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Minutes of the Planning & Highways committee meeting Held on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Boulton (Chair)
Castle
Webb
Wise

In attendance: Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

1/4/23 Apologies

Cllr. Bentley

2/4/23 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th March 2023 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/4/23 Declarations of Interest

None

4/4/23 Public Participation Time

Members heard from two representatives from Mersenne Developments Ltd who made an online presentation of plans for a children's day nursery on Volunteer Way. Members supported the proposal in principle having asked questions about the sustainability strategy for the building, the size of the nursery and employee and child numbers and voiced their concerns about parking.

Members responded to concerns voiced in an email from a resident about the Virgin installation on the Folly View Estate and agreed that the Clerk should write to OCC re concerns about the inconvenience of the work and the resulting degradation of footways. Members of the public can be encouraged to report any bad pavements on Fix-My-Street. This should also go on the next FATAC agenda.

5/4/23 Items for Information

Members NOTED the following:

- a) Action list
- b) A Gigaclear build update. Clerk to talk to Gigaclear about how their work in the town centre at a meeting on 26th April 2023.
- c) Correspondence about contractor parking at Highworth Road
- d) Traffic Orders.

6/4/23 Members NOTED Traffic Regulation Notices.

Clerk to ask about access for residents and businesses in Swan Lane during a proposed closure.

7/4/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions DECIDED

8/4/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions OUTSTANDING

9/4/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions WITHDRAWN

10/4/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions AMENDED:

- Members' voiced concerns about the Thames Water capacity for the disposal of foul water to the existing sewerage system on application [P23/V0442/DIS](#), 5 Bowes House Lechlade Road Faringdon
- Clerk to email Members' concerns about drainage, both how the development will be connected to the foul water/sewerage system for disposal of foul water and for disposal of surface water on application [P22/V2382/FUL](#), for development work at the following location: Land at Fernham Road Faringdon

11/4/23 Discharge of conditions notifications NOTED.

12/4/23 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments from Faringdon Town Council. Members received and considered the following applications:

- a) [P23/V0591/HH](#)- Proposed rear loft conversion at 17 Edmonds Drive Faringdon SN7 7RX. **OBJECT** as creating a 3-storey house is contrary to the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan. This policy has been endorsed in the decision on P22/V0996/RM.
- b) [P23/V0697/HH](#)- Single storey extension at 11 Limestone Lane Faringdon SN7 7GT. **NO OBJECTION**
- c) [P23/V0742/FUL](#)- Proposal to render two external walls at Faringdon Baptist Church 20 Bromsgrove Faringdon SN7 7JQ. **NO OBJECTION**
- d) [P23/V0753/HH](#) Single storey side and rear extension. 8 Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon SN7 7DP. **COMMENT** to raise the potential of loss of light to the neighbouring property.
- e) [P23/V0573/HH](#) Single storey rear extension; roof lantern addition; alterations to existing windows & doors; new ramped access to front entrance; & solar panels addition 24 Highworth Road Faringdon. **NO OBJECTION**
- f) [P23/V0676/LDP](#) Existing Conservatory. Proposal to remove the current polycarbonate roof and replace with a timber and concrete tiled roof to match the gable end of the existing ground floor. 29 Folly View Road Faringdon SN7 7DQ. **NO OBJECTION**

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Members noted a report regarding the recent refusal of application no. P22/V0996/RM Cllr. Wise explained the points he had successfully made at the planning meeting.

14/4/23 Road and Pavement Surfaces

Members agreed that Cllr. Webb should research and present a report on the condition of pavements and roads in the centre of Faringdon to include proposals on ways of upgrading them (including reporting on Fix-My-Street). Members agreed to be vigilant in reporting any

substandard work being carried out in the town to the highways authority to ensure pavements are resurfaced to an acceptable quality. Members discussed possibility of allocating areas of the town to councillors, perhaps when the new council is in place, so they could take responsibility for reporting issues in their area.

15/4/23 Fernham Rd A420 Crossing

Members considered concerns regarding safety of the A420 crossing at the end of Fernham Road. The Clerk reported that she had forwarded the concern to OCC whose Public Rights of Way team are looking into spending s106 money on a safety gate.

16/4/23 Consultation on Disabled Parking Spaces

Members NOTED proposed installation of disabled parking spaces on Canada Lane and Westbrook.

17/4/23 Vale Planning Surgeries

Members suggested that the Wicklesham development and Doctor's Surgery could be raised. New appointments to be deferred to next meeting.

18/4/23 Items for next Agenda

Items for discussion need to be within the remit of the committee.

Meeting ended at 20.29 pm.