

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of a meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on
Monday 11th September 2023 at 10am
in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon**

Present: District Cllr. Mark Coleman (Chair)
County Cllr. Bethia Thomas
District Cllr. Katherine Foxhall
Faringdon Town Cllr. Jane Boulton
Faringdon Town Cllr Mike Wise
Mark Mobey – Local Magistrate (online)

In attendance: Lee Turner - Officer Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Online
Sally Thurston - Officer Faringdon Town Council (FTC)
2 members of public

1. Apologies for absence

Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police, County Cllr. Yvonne Constance, Stuart Dudley
– Stagecoach

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Public Participation Time

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 12th June 2023 were agreed as a correct record with amendments to Cllr. Katherine Foxhall name spelling and ward correction to Watchfield and Shrivenham.

5. Action updates and matters arising

1. Detailed statistics to be sought from OCC. Ongoing
2. Safety of crossing the A420 at the end of Fernham Rd was discussed. A gate at the play park is currently being planned. Members noted that a safety gate at the end of Fernham Rd would impede access. BT asked if the committee could have an update on exactly what the plans were for the junction to ensure all solutions were being investigated.
3. Updates on improvements to safety at the Buckland junction were received. Safety signs will be completed this financial year. 40mph has been installed.
4. Requests for secure bike racks at village bus stops on the A420 referred to the passenger transport team to report on feasibility.
5. Solutions to Besselsleigh residents' concerns about their junctions with the A420 updated. Besselsleigh – Changing 'Parklands Campus' signs to 'Parklands Manor.' Ongoing discussions with PC over relocation of settlement sign and 50mph speed limit.
6. Residents concerns that pavements are not being left in a good enough state following installation of broadband discussed. Concern that Virgin are now digging the pavements in the same places. BT will ask for a

comprehensive overview about responsibility of OCC at Full Council. LT explained the process – all the responsibility sits with OCC street works team.

6. A420 Safety

a) Gt. Coxwell/ Faringdon junction traffic lights

Public comments were noted regarding the desperate need for traffic lights at the Gt Coxwell junction. The final stage of funding for the agreed lights is linked to stage two of the Steeds Farm development, with a trigger point for the release of funding is occupation of 1st house. The development currently has outline planning, but reserved matters have been refused. An appeal is underway. As soon as reserved matters are resolved the development will commence.

It was noted that a roundabout would not be effective at this junction as traffic flow on the A420 is too heavy.

b) Updates and safety assessment were noted.

It was further noted that A420 safety is still a concern and a bridge would be the best option, this is currently not feasible but could be investigated further if there was development at Wicklesham.

Cllr Wise felt the section adjoining Faringdon, where people cross to access footpaths, is a real concern. BT and MC will look at this section to assess if they can suggest any further solutions.

7. 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 ordered.
- Besselsleigh – Changing 'Parklands Campus' signs to 'Parklands Manor.' Ongoing discussions with PC over relocation of settlement sign and 50mph speed limit.
- Buckland Marsh - 40mph speed limit on Buckland Road – completed.
- Childrey – 'After' surveys commissioned post 20 mph installation.
- Cumnor – Puffin Crossing on Cumnor Hill at Arnolds Way – Approved at Cabinet Members Decision (CMD) meeting, detailed design underway.
- East Challow – SIDs to be provided along the A417 by developer. Peds in road & road narrows warning signs & markings ordered for Letcombe Hill.
- East Hanney – Parking Team advise that waiting restrictions outside school are planned to be implemented by October half term.

- Frilford – Reduction in speed limit on the A338 (30 / 40mph) in conjunction with the Parish Meeting. Objections received, going to CMD 7/9/23.
- 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 completed following liaison with the PC.
- Great Coxwell – Gateway features ordered. Concern was raised about pedestrians needing to go onto road to avoid the gateways. It was noted that there was a footpath.
- Gainfield – Ongoing discussions with PC regarding upgrading speed limit signs & road markings, and installation of SIDs.
- Hatford – Road safety scheme consisting of gateways, road markings and signage completed.
- Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor – Zebra crossing on the A415 between Faringdon Road and Oxford Road – obtaining funds, implementation planned for 2023/24 financial year.
- Little Coxwell – liaising with PC regarding upgrading signage at speed limit terminals.
- 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 has been ordered and is awaiting programming. We are awaiting final costings for the proposed streetlights prior to ordering. Footway clearance between Littleworth & Barcote Manor (along the A420) complete. Further length to be ordered.
- Pusey - ongoing discussions with PC regarding road safety measures.
- Shrivenham - 20mph scheme complete. Ongoing discussions with PC regarding implementation of SIDs.
- Shrivenham, Highworth Road – Zebra crossing, objections received, at CMD 7/9/23.
- Stanford in the Vale – Liaising with PC regarding provision of dropped kerbs on Horsecroft.
- West Challow – Warning signs / road markings due to PC road safety concerns ordered.

8. **Parish Matters**

- a) Besselsleigh Road Safety Issues – this is now being addressed see above.
- b) Little and Great Coxwell– Concern about concrete being dropped from overfilled lorries from the batching plant has been raised. BT will take this to the next Grunden liaison committee. BT would also investigate enforcement.

- c) Little Coxwell – concern was raised about horses escaping on to the A420. LT will investigate and report on any solutions being considered.

9. Faringdon Matters

- a) Buses in Market Place – deferred to future meeting when the Stagecoach representative is present
- b) Traffic Bollards – passed to street lighting. LT/BT to chase
- c) Henry Blake Way crossing – there are issues with adoption of the road due to a ransom strip. BT and ST will further investigate with the appropriate Officer from OCC.
- d) Traffic Orders – ST to chase
- e) Folly Park View Adoption - BT and ST will further investigate with the appropriate Officer from OCC.
- f) A linking footpath has been installed at Faringdon Community College (FCC) but it is for the use of FCC students only and will be gated for safeguarding reasons. It was agreed that this was a problem for Folly View Primary pupils but was a Faringdon Learning Trust (FLT) issue. Complaints should be directed to FLT.
It was agreed that a review of connectivity should be carried out and could be done as part of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). BT will investigate the status of the LCWIP.

10. Items for Information / next agenda items

- Bus Stop on Park Rd location review
- Safety signage for Park Rd update

Action List

1. Amend minutes to Cllr. Katherine Foxhall name spelling and ward correction to Watchfield and Shrivenham. ST
2. ST and LT to chase detailed A420 statistics
3. Secure bike racks be investigated at village bus stops on the A420. Referred to the passenger transport team to report on feasibility. Ongoing
4. BT will ask for a comprehensive overview about the responsibility of OCC for making pavements good following broadband work at Full Council:
5. BT and ST to investigate Folly Park View adoption status
6. BT and ST to investigate status of Henry Blake Way
7. Detailed plans for Fernham Rd crossing and plans to be provided to next meeting
LT
8. A420 safety BT and MC will look at the section adjoining Faringdon to assess if they can suggest any further solutions.
9. Little and Great Coxwell– Concern about concrete being dropped from overfilled lorries from the batching plant has been raised. BT will take this to the next Grunden liaison committee. BT would also investigate enforcement.
10. Little Coxwell – concern was raised about horses escaping on to the A420. LT will investigate and report on any solutions being considered.
11. Park Rd Traffic Bollard repairs – passed to street lighting. LT/BT to chase
12. Traffic Orders – ST to chase update
13. Complaints about footpath to Folly Primary should be directed to FLT.
14. BT will investigate the status of the LCWIP.
15. Next agenda items
 - Bus Stop on Park Rd location review
 - Safety signage for Park Rd update
 - Buses in Faringdon Market Place