

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee to be held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 10am in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Present: County Cllr. Bethia Thomas
County Cllr. Yvonne Constance
District Cllr. Mark Coleman
District Cllr. Kathryn Foxhall
Faringdon Town Cllr. Jane Boulton
Faringdon Town Cllr. Gene Webb (reserve for Cllr Mike Wise)
Mark Mobey – Local Magistrate

In attendance: Chris Hulme – Thames Valley Police (TVP)
Lee Turner - Officer Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
Sally Thurston - Officer Faringdon Town Council (FTC)

1. **Apologies for absence**
T/Cllr. Mike Wise, C/Cllr. Juliette Ash, Stuart Dudley(Stagecoach)
2. **Declarations of Interest**
None
3. **Election of Chair**
It was PROPOSED that D/Cllr. Mark Coleman be elected as Chair. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

The chair invited that everyone to introduce themselves:
Mark Coleman - District Councillor Thames Ward
Jane Boulton – FTC representative
Gene Webb – FTC reserve representative
Lee Turner – Principal Traffic Officer OCC
Chris Hulme – TVP rep. Responsible for Oxon for traffic management
Kathryn Foxhall – District Councillor Shrivenham Ward
Mark Mobey – Local Magistrate
Yvonne Constance – County Councillor Shrivenham Division
Bethia Thomas – County Councillor Faringdon Division
Sally Thurston – Faringdon Town Clerk
4. **Election of Vice Chair**
It was PROPOSED that T/Cllr. Jane Boulton be elected as Vice Chair. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
5. **Public Participation Time**
None
6. **Minutes of the meetings: Monday 13th March 2023**
The minutes were agreed as a correct record.
7. **Action updates and matters arising**
Matters arising would be covered during the course of the meeting.

8. **A420 Safety**

- a) Updates – awaiting detailed statistics. ST will chase Anthony Kirkwood (OCC Officer) on the status of stats, which he said he would provide once 2022 was complete.

NB: During the meeting LT received a message that the 2022 data had only just been finalised, the data would be available to the committee later in the year.

CH provided information on how the statistics are recorded, plotted and disseminated. He informed the committee that a report had been produced on the whole of A420 safety by the police for the OCC. Most accidents are caused by driver error not speed. CH will check if the report can be made available to the committee and if AK has access to the report.

YC reported that an A34 corridor regional study, with A420 included, was being conducted and may assist with further information in the future.

CH reiterated that all information is provided to OCC regarding data and statistics.

- b) Concerns about safety at the pedestrian access at Fernham Rd were considered. A request for a gate to block the A420 was discussed. The meeting was advised that a gate cannot be put on the crossing of the A420 because it is a cycle route. It was agreed a gate would be better placed on the footpath from the park. There are legal complications with ownership which were discussed. FTC need to consider purchasing the strip from the landowner.
- c) Buckland Rd junction safety – BT had received an email highlighting the dangerous nature of the junction. LT advised there had been a recent collision at this junction and it was already earmarked for improvements funded from accessibility and road safety fund. LT will update at the next meeting.

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. Feasibility underway.
- A420 / Longcot turn – Pedestrian Refuge. On our list of potential Accessibility & Road Safety Fund (A&RSF) schemes for the 2023/24 financial year.
- B4019 – Faringdon to Coleshill – Sign replacements and upgrades planned.
- Bourton – 20mph / 30mph scheme implemented.
- Buckland Marsh - 40mph speed limit on Buckland Road. Approved, ordered, awaiting installation date from Milestone.
- Buscot – meeting with Parish Council to be arranged in response to several recent requests.
- Charney Bassett – nothing planned.
- Childrey – nothing planned.
- Coleshill Chicane and 20mph Speed Limit – temporary signs to be removed.
- Cumnor – Puffin Crossing on Cumnor Hill at Arnolds Way – Consultation concluded, objections / concerns received, at Cabinet Members Decision meeting 22/06/23.
- East Challow – Provision of dropped kerbs outside the old Goodlake Arms completed. SIDs to be provided along the A417 by developer.

