

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways committee meeting Held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Wise (Chair)
Boulton
Castle
Ford
Lunn
Webb
Wild

In attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
One member of the public

1/9/23 Apologies
Cllr. Norris

2/9/23 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st August 2023 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/9/23 Declarations of Interest
None

4/9/23 Public Participation Time

Members NOTED emails from residents commenting on the dangers of crossing the A420 which will be forwarded to OCC.

A local resident reported the frustrations, specifically amongst local town centre businesses, created by the recent enforcement of 30-minute parking in the Market Place and lead-in roads. Members sympathised with the lack allocated business parking in the town and overall far too few parking spaces for the huge increase in the town population. Issues around parking will be added to the next agenda.

5/9/23 Items for Information

Members NOTED the following:

- a) The action list
- b) Care home numbering on Brickle Way
- c) FATAAC minutes
- d) Faringdon Coffee House outdoor table licence

6/9/23 Members NOTED Traffic Regulation Notices

7/9/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions DECIDED

8/9/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions OUTSTANDING

9/9/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions WITHDRAWN

10/9/23 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions AMENDED

11/9/23 Discharge of conditions notifications NOTED.

12/9/23 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments

from Faringdon Town Council. Members received and considered the following applications:

- a) **P23/V1885/LB** and **P23/V1884/HH** Bull Inn. Alterations to existing roof & addition of new roof lantern. **NO OBJECTION**
- b) **P23/V2070/LB** 18 Westbrook House, The Annexe Gravel Walk Faringdon SN7 7JW. Proposed replacement of the three large sash windows on the first floor, east side of the property with wood double-glazed sash windows. **NO OBJECTION**
- c) **P23/V1931/HH** 50 Coxwell Road Faringdon SN7 7JX Proposed two storey rear extension; new windows added to existing dwelling; replacement windows and doors; chimney removal; solar panel addition and front porch addition. **NO OBJECTION**

13/9/23 Allotments

Members NOTED an update regarding allotments to be provided by Bloor Homes development as part of the Oriel Gardens development. FTC will need to resolve to adopt the allotments which will then be managed by the Faringdon Allotment Society. Clerk to arrange visit to site with Cllr. Boulton and Cllr. Wise.

14/9/23 Licence Application

Members discussed a licensing application under consideration by the district council for a street trader outside the Swan public house in Bromsgrove. Members understood the business argument behind this proposal but had received a local resident's objection. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to OBJECT to the proposal on the grounds that it would cause a public nuisance from litter, noise, fumes and public safety issues with size of vehicle and parking location. Cllr. Boulton abstained.

15/9/23 Planning Training

Cllr. Ford and Cllr. Wild will attend planning training at The Beacon, Wantage on Wednesday 1 November 7pm - 9pm. Clerk to check whether further Councillors can attend the daytime event.

16/9/23 Pavements

Members discussed the current condition of pavements throughout Faringdon subsequent to the Gigaclear fibre broadband installation and the current Virgin fibre broadband installation and the apparent complete lack of co-ordination of the work. Members are concerned about the state of the pavements following completion of the work and members agreed that it would be a good idea to do a survey of the town's pavements so that OCC can be informed of necessary rectifications. Members also agreed that residents should be encouraged to use Fix My Street to complain about the pavements and report any falls resulting from uneven pavements and road surfaces.

17/9/23 Bus Stops

Members discussed the location and condition of bus stops throughout Faringdon referring back to a programme of improvements suggested several years ago which would include real-time timetable information and would be funded by S106 monies. Members agreed that requests should be made for a new bus stop in Gloucester Street, outside the library, and reinstatement of the bus stop opposite the Health Centre on Volunteer Way.

18/9/23 Vale Planning Surgeries

Members agreed that the following should be booked for discussion:

- Proposed all-weather pitch at Faringdon Community College and Faringdon Leisure Centre.
- Parking for residents and businesses in centre of town with specific reference to high rate for business parking spaces.

19/9/23 Items for next Agenda

Parking

Meeting ended at 8.11 p.m.