallum pointed out that the report seemed to favour the Gloucester Street car park development as a site for a supermarket. The Chairman also highlighted the retail assessment carried out by Tesco. Mr McCallum advised that in order to establish the retailing needs of Faringdon, DPDS would be prepared to prepare a brief for a retail report which related Faringdon's population and expenditure to existing shopping provision as well as considering the impact of an out-of-centre store on the town centre. In order to do this, DPDS could provide town council with, for example, support for an exhibition, the drawing up of a public consultation exercise to enable people to voice their opinion, a workshop if felt necessary. It was AGREED that this would be useful and Mr McCallum agreed to report back to the committee with ideas. Thanks were expressed to Mr McCallum for attending the meeting.

**116/10 Planning Applications were considered and decisions taken as follows:-**

*(Cllr Hickmore left the room while Planning Application GFA/21218 was discussed and Cllr Dr Wise took over as Chairman)*

**GFA/21218**                      Erection of a single storey rear extension  
**42 Folly View Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr R Taylor  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

*(Cllr Hickmore returned to the room and resumed his role as Chairman)*

**GFA/19758/2**                      Application to extend the time limit of Application No.  
GFA/19758/1 for an extension to Brunel House and  
erection of 17 incubation units for B1 use (Faringdon  
Business Centre)  
**Land adjoining The Health Centre, Volunteer Way,  
Faringdon**  
For: SEEDA  
*(Planning & Highways Committee did not object to  
original application, Meeting, 17.4.07)*  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

**GFA/21222**                      Conversion of integral garage to create additional living  
space  
**28 Coleshill Drive, Faringdon**  
For: Mr & Mrs Higgins  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

**GFA/11212/2**                      Rebuild of porch and garage with pitched roof.  
Demolish porch and rebuild to existing plan. Provide  
pitched roof to existing garage and rebuilt porch.  
**1 Westland Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr Stephen Barlow  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

**117/10 Proposed Taxi Rank – Faringdon**

Details of a proposed taxi rank to be located in the Market Place, Faringdon were received from the Vale of White Horse District Council and considered.

The members welcomed the proposal and there were no objections. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to respond accordingly to the Vale of White Horse District Council by the deadline of 25 June 2010.

#### **118/10 Oxfordshire County Council**

##### **Consultation Workshops on Minerals Spatial Strategy Options for Oxfordshire**

It was NOTED that following the facilitated workshops held for parish councils and other organisations earlier this year, Oxfordshire County Council had used the output from those consultations to help it refine the options. OCC had now advised that it intended to carry out a further round of consultations on the refined set of options. Two further consultation workshops had therefore been organised and one representative from the council had been invited to attend one of these.

It was AGREED that Cllr Dr Wise be delegated authority to attend the consultation workshop due to be held at Standlake Village Hall on 12 July at 2.00pm with a subsequent report from him to the Planning & Highways Committee at a future appropriate meeting.

It was FURTHER AGREED that Cllr Dr Wise's attendance expenses be accepted as an approved duty carried out on behalf of the town council.

#### **119/10 Work to Trees**

Notice of intention to undertake works to Folly Hill trees was received and considered. There were no objections.

#### **120/10 S106 Agreements**

It was NOTED that no further updates had been received.

#### **121/10 Review of Faringdon Town Boundary**

It was NOTED that the District Council had now written to the town council acknowledging receipt of the town council's request for a community governance review. District Council had advised that it would contact town council once timetables for carrying out a review had been drawn up.

#### **122/10 For Information**

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

**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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 11.5.10)*

**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 – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 16.2.10)*

**GFA/20682/1** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension.  
Erection of new single storey side and rear extensions.  
Partially retrospective.  
**81 Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon**  
For: Mr & Mrs Stallard  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee Meeting, 11.5.10)*

**GFA/12319/1** Add first floor to single storey dwelling  
**Wayside, 6 Coxwell Road, Faringdon**  
For: Mr Paul Goodway  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee, 11.5.10)*

**GFA/19684/4** 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  
*(No objections – Planning & Highways Committee, 21.4.10)*

(b) Action List

A progress report on actions arising from the previous Planning & Highways Committee meeting was received and NOTED as follows:

<b>Min No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person/s Delegated</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Min 77/10	Faringdon Car Parking Survey: to pursue possible early meeting for FTC with VWHDC officer to enable FTC to have early input into survey	Deputy Town Clerk	John Beckley, Shared Technical Manager, Commercial Services, VWHDC will be attending P&H meeting due to be held on 3 August 2010.
Min 83/10	DPPPs – to clarify current situation with 2 parking places, one in Marlborough Street and one in Bennett Road	Deputy Town Clerk	Still awaiting response from OCC
Min 92/10	FTC comments on planning applications to be submitted to VWHDC	Deputy Town Clerk	Comments submitted to VWHDC 2 6 10
Min 93/10	To research costs for replacement of vandalized panels in bus shelters	Deputy Town Clerk	Awaiting costs