

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 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.

1/3/21 Roll call

Cllrs. present: Wise
Bentley
Brown
Boulton
Burns
Castle
Finn
Leniec
Martin
Morgan
Smith
Swallow
Thomas

In Attendance: 2 members of the public
C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat
D/Cllr David Grant
Sally Thurston Town Clerk
Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk
Jo King, Town Clerk's Assistant

2/3/21 Apologies for Absence

None

3/3/21 Minutes of last meeting – Wednesday 10th February 2021

It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 be SIGNED as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

4/3/21 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

5/3/21 Public Participation Time

None

6/3/21 Reports from Outside Bodies

- a) Thames Valley Police
No report submitted, Clerk to write to new neighborhood sergeant to request one for next meeting.
- b) Members NOTED Report from the Faringdon and Area Advisory Committee.

It was NOTED from D/Cllr Grant that residents were enquiring about Civil Parking enforcement coming into effect soon, C/Cllr Heathcoat responded that these can be passed on to herself (OCC), it was further discussed and AGREED that Faringdon Town Council Parking Working Party also be included within correspondence.

7/3/21 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat

8/3/21 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED a report from District Cllrs. Bethia Thomas and David Grant. After discussion about environmental improvements to the heating system at Faringdon Leisure centre, a member asked why these higher environmental standards have not been applied to the new Park Road School to make it carbon neutral, as will it have to be retrofitted in a few years' time. C/Cllr Heathcoat to send list of all proposals/works document regarding this area, from Oxfordshire County Council.

9/3/21 Chairman's Activity Report

Members NOTED an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise.

10/3/21 Reports from Committees

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

- a) CIL Working Party: 17th February 2021.
- b) Planning and Highways Committee: 24th February 2021.
- c) Parking Working Party: 5th March 2021.

It was PROPOSED the following recommendations were agreed:

- 1. The Clerk to write to local businesses to advise the following: no parking on pavements, that civil parking enforcement is coming soon, to encourage sensible parking and to introduce the Parking Working Party.
- 2. To investigate a retractable barrier at bottom of bus lane
- 3. To investigate staggered 30 min parking on London street.

This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

It was FURTHER PROPOSED to APPROVE the Terms of Reference. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

11/3/21 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Members NOTED a Clerk's activity report.
- b) Cllr. Wise PROPOSED to APPROVE the schedule of payments up to and including 10th March (appendix a). This was SECONDED by Cllr. Finn and RESOLVED.

12/3/21 CIL Working Party

- a) It was PROPOSED to APPROVE DRAFT terms of reference and to add guidance on how to replace a member if they leave. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

It was NOTED that 14 applications were made from residents to join the working party. Each applicant had provided a brief overview of themselves; these were anonymised, and the Chair of the WP had selected four.

- b) Members FURTHER PROPOSED to APPROVE the application forms for CIL bids. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

13/3/21 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Members PROPOSED to support the Bill, items 1 - 4. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. It was FURTHER PROPOSED that items 2 - 4 to be undertaken by the Climate Emergency Working Party; this was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

14/3/21 Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Vision Consultation

After discussion, it was NOTED that members could consider a response as individual members of the public.

15/3/21 Covid Update

Members NOTED a Covid-19 update.

Members PROPOSED to APPROVE the Council meeting schedule:

After 17th May – meetings in person for full Council, socially distanced, but no public; meetings to be recorded. Committee and working parties to continue online if legislation allows or as hybrid meetings.

After 21st June - normal meetings resume.

This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

16/3/21 Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils Renewal

Members PROPOSED to APPROVE membership renewal. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

17/3/21 Oxfordshire Plan 2050

Members discussed the consultation, on how challenges facing us in the future might be tackled.

18/3/21 Items for Information Only

- a) After productive meetings with the owners of The Volunteer, they are now updating their planning proposal to include commercial space on ground floor.
- b) Meetings with Meanwhile, District Council, Makespace and Marriots to address/propose solutions tackling empty business properties within the Town.
- c) A £66,000 grant for renovations of The Old Town Hall had been approved.
- d) Notification regarding re-surfacing road works on Park Road in August.

19/3/21 Correspondence

Members NOTED, for information only, a list of correspondence circulated by email from 11th February 2021 up to and including 10th March 2021.

20/3/21 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Cllr. Bentley to update members on recent OALC Meeting

Meeting ended at 21:14 pm

Appendix a. CLERK'S REPORT	Mar-21	
Salaries Feb correction	Salaries	£ 112.23
HMRC Feb correction	Tax and NI	£ 52.20
Pension CONTS Feb correction	Pension Contributions	£ 46.84
Salaries	Salaries	£ 12,909.45
HMRC	Tax and NI	£ 3,243.75
OCC Pension CONTS	Pension Contributions	£ 4,355.26
Payments made due to urgency		
BG Tree Care	Tuckers Hedge	£ 1,260.00
Bacs payments to pay		
Bookers – S Thurston	Foodbank supplies	£ 224.88
Biffa	Waste disposal	£ 380.02
OALC	Subscription	£ 1,597.38
Lease plan	Van Lease	£ 413.53
Cloudy IT	Tablet BT	£ 321.36
T Cave	Wix Foodbank website costs	£ 84.46
AIS	Copier costs	£ 25.20
Faringdon Electrical	Xmas lights / CEX gutter clean	£ 1,218.00
PJA	Agronomist reports (s106 funded)	£ 2,390.00
Andrew Townsend Architect	OTH fees - contractor fees	£ 504.00
Direct Debits		
Coop Bank	Credit Card repay	£ 305.81*
VWHDC	PH Rates	£ 462.00
VWHDC	Tennis court rates	£ 100.00
Fuel card services	Fuel	£ 89.18
Screwfix	Maintenance items	£ 5.99
PWLB	Loan repayment	£ 2,162.25
O2	Mobiles	£ 52.93
Mainstream	Telephone and broadband services	£ 192.97
Barclay Card	Merchant fees	£ 21.42
British Gas	Capped metre	£ 20.33
British Gas	OTH Elec	£ 25.65
British Gas	PH Gas	£ 473.01
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 33,050.10