

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 7.15pm, via video conferencing.				
Cllr Boulton welcomed everyone to the meeting held via Microsoft Teams Video. Members were reminded of the protocol for speaking and informed that the meeting was being recorded.				
1/08/20	Apologies for Absence Cllrs. Thomas and /Cllr Grant.			
2/8/20 Cllrs present at roll call:	Mike Wise (Mayor) Kiera Bentley Jane Boulton (Chair Planning) Peter Castle Liz Swallow Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk Jo King, Town Clerk's Assistant			
Min. number: Item/meeting/year				
3/8/20	Minutes of last meeting It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 th of July will be signed as a correct record at the next Full Council meeting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.			
4/8/20	Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations Cllr. Bentley declared an interest on item 11. b			
5/8/20	Public Speaking and Question Time None			
6/8/20	Items for information only Chair noted that the planning proposal for development in the Land South of Steeds has been refused. Chair thanked Cllr. Wise for delivering his speech. Cllr. Wise noted the collaboration with D/Cllr. Grant and expressed his disappointment for the fact that none of the questions raised by him regarding issues with land South of Steeds were addressed. Cllr. Wise updated the committee on the reasons for which the proposal was rejected, concluding that there was a general concern from the members of the Vale Committee for Faringdon and Great Coxwell. Members thanked the good work done by Cllr. Wise and D/Cllr Grant in representing Faringdon Town Council at the Vale Planning committee. Members raised their concern about planning related questions and requested further information from the developer or the planning officer. Councillors asked if D/ Cllr. Grant could bring forward the concerns and questions raised by Cllr. Wise to the planning officer managing the case of the Land South of Steeds, especially the concerns on sustainability of the land and the reduced amount of s106 contribution. Cllr Wise's speech will be circulated. Members noted the following planning permissions:			
	a)	P20/V1121/HH	34, The Pines	Granted
	b)	P20/V0513/HH	13 Chestnut Avenue Faringdon SN7 8BB	Granted

	c)	P18/V0259/O	Land South of Steeds Farm	Refused. Waiting for next stage
7/8/20	Government Planning consultation open Members received and NOTED the opening of the consultation on the “Planning for the future”. Due to the large scale of the documentation, it was proposed to bring this item for discussion at the next planning meeting.			
8/8/20	Relocating the welcome to Faringdon by Park Road South Members received and NOTED a correspondence from OCC about the revised location of the gateway wall. Members expressed concerns on safety of pedestrians and cyclists due to the proposed re allocation of the wall. It was PROPOSED and AGREED that Cllr. Swallow and Cllr. Wise will walk Park Road to investigate appropriate allocation for the gate. Chair brought to the attention of councillors that welcome signs on the Radcot Road, Coxwell Road and London Rd are also required and need further investigation.			
9/8/20	Shared use of path in Park Rd Members NOTED the campaign of the Farcycles group for the creation of a segregated path along Park Road to enable cyclists and pedestrians to reach the supermarkets and shops. Members NOTED correspondence from the County Councillor on the Active Travel Scheme. It was PROPOSED and AGREED to give full support to the cyclist group in relation to this campaign. Cllrs noted the Oxfordshire Cyclist Design Standards 2017 which contained advice relevant to any redesign of Park Rd.			
10/7/20	Solar Streets scheme Cllr. Boulton PROPOSED for the Deputy Town clerk to seek further information on this project and contact Henley on Thames and other town councils that have joined the scheme. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED			
Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments from Faringdon Town Council: Members noted and considered the following applications:				
	a)	P20/V1585/HH	11 Lechlade Road Faringdon Application: Formal change of use from 'home office' above garage to a self-contained annexe with bedroom, open kitchen lounge diner and bathroom (toilet, shower, and sink).	No objection. Members were concerned that applicants had proceeded with building works while the planning process in progress. FTC was confused about the recommendation of the Highways Officer to object due to Covid restrictions as the applicant had completed the change of use without following the correct planning procedure
	b)	P20/V0658/RM	Reserved Matters planning application for 190 residential dwelling for Land south of Highworth Road,	Strongly object. Separate comment will be forwarded to the planning officer and circulated to members.
	c)	P20/V0013/FUL	3-7 Marlborough Street Faringdon, Amended Plans & Additional Information regarding Cycle Shelter & Bike Stands FOR INFO ONLY	Noted.

	d)	P20/V1547/LB	1 Cornmarket Faringdon Oxon SN7 7HG Application: Proposed flue at rear of building from the flat roof.	No objection, but FTC recommended that noise and vibration assessment should be carried out first to ensure neighbouring properties will not be affected.
	e)	P20/V1834/FUL P20/V1837/LB	18 Market Place Faringdon Application: Demolition of ground and first floor rear additions and to replace structures with modern ground, first floor and second floor rear extensions. The first and second floors will then be divided to create one new dwelling in addition to the existing dwelling. This application is part of a wider application which includes a change of use for the ground level shop (A1) to that of a wine bar (A4).	FTC fully supports this application. It was noted that the applicant proposed an excellent use of the building according to the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors noted that this project would encourage and support town centre regeneration.
		P20/V1882/FUL	21 Market Place Faringdon SN7 7HU Application: Change of use from shop to estate agent. Changes to the fascia, paint timber, and add white acrylic and vinyl text. Change double entrance doors to single door with fixed panel, all to be painted white. Existing timber shopfront to be painted white	No objection.
12/8/20	To suggest agenda items for the next meeting Update on footpaths, bridleways around Faringdon. Government Planning Consultation Solar street scheme update			

The meeting closed at 20:39 pm