

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7:15pm, via video conferencing.

Cllr. Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting held via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing. Members were reminded that the meeting was being recorded.

1/12/20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Burns, Cllr. Finn, Cllr. Swallow, Cllr. Thomas and D/Cllr. Grant

2/12/20 Roll Call

Present:

Cllrs. Mike Wise (Mayor)
Kiera Bentley
Jane Boulton
Peter Castle
James Famakin
Steve Leniec
Lucy Martin
Kimberly Morgan
Stephen Smith

In Attendance

2 members of the public
C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat (Left at item 9)
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk
Jo King, Town Clerk's Assistant

3/12/20 Minutes of last meeting

It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020 be SIGNED as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

4/12/20 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

5/12/20 Public Speaking and Question Time

A member of the public spoke enquiring about the S106 contributions from the housing developments approved in Faringdon and how the money will be spent. It was requested to publish a statement of S106 and CIL contributions available from developers and for the FTC to establish a 106/CIL group so that councillors and town people can work on project plans together to ensure money is spent in the best way.

6/12/20 Solar Streets Scheme

Andy Tunstall, director of the Green energy Group and representative for IDDEA presented the Solar street scheme project that could be potentially be adopted in Faringdon from

residents and businesses. IDDEA offers to councils who have declared a climate emergency and want to reduce the carbon footprint of their area a bulk purchase. The bulk deal is offered to residents to promote this deal as a community project. IDDEA currently offers a price of £4,000 for a 4kWp/14 panel system.

It was NOTED that FTC members will investigate this further and the Deputy Clerk will continue to liaise with Andy Tunstall to ask any further questions. It was further NOTED that the Deputy Town Clerk will conduct “due diligence” research and contact other towns that implemented the same scheme to gather their feedback.

7/12/20 Reports from Outside Bodies

Members NOTED the following:

- The Faringdon Police Neighbourhood Team is on rest day's and due to IT maintenance unable to send the council the crime figures.
- Traffic Advisory Committee minutes
- Twinning Association It was NOTED that all events are on hold due to COVID-19
- Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance minutes

8/12/20 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from C/Cllr. Heathcoat.

Cllr. Heathcoat offered support in liaising with Thame Town Council and Henley Town Council regarding the Solar Street Scheme.

9/12/20 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED that a district report will follow and be distributed by email.

10/12/2 Chair's Activity Report

The Chair's activity report was NOTED.

11/12/20 Reports from Committees

Members NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- a) Planning and Highways Committee: 25th November 2020
- b) Community & Partnerships Committee: 2nd December 2020

12/12/20 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Cllr. Wise PROPOSED that the schedule of payments, up to and including 9th December 2020 (appendix. a), be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Bentley and RESOLVED.
- b) Members NOTED the Clerk's activity report.

13/12/20 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

Members received a request from Cllr. Boulton to review the current Neighbourhood Plan. It was NOTED that members felt at the present time there is not enough evidence of the need to review the current plan.

It was PROPOSED to that the Planning & Highways committee need to carry out a cost and benefit analysis and produce a costed proposal, taking in consideration the required staff time, to enable Full Council to make an informed decision. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

14/12/20 Street Naming Policy

Members received a request from Cllr. Swallow to revise and create a street name policy. After lengthy discussion, it was PROPOSED to continue to name streets honouring war memorial names but in exceptional circumstance to consider other names. It was further PROPOSED that a formal policy be brought to council for consideration. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

It was NOTED that the Town Clerk will circulate the 8 names needed for next set of street naming in the South of Highworth Rd development.

15/12/20 Christmas Lunch for Vulnerable Residents

Members NOTED that a community initiative has started in Faringdon where people cook for their neighbours.

16/12/20 Items for Information Only

- a) Members NOTED that a floor damage caused by humidity and the age of the building in the Corn Exchange has been fixed.
- b) Members congratulated the Town Clerk for achieving a First-Class BA honours degree in Community Governance.
- c) Members NOTED that a complaint received by a resident regarding trees being removed in Park Road was passed to the Planning Officer.

17/12/20 Correspondence

Members NOTED correspondence received until the 9th of December.

The meeting closed at 21:10 pm

Appendix a. CLERK'S REPORT		Dec-20
Salaries	Salaries	£ 12,858.83
HMRC	Tax and NI	£ 3,191.75
OCC Pension CONTS	Pension Contributions	£ 4,308.42
Payments made early due to	urgency	
Royal Mail	Stamps for resale	£ 760.30
The Advertiser Magazine	5 months newsletter	£ 1,500.00
Bacs payments to pay		
Farindgon 2nd Brownies	Youth grant	£ 1,328.00
Farindgon Junior School	Youth grant	£ 2,000.00
YoCo	Youth grant	£ 2,000.00
VWHDC	Annual premise licence	£ 180.00
Brown Hare Farming Ltd	Xmas Trees	£ 190.40
Rialtas	Annual accounts software	£ 382.80
Lease plan	Van Lease	£ 169.48
Biffa	Radiator Covers	£ 344.45
AIS	Copier costs	£ 6.75
Jackson	Lift servicing	£ 322.80

Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust	Tuckers Park Judo rent	£ 10.00
Red Sky Creative	Calendars	£ 270.00
TVE	Strimmer repair	£ 36.00
Digipress	Walk signs	£ 122.40
SLCC	ILCA 2 staff	£ 237.60
ANLX	Web costs	£ 22.80
Pyrotec	Fire safety	£ 103.56
Direct Debits		
Coop Bank	Credit Card repay	£ 492.51
VWHDC	PH Rates	£ 462.00
VWHDC	CEX Rates	£ 773.00
British Gas	OTH Elec	£ 26.95
British Gas	OTH Elec	£ 28.51
British Gas	CEX Gas	£ 151.12
British Gas	PH Electric	£ 80.91
British Gas	PHP Elec for reimbursement	£ 46.29
British Gas	CEX Elec	£ 83.96
British Gas	PH capped meter	£ 21.01
British Gas	PH Gas	£ 316.47
British Gas	PH Gas	£ 12.57
Barclaycard	Merchant fees	£ 32.02
Castle Water	OTH	£ 77.31
Castle Water	Tuckers Park	£ 58.18
Mainstream	Telephone broadband	£ 184.95
PWLB	Loan repayment	£ 4,614.63
O2	Mobiles	£ 52.93
Screwfix	Maintenance items	£ 30.96
Fuel Card Services	Fuel	£ 76.96
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 37,969.58