

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Monday 31 October June 2022 at 10am in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Present: C/Cllr Thomas
C/Cllr Constance
D/Cllr Ware
T/Cllr Boulton
Mark Mobey, Magistrate
T/Cllr Morgan – (online)

In attendance: Chris Hulme – Thames Valley Police (online)
Mark Francis – Officer Oxfordshire County Council (online)
Stuart Dudley – Stagecoach West (online)
Sally Thurston – Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne – Town Clerk's Assistant
3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Questions to include:

Speeding on Gloucester Street: local resident spoke about speeding on Gloucester Street and consequent fears for safety. Speeding does not appear to have been reduced by the new 20MPH zone. Meeting agreed that Clerk should ask OCC highways to put in a pole for the FTC Speed Indicator Device (SID) which also gives data including speeds of cars. Gloucester Street also on future works list for creation of narrowed entry point to reduce speed of cars.

Parking:

- Faringdon resident sent in a power point presentation about parking in Faringdon and meeting agreed to look at this for next meeting.
- Church Street, Faringdon: following a Faringdon resident's concern about illegal parking, civil parking enforcement (CVP) has been stepped up.
- Butts Road, Faringdon: following a resident's concerns about potentially dangerous parking on the corner, Clerk will request enforcement if possible.

Road Closure: local resident spoke about inadequate dissemination of notice to a wide enough area of residents regarding closure of Gravel Walk last Friday, and signage indicating the diversion. This was NOTED.

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Signed as correct

5. Action updates and matters arising to include:

- a) Fernham Rd Footpath: FTC paying legal fees and OCC will create footpath. Legalities ongoing.
- b) Better Ways to School Cycle Ways: Mark Francis from OCC and Sally Thurston walked round the proposed stage 3 cycle route. This part of the route will initially be a walking route so footpath can go up. Cycling will be added as and when conditions are met and adoption issues are resolved
- c) Swan Lane consultation update: FTC have carried out a soft consultation and FTC have agreed with consultation's conclusion that London Street end of Swan Lane should be one-way. OCC will forward costs for the physical installation work required for FTC to consider.
- d) Bus Lane: the surface has now been mended and Clerk to follow up with OCC re possibility of installing a camera.
- e) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs): there are now 6 posts around Faringdon for the two SIDS which will be moved round every 2 months. Clerk and OCC Officer to look at location for a post in Gloucester Street so that a SID can be used there.
- f) Highworth Road Layby: Developers have been written to about their vehicles parking in the layby and the impact on the surface and Clerk will follow this up again.
- g) Safer schools: concern over entrance from the Elms School to the Gloucester Street car park and this relates to an ongoing negotiation over a small area of land.

6. OCC Highways Officer's Update Report for Faringdon Area NOTED

- Appleton – speed surveys carried out on Oaksmere and Netherton Road at the request of the PC. No speeding issues identified.
- Buckland Marsh - 40mph speed limit on Buckland Road to be consulted on in conjunction with the Local Member and PC.
- Charney Bassett - working with the PC to provide poles for Speed Indication Devices (SID)
- Coleshill Chicane and 20mph Speed Limit – Consultation completed, no objections, implementation programmed for Monday 16th January 2023 for 2 weeks (poss. only 1 week). B4019 full closure required.
- East Challow – meeting arranged with PC on 2nd November to discuss provision of dropped kerbs outside the old Goodlake Arms.
- Frilford – investigating possible reduction in speed limit on the A338 in conjunction with the Parish Meeting.
- Fyfield & Tubney - investigating possible reduction in speed limit on the A420 in the vicinity of St Lawrence Church in conjunction with the Parish Council. Three requests for infrastructure to improve pedestrian safety have been added to our list of potential Accessibility & Road Safety Fund (A&RSF) schemes for the 2023/24 financial year.
- Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor – Consultation on Zebra crossing on A415 between Faringdon Road and Oxford Road completed with objections

received. Report going to Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting on 17th November 2022.

- Letcombe Regis – road marking refresh to be carried out with Local Member Councillor Priority Fund.
- Little Coxwell – 40mph speed limit on Fernham Road to be consulted on in conjunction with village 20mph speed limit (tranche 1).
- Littleworth – investigating provision of solar streetlights at the A420 bus stops and provision of dropped kerb on south side of A420 at Swindon bound bus stop. Cutting back and siding out works complete.
- Shellingford – working with the PC to provide poles for Speed Indication Devices (SID) – further meeting with PC on 11th November.
- Shrivenham – Provision of dropped kerbs on Faringdon Road – site meeting to be arranged with PC.
- Stanford in the Vale – working with the PC to provide new ‘School Keep Clear’ road markings.

