

Minutes of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday 5 March 2021

Present: C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman
C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor
D/Cllr David Grant
T/Cllr Jane Boulton
T/Cllr. Kimberley Morgan
Mark Mobey, Magistrate
Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations (South)
Chris Hulme (Thames Valley Police)

In Attendance: 2 Members of the Public
OCC officer James Whiting
Jo King, Town Clerk's Assistant
Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council

1/1/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Thomas

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/1/21 Declarations of Interest

None

3/1/21 Minutes of the Last Meeting: 4 December 2020 *(attached)*

The minutes were AGREED and RECORDED by the Chairman as a correct record.

4/1/21 Matters Arising

6/1/20- Officer Holme has no further updates regarding future monitoring from the PCSO to address illegal parking in Faringdon. **CH** to chase relevant department for info. Cllr. Heathcoat suggested that future controls should not be announced and short be on an irregular basis.

8/1/20- Cllr. Heathcoat highlighted the importance of the Safer street scheme and informed members that Thames Valley police have received funding as have other police forces under a central Government grant to make students premises safer in Oxford, in Cowley area (due to frequent breaking episodes). It was further suggested that OCC in conjunction with the District and the Town Council could investigate areas where rented properties could be kept more secure using the ethos and learning of the Safer Streets scheme.

8/1/2- Resurfacing of Market Place will be carried out in the new financial year 2021-22 and officer Matt Archer will speak with officers to discuss what is required in the town centre taking account of and consideration of new street furniture.

5/2/20- it was NOTED that OCC is still waiting a final legal agreement to obtain CIL fund.

It was NOTED that officer Matt Archer in collaboration with the Deputy Town Clerk is investigating different options for reinstating the former welcome wall to Faringdon.

5/1/21 Public Speaking Time

One member of the public enquired regarding the extension the 20mph speed limit zone in Faringdon, expressing concern for the excessive speed of traffic in Lechlade road. Officers NOTED that conducting a speed survey on Lechlade Road would require a separate Council approval as it involves financial expenditure of £250. This will be taken to Full Council and P&H for their consideration.

A resident enquired on further updates on some outstanding actions:

- I. It was enquired when the Cycle route, Southampton St works are to start as it was intended in January.
- II. It was enquired if OCC found the extra funding needed for Gt Coxwell junction to address the shortfall from the land south of Steeds.
- III. It was further enquired a timeline for the Market Square resurfacing works.

Officers addressed each enquiry as it follows:

- I. It was NOTED that works started on site 22nd Feb, construction continues, possible finish next Wednesday (10th March)
- II. It was NOTED that OCC is exploring other sources of funding to signalise Gt Coxwell junction.
- III. It was NOTED that resurfacing of Market Place will be carried out in the new financial year 2021-22.

6/1/21 County Council Highways Officer's Update Report for Faringdon Area:

Cllr. Boulton presented a letter of concern regarding illegal parking in Faringdon particularly in areas such as London Street and Coxwell Road and other areas in need of Civil Parking enforcement (CPO). It was NOTED that the process before the implementation of CPE will be thorough to assess that no fading or any defect would affect the new road markings. Members further NOTED that FTC and OCC officers would liaise to identify potential parking changes in Faringdon.

7/1/21 Faringdon District Councillor's Traffic Matters

Members NOTED a District Council report including the recent updates to ensure 20 mph speed limit is included in the next Local Plan as a requirement for all new residential areas. CH reported that the development design should always allow self-enforcement to ensure speed limit effectiveness.

8/1/21 Any other business

None

9/1/21 Confirmed Future Meeting Dates

The following dates:

Friday 11 June 2021 at 09:30hrs
Friday 17 September 2021 at 09:30hrs
Friday 17 December 2021 at 09:30 hrs

Prior to closing the meeting, Cllr Heathcoat advised members that she will not be standing in the forthcoming County Council Elections as a candidate. She thanked all members and officers involved in the FATAAC committee for their hard work and support.

Meeting ended at 10:25