- East Hanney – Parking Team promoting waiting restrictions outside school. At Cabinet Members Decision meeting 22/06/23. 20mph scheme in the process of being implemented.
- Frilford – Reduction in speed limit on the A338 (30 / 40mph) in conjunction with the Parish Meeting. Consultation started w/c 05/06/23.
- Fyfield & Tubney - investigating 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.
- Fyfield - Sign replacements and upgrades throughout village ordered following liaison with the PC.
- Great Coxwell – ongoing discussions with PC regarding gateway features.
- Hatford – Road safety scheme consisting of gateways, road markings and signage ordered following liaison with the PC.
- Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor – Zebra crossing on the A415 between Faringdon Road and Oxford Road – awaiting quotation from Milestone, implementation planned for 2023/24 financial year.
- Letcombe Bassett – 20mph scheme implemented.
- Letcombe Regis – nothing planned.
- Little Coxwell – 40mph speed limit on Fernham Road in conjunction with village 20mph speed limit completed.
- 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 streetlights. Footway clearance between Littleworth & Barcote Manor (along the A420) has been ordered.
- Pusey - ongoing discussions with PC regarding road safety measures.
- Shrivenham - 20mph scheme implementation programmed for July.
- Shrivenham, Highworth Road – Zebra crossing, Consultation imminent.
- West Challow – Warning signs / road markings due to PC road safety concerns ordered (signs) / to be ordered (road markings).
- West Challow – 20mph scheme implemented.

10. Parish Matters

See above.

KF requested that secure bike racks be investigated at village/parish bus stops on the A420. LT would refer it to the correct team who could report on feasibility.

BT reported a request for Challow bus stop on A417 – YC advised this has been completed.

Besselsleigh – Concern on both junctions onto A420 for safety. Residents also feel that if the village sign was moved it may make people aware they are approaching a village. MC will email LT so he can investigate solutions but advised that moving the sign might have different implications.

11. Faringdon Matters

- a) Damage and resurfacing from installation of broadband - residents have raised concern that pavements are not being left in a good enough state. Traffic Network coordination OCC are responsible for this matter. ST will contact Keith Stenning from this team and ask them to enforce and check the condition and ask for completion dates. Street work inspectors will make these inspections.

BT enquired on the status of adopted roads that were in poor condition on Folly View estate – BT will contact Matt Timms from area operations at OCC to investigate and request a walk round.

Parking on Folly View is also an issue – ST will contact MH in the parking team for a site visit.

- b) Parking around Bromsgrove/Walnut Court – ST will contact MH in the parking team for a site visit.
- c) Buses in the town centre – requests from a local business that buses stop coming into the town centre. This has been considered previously but a solution is difficult to come by. Deferred to the next meeting to ask stagecoach for suggestions.
- d) Faringdon Community College safety and parking – Parking causes an issue for surrounding residents and concerns for safety at drop off and pick up times. BT will arrange a site visit with FCC, Highways and FTC to investigate solutions.
- e) Park Rd school safety update – school signs and wigwags (flashing lights) are being provided by the developer. BT requested that this be formalised and will follow up. A speed indicator device pole is being installed to site FTC signs.
- f) Traffic Orders update – information received. Will be considered at FTC planning and highways. To be put on next FATAAC. Parking for buses and car sharing was raised and more parking is needed. Cycle storage would help with this. An integrated strategy is needed. BT/ST will discuss and get on an appropriate agenda.
- g) Henry Blake Way – BT will progress adoption. To put on next agenda.

12. Items for Information / next agenda items

- A420 list needs to be revisited.
- Traffic bollards are in a poor state, have been reported – ST to email chase
- Next meeting date: September 11th at 10am.

Actions

1. ST and LT to chase detailed statistics from AK, for Cllr. Yarwood from Little Coxwell. Done
2. CH will check if a report on A420 safety can be made available to the committee and if AK has access to the report.

3. LT, ST, PROW and FTC to work together on addressing the footpath.
4. LT to update on improvements to safety at the Buckland junction at the next meeting.
5. KF requested that secure bike racks be investigated at village bus stops on the A420. LT would refer it to the passenger transport team who could report on feasibility.
6. MC will email LT so he can investigate solutions to Besselsleigh residents' concerns about their junctions with the A420.
7. Residents have raised concern that pavements are not being left in a good enough state following installation of broadband. ST to contact KS from traffic network coordination team at OCC and ask for enforcement and checks from street work inspectors. ST will also ask for a completion date.
8. BT enquired on the status of adopted roads that were in poor condition on Folly View – BT will contact MT at OCC to investigate.
9. BT to chase status of Henry Blake Way
10. ST to respond to the Crown and to inform them buses are being considered.
11. ST to put traffic orders on FTC Planning agenda
12. ST to add next agenda items:
 - Buses in Market Place
 - A420 Safety
 - Traffic Bollards
 - Henry Blake Way crossing
 - Traffic Orders