7. Parish Traffic Matters

Members received and considered the following issues in the parishes:

- a) Little Coxwell quarry traffic: Lorries not allowed to turn right so many are turning around in Great Coxwell turn or coming through Faringdon, where they should be turning at Watchfield roundabout. This issue has been discussed at a meeting with Grundon and C/Cllr Thomas will highlight problem again.
- b) Suggestion of cycle way from Stanford in the Vale to Faringdon: no formal proposal received. No further action at this stage.
- c) Buckland: concern about how pressure on the A420 from Eastern Villages (on edge of Swindon) will be addressed. Members fully appreciate and have NOTED Buckland’s concerns.

8. Faringdon Traffic Matters

Members received and considered the following matters causing issues in Faringdon:

- a) Bus routes during road closures: FTC ask that parking is prevented at the bottom of Coxwell Street and around the Corn Exchange (and possibly to include Church Street and Swan Lane) on days when there is a Market Place road closure in place so that buses can stop at top of Marlborough Street instead of at the bottom of Coxwell Street. Representative from Stagecoach West will discuss possible bus stopping places on such days with Stagecoach’s commercial team and respond.
- b) A plan for 20mph scheme for whole of Faringdon has been received by OCC. Members discussed and agreed proposal to keep top of London Road at 30mph as a buffer zone coming towards the London Street 20mph zone. OCC will keep meeting updated on progress.
- c) Members discussed the condition of pavements and roads throughout the town. Central town pavements have now been re-surfaced and Fix My Street the best channel for reporting issues elsewhere. Concern was expressed about the Boots delivery van parking on the new pavement surface outside Boots when the shop has rear access via

the public car park. Clerk to write to Boots to highlight this concern. Another option might be for FTC to request a new Traffic Regulation Order stating 'No-Loading' at this location.

- d) Traffic bollards on refuges are often damaged: this can be reported via Fix My Street.
- e) Members discussed what guidance there is for installing items and advertising on roundabouts. Clerk to talk to OCC; contact Clerk at Abingdon Town Council who has been looking into this; contact Swindon Borough Council and Wootton Bassett Town Council as they have adverts on roundabouts.

9. A420 Safety

- a) Members discussed continuing serious disquiet about recent accidents and road safety with particular concern about the amount of freight traffic using the A420. Members also highlighted large current and future residential and commercial developments on the edge of Swindon filtering onto the A420. To be better informed, members asked the Clerk to contact OCC for A420 accident statistics and Chris Hulme of TVP to forward link to publicly available information on traffweb.
- b) Members discussed the suggestion of forming an A420 forum to look at road safety issues and concluded that a forum might be useful as long as Swindon Borough Council were included. Members agreed that D/Cllr Ware and C/Cllr Constance along with C/Cllr Thomas, will write a statement (an A4 flyer) for local residents ref the A420 from Botley to Swindon, to be sent to parishes and published in local magazines and on Facebook. This will be produced for January 2023 and will aim to disseminate current information about the A420 and outline improvements such as pedestrian refuge islands, traffic lights and speed reductions.

10. Parking

- a) Members discussed the implementation and progress of civil parking enforcement (CPE). Clerk to contact the Parking Manager at OCC, for current figures on CPE activity so that statistics can be monitored.
- b) Most CPE updates have been taken onboard. Still waiting for some to be implemented e.g. lines on Coxwell Road.
 - Need for a bollard on corner of Gravel Walk will be looked at by C/Cllr Thomas and the Clerk.
 - CPE in Shrivenham: waiting for meeting with Shrivenham Parish Council with regard to CPE there.
- c) Faringdon Market Place: CPE has been taking place here. Members noted possible new traffic order which could be for unloading from the bus stop rather than from the bus lane.
- d) Members discussed a request to paint white lines in the Market Place parking areas as blocks in ground are not clearly visible to drivers. This would not happen until 2023.

11. Next Meeting Date

12/12/22 at 10 a.m.

12. Items for Information / next agenda items:

Setting up Speed Watch

Local resident's powerpoint report on parking

Meeting closed at 11.58 a.m.