**FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday 4 September 2020**

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| Cllr Fitzgerald-O’Connor welcomed everyone to the meeting held via Microsoft Teams Video. Members were informed that the meeting was being recorded. | |
| **1/2/20** | **Apologies for Absence**  Vanessa Buckley |
| **2/2/20**  **Members present**  **Officers:** | **Due to technical problems the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Anda Fitzgerald.**  **Cllr Heathcoat (joined after item n.7)**  **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)**  **Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk**  **Jo King, Town Clerk’s Assistant** |

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| **3/2/20** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3/2/20** | **Minutes of the Last Meeting: 6th March 2020**  The minutes were AGREED and RECORDED by the Deputy Chairman as a correct record.  It was noted that item 7/1/20 should read there will be no changes to the parking fees in District Council owned car parks “at this time “ |  |
| **4/2/20** | **Matters Arising**  These were discussed under item n.6 |  |
| **5/2/20** | **Public Speaking time**  No public present at the virtual meeting**.** An enquiry received via email was discussed under item n.8 |  |
| **6/1/20** | **County Council Highways Officer’s Report**  Members RECEIVED and NOTED a report from the County Council.  It was noted that:   * **LT** updated memberson the enquiries received regarding the cycle lane in Park Road**.** A project for a segregated shared use path for cyclists and pedestrians alongside Park road will be considered in the tranche 3 of the Travel Active Fund. * **AF** raised the issue of outstanding problem with speeding near nursery school to be investigated separately from the officer. * **AF** raised an enquiry received regarding the possibility of introducing a speed limit in Abingdon Road. This will be explored following the meeting * **BT** raised the matter of children crossing the street in Gloucester street asking if officer **LT** could follow this up with restrictions being lifted. It was noted that a site visit will be coordinated with Cllr. Thomas and Deputy Town Clerk to assess the visibility requirements of the crossing. * **CH** will ask neighbourhood watch team if a PCSO will monitor the road again to address illegal parking in Faringdon. * **DG** enquired if a list of requests could still be considered for the tranche 2 of the Active travel scheme. **LT** will contact the relevant department | **JH**            **MS/LT/BT**  **CH**  **LT** |
| **7/1/20** | **District Council Traffic matters within the Faringdon Ward**  **BT** informed members that two hours free car park were retained in Faringdon so to support businesses to start up following the Covid outbreak. Members noted that was also a slight increase in carpark charges and changes to parking permit in District Vale owned car parks. **DG** reported that the District is still committed to move to carbon neutral, promoting public transport and improving electric vehicles car charging points, a project led by OCC.  members noted that a Report covering this project is soon due to go to cabinet.  **C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat joined the meeting at this point.**  **JH** updated members on few items under matters arising:   * It was noted that white lining in Gravel walk has been completed * Annabelle’s was contacted and informed that the county Council is prepared to accept the highway road signs although they are not legal, on the understanding that should there be an incident it will be Annabelle’s insurance liability and responsibility if anything were to happen. This was formally agreed in writing, clerk, and chair of Great Coxwell were copied in the correspondence. * **AF** appreciated the long-term project regarding new electric points. However, it was highlighted the importance of supporting towns and their businesses, maintaining car parks viable without driving cars away. |  |
| **8/1/20** | **Other Business**   1. **Updated on Marlborough Street**   The item was withdrawn as it has been addressed by C/Cllr. Heathcoat and officers.  **a. Safer street**  **JH** informed members that County Council Highways and Thames Valley police are in ongoing collaboration to keep streets safe. It was noted that a second meeting between the two bodies will take place later this month.    **Update on 20mph speed limit:**  **LT** asked if Faringdon Town Council is prepared to fund the 20mph speed limit project in town.  It was suggested for **LT** and **MS** to investigate the extent of the area suitable for a 20mph speed limit on this matter, to investigate illumination on signs and budgets available. It was confirmed there will be a Match Funding budget of £7.000 that could be used to cover part of the costs of the project.  **JH** informed the members that a couple of residents had enquired about implementing a speed limit on Park Road in Faringdon. It was noted that a map of a speed limit had already been proposed by FTC and could not include Park road, this being an “A” road which presents a traffic environment not suitable for this change.  **LT** explained further that traffic needs to be travelling at a speed below 25 miles, so to be self-enforcing before a lower speed could be considered in Park road. Implementing a low speed limit would require a lot of engineering measuring and further costs that at this present time are not feasible for the town.  **JH** will write to the residents to advise them. | **MS/LT** |
| **9/1/20** | **Confirmed Future Meeting Dates**  Friday 4 December 2020 at 0930hrs  Friday 5 March 2021 at 0930hrs |  |

Meeting ended at 10:00