

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Bentley (Chair)
Burns
Castle
Famakin (from item 4/4/23)
Thomas
Webb
Wise
Finn (online, non-voting)

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Thames Valley Police's Police & Crime Commissioner
One member of the public

1/4/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Leniec, Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Morgan, D/Cllr. Grant

2/4/23 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 13th March 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 were signed as a correct record.

3/4/23 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/4/23 Public Participation Time

None

17/4/23 Faringdon Netball Club

Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED that item 17. should be brought forward to enable a member of the public to speak. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

A representative of Faringdon Netball Club (FNC) presented Members with a report. The club has seen a huge increase in membership from their foundation in 2009 but they are currently facing frustrating issues around finding regular suitable training facilities which is limiting their ability to train and expand. Cllr. Thomas noted and will look into highlighted issues with the Leisure Centre with regards to costs and cleanliness. FTC will investigate the use of s106 funding to improve the courts (lighting and surfaces) for FNC's use at Faringdon Community College and will liaise with the College. FNC itself will contact the new primary school to see if they have any suitable facilities that they might share.

5/4/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Members received and considered reports including:

- a) Thames Valley Police (TVP) Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, attended the meeting and gave a verbal report and update on local policing. Mr Barber outlined an increase in local police numbers as well as answering Members' questions about the proposed future move of the police to the fire station in Faringdon and the future possibilities for the original police station site, neither of which yet have any dates. Mr Barber agreed to ensure that a regular report is sent to FTC with local crime and police activity statistics.
- b) Thames Valley Police: no report received.
- c) Parish Transport: it was proposed that a bus to Witney be discussed at the next Parish Transport Meeting.

6/4/23 Action List and Items for information

Members NOTED the action list.

Items for information:

- a) Faringdon Community Bus can no longer facilitate the proposed tourist circular bus. The Clerk has been in touch with Stagecoach and Barnes Coaches and will bring back to council.
- b) The Clerk will be travelling to our twin German town Konigstein to experience how governance works there, on a self-funded trip.
- c) Permission has been received to repurpose unspent S106 funds awarded for the bollard project to a noticeboard and planters.
- d) Three outreach sessions had been undertaken by the Town Clerk and some councillors to recruit new members for the election to be held on 4th May 2023

7/4/23 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email from 13th March 2023 up to and including 3rd April 2023

8/4/23 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from C/Cllr. Thomas.

Cllr. Thomas asked for her thanks to be noted to D/Cllr. Grant for his four years of hard work for the town which included particular focus on planning applications and lobbying for the successful installation of solar panels and air source heat pump at the Faringdon Leisure Centre.

9/4/23 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED a report from D/Cllr. Grant and D/Cllr. Thomas.

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to give a vote of thanks from FTC to D/Cllr. Grant and D/Cllr. Thomas for all their effective hard work on behalf of the town of Faringdon including their quick responses to concerns and the good relationship with FTC.

D/Cllr. Thomas mentioned a resident from Fairford who had been doing a daily litterpick raising money for The Firefighters Charity who should be thanked on Faringdon's behalf. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to write a formal letter of thanks. Cllr. Thomas will pass her contact details to the Clerk for action.

10/4/23 Chair's Activity Report

Members received and NOTED a verbal report from Cllr. Bentley which included her thanks to all the councillors for their efforts over the past two years.

11/4/23 Reports from Committees

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

- a) Planning & Highways Committee: 27th March 2023
- b) Community and Partnerships Committee: 20th March 2023

12/4/23 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Members NOTED Clerk's external activities to 3rd April 2023.
- b) Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED and Cllr. Wise SECONDED to approve the schedule of payments (Appendix. A) up to and including 3rd April 2023. This was RESOLVED.

13/4/23 Leisure Funding

Members received and considered a letter from VWHDC Chief Executive Office. A response drafted by Cllrs. Bentley and Webb was considered. The letter clarified the questions regarding s106 Wessex Leisure monies. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to send the letter to VoWHDC.

14/4/23 Area weight restrictions engagement

Members received and considered a request for views on where there are existing or potential future challenges with inappropriate Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements. Cllr. Thomas reported that she has already asked OCC officers to look at signage. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to delegate Clerk to respond to this request with reference to HGV s travelling on the A420, through the town centre and on the Radcot Road.

15/4/23 Faringdon Pink Plaques

Members received and considered a report and update from Cllr. Burns. Five pink plaques have been designed and are proposed to be sited in May - Listed Building Consent for two plaques is outstanding. The final budget will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee for approval. Cllr. Bentley thanked Cllr. Burns for all her hard work on this project.

16/4/23 Health Survey

Members received and considered a request to complete a health survey being carried out and agreed that this would best be completed as personal individuals.

18/3/23 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments:

Members received and considered the following applications which have deadlines before the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting:

- a) P23/V0580/FUL Resubmission of planning application P22/V2367/FUL for the construction of a self-build family home with parking and associated infrastructure Land adjacent to The Boneyard, Highworth Road, Faringdon SN7 7NN. It was PROPOSED to **SUPPORT** the application. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- b) P23/V0624/LB Proposed plaque on a listed building. 27 London Street, Faringdon Oxfordshire SN7 7AG. It was PROPOSED to **SUPPORT** the application. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

19/4/23 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Items for the Annual Meeting, to be held on Wednesday 17th May should be forwarded to the Clerk. Cllr. Webb suggested that newly elected councillors arrived early for introductions.

Meeting closed at: 8.58 p.m.

Appendix A. Schedule of Payments	Apr-23		
Salaries	Salaries	£	15,069.98
HMRC	Tax and NI	£	3,408.71
OCC Pension CONTS	Pension Contributions	£	4,717.15
Bacs payments made early			
OALC	Membership	£	1,717.90
Earth Anchors	Bench	£	836.40
DMW Lanscapes	Eagles	£	8,736.00
CFGC	Charity Card sales	£	1,016.39
Bacs payments			
A Cane	Agency	£	1.35
P Tomlinson	Agency	£	1.80
G Wooliams	Agency	£	1.80
J Roberts	Agency	£	1.80
D Coussins	Agency	£	3.60
M Bond	Agency	£	8.10
V Hughes	Agency	£	9.00
S Oliver	Agency	£	9.09
H Martin	Agency	£	10.62
A Saunders	Agency	£	19.80
Ox Geo Trust	Stock	£	20.00
P Wheeler	Agency	£	20.25
K Ives	Planting Bursary	£	34.76
S Thurston	Mileage	£	37.35
J Fennelly	Agency	£	39.60
S Irigoyen	Agency	£	43.20
Viking	Stationery	£	50.36
C Purdy	Agency	£	63.00
John E Wright	Printing	£	72.00
Bicester Town Council	Mayors Luncheon	£	90.00
So Pure	Agency	£	93.15
Uffington Potter	Agency	£	97.20
Against Breast Cancer	Agency	£	97.65
The Little Goat Soap Co	Stock	£	98.40
Filmbank	Licence	£	104.40
Folly and Wild	Agency	£	140.40
Community Bus	Agency	£	145.00
Warren the Window Cleaner	Bus shelter clean	£	150.00
LeasePlan	Van Lease	£	152.53
AIS	Copier Costs	£	159.20
M Nairne	Agency	£	167.40
Southfield	Stock	£	173.38
Printed 4 You	Coronation Bookmarks	£	633.60
Direct Debits			
Coop Bank	Credit Card Repay		
VWHDC	CEX Rates	£	813.22
VWHDC	PH rates	£	278.50
VWHDC	Tennis court rates	£	65.60
British Gas	CEX Electric	£	432.77
Total Town Council Invoices		£	39,842.41