**FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee**

**held on Friday, 6th March at 9.30 am**

**in the Jubilee Room, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL**

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| **Present:**        **In attendance:**  | **C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman** **C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O’Connor** **D/Cllr David Grant** **D/Cllr Bethia Thomas** **T/Cllr Jane Boulton** **Mark Mobey, Magistrate** **Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations (South)** **Chris Hulme (Thames Valley Police)**  **4 Members of the Public****Andy Ford, Road Safety & Commercial Training Manager & Station Manager** **- OFRS****Jo King, Town Clerk’s Assistant** **Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council**  |   |
| **1/1/20**  | **Apologies for Absence and welcome from the Chairman to the meeting.** Apologies for absence were received via email in the late evening from T/Cllr Kimberley Morgan and Vanessa Buckley.  |   |
| **2/1/20**  | **Declarations of Interest** None  |   |
| **3/1/20**  | **Minutes of the Last Meeting: 6th December 2019** The minutes were AGREED and SIGNED by the Chairman as a correct record.  |   |
| **4/1/20**  | **Matters Arising** **Min 4(b) Permit Scheme:**TheChairman informed membersthat the Oxfordshire Permit Scheme has been enacted, and that any works delayed and going over agreed time could be fined thousands of pounds. Chair informed members that action under min.5 had been taken and resident Sarah Allen-Stevens was contacted and given updates. **Campaign on Road Safety**: Andy Ford was invited by the Chairman to speak regarding the new educational campaign called “Pictagram” about road safety. Pictagram aims to use signs and stickers whenever possible to raise awareness of the 4 factors contributing to accidents on roads: Distraction, speed, drink, not using seat belts. To promote the road safety message, Lee Turner suggested that OCC Highways Vehicles - Skanska be invited to display the sticker on their vehicles in support of the campaign. AF and LT to liaise outside the meeting.Leaflets of the campaign will be shared and circulated to help promoting the cause Members were also informed by the Chairman that the fire services are arranging a meeting for MP David Johnston to visit a fire station and to see the work of the fire fighters.  A420 Officer and CouncillorsJH/AFO’C and Yvonne Constance are meeting with officers to discuss both short term and long-term plans to implement safer pedestrian crossings for pedestrians in their Divisions.  |                   |
| **5/1/20**          | **Public Speaking** The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and asked those if they wished for their name to be recorded.  This was CONFIRMED and AGREED. **David Williamson** spoke about safety in the North site of Park Road and asked if a shared path ~~road~~ for pedestrians and cyclist could be considered viable and implemented.**LT**will investigate this.  **Rosamunde Webster Chairman – Coleshill** spoke about the Coleshill community speed watch being continuously delayed, meanwhile the village is severely affected by vehicles driving with excessive speed in the main road that passes through the village, causing disruption for the community. **CH**will look further into the matter. **JH** advised that this is also a matter for the local Faringdon Neighbourhood Action Group.  **Gene Webb** enquired on the timeline of the project plan for civil parking enforcement to take place. The Chairman reminded the resident that this matter had been previously discussed and details are available in the minutes. It was reiterated that the time for implementation of works is 2 years from the point of agreement of all districts. LT added that a feasibility study should be published on the 10th March 2020 detailing all factors contributing to the implementation of the enforcement. **Graham Hand** enquired on updates 20 mph project in Faringdon. It was NOTED that this matter would be discussed under other business.  |     **LT**       **CH**           |
| **6/1/20**                | **County Council Highways Officer’s Report** Members RECEIVED and NOTED a report from the County Council. It was noted that: * **JH** raised the issue of outstanding white lining in Gravel Walk. This is still outstanding since 2019’s OVO cycle race.
* Great Coxwell “Annabelle’s Nursery” has installed road signs that are not legal. **LT** advised the Chairman to bring this to the attention of Community and Safety as it is a matter for them.
* **BT** spoke about children crossing the street in Gloucester street and asked if a permanent crossing in that road could be investigated further and made available so to ensure safety – it is to be noted that this has been discussed previously at FATAC.
* **BT** also spoke about illegal parking and cars idling in Canada Lane and Lechlade road on the double yellow line. The matter was brought up following a recent site visit to the infant school in Faringdon with “Clean air for Henley” and the Deputy Town Clerk. The councillor spoke about children crossing unsafely the road and breathing polluted air due to the car engines kept on while waiting.
* **JH** asked CH if a PCSO monitor the road, on an ad hoc basis.
* **CH** informed members of a recent report done on civil parking enforcement. This would be shared with the clerk and the committee following the meeting.
 |         **JH**      **CH** |
| **7/1/20**  | **District Council Traffic matters within the Faringdon Ward** DG informed members that a failure of street lighting in Gloucester Street carpark was reported and repaired despite an initial delay in the response.  DG also added that there will be no changes to the parking fees in District Council owned car parks.  |   |
| **8/1/20**                 | **Other Business** 1. **Possible enforcement on bus lane adjacent to Old Town Hall:**

CH explained to members that the sign currently in place is the most abused and misunderstood sign. Meanwhile offering the flexibility of entering the lane to coaches, bus and delivery drivers it enhances the risks of other drivers entering the lane too. The enforcement was brought to the Neighbourhood Team’s attention but there are insufficient staffresources to monitor matters like this. The Chairman added that the sign was amended at the request of residents and traders in Faringdon to allow commercial deliveriesand a change of sign again would come with access restrictions and consultation would be required.  **LT**will investigate costs of new signs. 1. **Update on 20mph speed limit:**

The clerk dealing with the 20mph speed limit will now liaise exclusively with **LT** on this matter, to investigate illumination on signs and budgets available. It was noted there will be a new Match Funding budget of £200,000 that could be considered for covering costs of the project.And this will be investigated.  1. **Resolving ownership of streets and roads in Faringdon:**

This matter will be investigated by the team that helps administer/manage the Superuser service.  |             **LT**   **MS/LT**    |
| **9/1/20**  | **Confirmed Future Meeting Dates**Friday 5 June 2020 at 0930hrs (AGM)Friday 4 September 2020 at 0930hrsFriday 4 December 2020 at 0930hrsFriday 5 March 2021 at 0930hrs   |   |

Meeting ended at 10:35

