

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee to be held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 10am in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Present: C/Cllr. Thomas (Chair)
D/Cllr. Ware
T/Cllr. Boulton
T/Cllr. Webb (as deputy for T/Cllr. Morgan)

In attendance: Chris Hulme – Thames Valley Police (online)
Lee Turner – Officer OCC (online)
2 members of public
Sally Thurston – Town Clerk
Jo Ray – Faringdon Learning Trust

1. Apologies for absence

C/Cllr. Constance, Mark Mobey, D/Cllr. Grant, Cllr. Morgan

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Election of Chair

It was PROPOSED that the AGM be postponed to June as we are in an election year, so members were not guaranteed to be on the committee after May. This was AGREED.

4. Election of Vice Chair

Deferred

5. Public Participation Time

A member of public spoke about the dangers of crossing Park Rd to get to the new Folly Primary School. A site visit has been undertaken with C/Cllr Thomas and an OCC Highways Officer. It was felt that the current crossing is in the wrong place, where pedestrians are walking to school from the Folly View estate. The new footpath is not yet adopted so options are limited. Suggestion to approve safety immediately:

- School Crossing Patrols be stationed on the crossing – although these are hard to recruit and priority might be given to The Elms on Gloucester Street as there was no crossing there at all.
- There is a signalised crossing to the west and it was recommended that this be used by parents. However, there the path which connects to is not opened and several areas would need to be finished before completion.
- Flashing signage to say school children crossing were being investigated.
- Installation of a pole to place a speed indicator device (SID) west bound.
- Current SIDs in place at the top of Park Rd to be fixed.
- Extend 20mph area to slow traffic.

It was agreed that a pelican crossing or similar once adopted would be the best solution.

A footpath is being planned across the Community College playing field led by OCC, not the learning trust, but this will be for FCC pupils only via a controlled gated entrance. Due to safeguarding this will not be a thoroughfare for the public.

Alternative connections between Fernham Rd and the new school should be investigated and lobbied for in any new developments.

A member of public asked to be informed of any safe routes being pursued across the A420 and also to be put in contact with those responsible for footpath and cycling infrastructure. The active travel team were suggested as good contacts and the LCWIP team, introductions would be facilitated.

6. Minutes of the meetings: Monday 12th December 2022 and Monday 23rd Jan 2023

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

7. Action updates and matters arising to include:

- Bus Lane: enforcement. ST To chase.
- Highworth Rd layby – contractors using the layby. Implementation of waiting restrictions in the layby will be investigated. This would need a Traffic Regulation Order but residents parking on Gravel Walk which has also been requested could be added at the same time. This will be investigated.
- Safer schools
 - railings are needed outside the Elms Primary; this will be resolved when legal issue resolved. BT to investigate status.
 - The top of Gloucester Street needs infrastructure to slow traffic. LT will investigate status off plans to narrow the entrance
 - Cllr. Ware will meet with JR to talk about Shrivenham School Safety.

8. A420 Safety

Cllr. Yarwood (Little Coxwell) and ST had a meeting with AK who will provide STATs requested once 2022 were complete.

Cllr. Boulton explained that a young mother was travelling from Swindon to Faringdon and getting on another bus to travel back to Longcot as she could not cross the A420. LT reported that Fernham Rd and Kings Lane refuse points were planned for the new financial year. Fyfield and Tubney has also requested a refuse.

It was suggested that if Wicklesham Quarry is developed safe crossing should be a request.

9. County Council Highways Officer's Update Report for Faringdon Area

- A420 / Fernham Road - Pedestrian / cyclist island & footway links. £60k CIL funding, on list for delivery 2023/24 Financial Year.
- A420 / Longcot turn – Pedestrian Refuge. On our list of potential Accessibility & Road Safety Fund (A&RSF) schemes for the 2023/24 financial year.

- Bourton – 20mph / 30mph. Approved at Cabinet Members Decision meeting on January 26th, 2023. Implementation to be programmed by 20mph Team.
- Buckland Marsh - 40mph speed limit on Buckland Road. At Cabinet Member's Decision 23/3/23.
- Charney Bassett - work with the PC to provide poles for Speed Indication Devices (SID) has now been completed
- Childrey – 20mph Implemented.
- Coleshill Chicane and 20mph Speed Limit – Implementation complete. One 30mph VAS to be changed to 20mph, we are awaiting confirmation from Westcotec as to when this will happen.
- East Challow – Provision of dropped kerbs outside the old Goodlake Arms starts on site 15/3/23 (Wednesday).
- Frilford – investigating possible reduction in speed limit on the A338 in conjunction with the Parish Meeting. Works are to begin on this project in April.
- Fyfield & Tubney - investigating possible reduction in speed limit on the A420 in the vicinity of St Lawrence Church in conjunction with the Parish Council - *Speed surveys have shown that the existing limit is correct for the current 'sign only' restriction.* 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 – The Cabinet Member approved the Zebra crossing on the A415 between Faringdon Road and Oxford Road at CMD on 17th November 2022. Implementation planned for 2023/24 financial year.
- Letcombe Bassett – 20mph consultation 2/11/22 to 2/12/22, objections received, report to Cabinet Members Decision meeting on January 26th, 2023. Update required from 20mph Team.
- Letcombe Regis – road marking refresh to be carried out with Local Member Councillor Priority Fund. These works have now been completed.
- Little Coxwell – 40mph speed limit on Fernham Road in conjunction with village 20mph speed limit approved at Cabinet Members Decision meeting on January 26th, 2023. The 40mph works have been ordered and have been specified to take place in conjunction with the 20mph scheme.
- 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. Drop kerb will be installed in the 2023/24 financial year, we are currently liaising with OCC street lighting re the proposed street lights.
- Shrivenham – Dropped kerbs to aid accessibility have now been installed on Faringdon Road, High Street and Church Walk as per PC's requests.
- Shrivenham - 20mph Cabinet Member's Decision deferred. (Buses).

- Shrivenham, Highworth Road – Zebra crossing. On our list of potential Accessibility & Road Safety Fund (A&RSF) schemes for the 2023/24 financial year.
- West Challow – investigating warning signs / road markings due to PC road safety concerns. This scheme is to be considered during the 2023/24 financial year
- West Challow – 20mph At Cabinet Member's Decision 23/3/23.

10. **Parish Matters**

See above.

Speeding at Buckland / Gainfield was raised.

11. **Faringdon Matters**

a) Park Rd Safety – see above.

b) 20 mph scheme

The decision whether to implement the requested 20mph throughout Faringdon has been deferred due to bus company objections linked to timetabling issues with slowing buses. They have proposed that they do not go through the towns and just stay on the A420. It will go back for decision on 23rd March 2023. Councillors, including Cllr. Thomas, have written in support of the 20mph scheme.

c) Illuminated Bollards – BT will follow up to see if these will be replaced and repaired.

d) Henry Blake Way Pedestrian Crossing – in order for OCC to take this further Henry Blake Way needs adopting. BT will investigate.

e) Contractor Parking Highworth Rd – see above.

f) Walking and Cycling Connectivity to new estates – Fernham Rd link with solicitors and will be completed at the same time as A420 refuge. LT to give ST notice before works start.

g) Jackson Row Parking – Parking around school is a real issue. The trust has sent letters and are working hard to encourage parents to park responsibly and work with developers to resolve the issue. When the estate is finished, and additional footpath complete problems should ease. ST to respond to resident. LT explained that access protection markings could be applied for when the roads are adopted.

12. **Items for Information / next agenda items**

- District council rep now Cllr. Grant, who is replacing Cllr. Avery
- Business owner wants an update on parking in town centre and TPOs. To be an agenda item for June. Stats for CPE were also requested.
- LT will get in touch with JR so they can share and discuss information regarding the footpath at the community college.
- Lighting on path at Oriel Gardens is not adequate and is being resolved.