

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways committee meeting Held on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

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

In attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
7 members of the public including 1 online
2 representatives from Mersenne Developments Ltd

1/03/24 Apologies

Cllr. Ford, Cllr. Norris

2/03/24 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th February 2024 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/03/24 Declarations of Interest

None

4/03/24 Public Participation Time

- a) Members heard from two representatives from Mersenne Developments Ltd who were keen to address local concerns over plans for a children's day nursery on Volunteer Way: [P24/V0472/FUL](#) - Land to East of Volunteer Way Faringdon SN7 7YU. Residents and Members supported the proposal in principle, but the key concern voiced related to major concerns over additional traffic, traffic flow, drop-off, pedestrian safety, effect on neighbouring roads and noise. Members suggested asking Oxfordshire County Council Highways to address Park Road issues of vehicle numbers, access on and off Park Road and pedestrian safety. Clerk to contact Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) planning dept to query if they correctly consulted neighbouring residents. Residents were encouraged to attend relevant planning meeting at VoWHDC to voice their concerns.
- b) Members considered a request from a local resident for the alley way between Coxwell Road and Marlborough Gardens to be formally named. Clerk to contact VoWHDC about naming this and other alley ways and footpaths around the town, to be identified during pavement survey.

5/03/24 Members NOTED items for Information

- a) Action list
- b) Members NOTED update re. Fernham Road footpath
- c) Members NOTED update re. Parish Transport Meeting
- d) Members NOTED a Certificate of Lawful Development at 1 Leamington Gate, SN7 7FP
ref: [P24/V0642/FUL](#)

6/03/24 Members NOTED Traffic Regulation Notices

7/03/24 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions DECIDED

8/03/24 Members NOTED for information only, Planning Permissions OUTSTANDING

9/03/24 Members NOTED for information only, there were no Planning Permissions WITHDRAWN

10/03/24 Members NOTED that Planning Permissions AMENDED

- a) [P24/V0107/DIS](#) for development work at the following location: Land south of Park Road Faringdon. As amended by information received 12 February 2024
Original OBJECTIONS stand
- b) [P23/V2437/FUL](#) amendment (no. 2) on application for development work at the following location: 2 Market Place Faringdon
Original OBJECTIONS stand

11/03/24 Members NOTED Discharge of Conditions notifications:

[P24/V0349/DIS](#) for development work at the following location: 2 Gloucester Street Faringdon.

Not entitled to park on Regent Mews.

12/03/24 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments from Faringdon Town Council. Members received and considered the following applications:

[P24/V0436/HH](#) - 28 Folly View Road Faringdon SN7 7DH Garage conversion

NO OBJECTIONS

[P24/V0452/FUL](#) - 10/10a London Street Faringdon SN7 7AA Removal of stone roofing tiles and replacement with natural slate to front roof slope only. **OBJECT** and support Heritage Officer **OBJECT and support comments of Heritage Officer.**

[P24/V0472/FUL](#) - Land to East of Volunteer Way Faringdon SN7 7YU

Construction of a children's day nursery with associated offices and training facilities for use within use Class E(f) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) together with formation of a car park, ancillary works, landscaping and boundary treatment. **See 4/4/23 (a) COMMENT with concerns which need to be mitigated:**

- Adding to Park Road issues of vehicle numbers
- Access on and off Park Road
- Pedestrian safety on volunteer Way and Park Rd
- Parking on blind bend on Volunteer Way

[P24/V0487/LDP](#) - 22 Merchant Crescent Faringdon SN7 7EQ. Certificate of Lawful Development. Loft conversion with Velux windows. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

[P24/V0480/LB](#) - Corn Exchange Gloucester Street Faringdon SN7 7JA. Erection of a ceramic plaque (60cm diameter) to the side wall. **Abstain as our building.**

[P24/V0542/HH](#) - 28 Jespers Hill Faringdon SN7 7BH. Loft conversion to create new second floor master bedroom and en-suite with north facing flat roof dormer window.

NO OBJECTIONS

[P24/V0578/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 (Re-submission)

NO OBJECTIONS

[P24/V0563/HH](#) - 1 Pulling Close Faringdon Oxfordshire SN7 7JS. Refurbishment of front door. **NO OBJECTIONS**

13/03/24 Road Names

Members received and NOTED acceptance of 8 road names.

14/03/24 Allotment adoption – Land south of Park Rd

Members NOTED deed of variation for revised trigger.

15/03/24 CONSULTATION – A417 Station Road / B4019 Coxwell Road (Faringdon) – Proposed Traffic Calming measures

Members received and considered proposed traffic calming measures and Clerk to comment with the following:

- Cycle lanes need review. The one going from Coxwell St to Gravel Walk makes a cyclist think they are they are on a protected cycle lane but then suddenly the lane ends leaving the cyclist vulnerable.
- Marlborough St narrowing will reduce space for cars turning right and grass verge may be parked on.

Clerk to look at Bloor Homes and S106 improvements to this junction to ensure the plans meet their obligations.

16/03/24 Conservation area

Members agreed to ask for a review and appraisal of the Faringdon Conservation Area from VoWHDC. The review should include consideration of including all streets with historic buildings and guidance for planners.

17/03/24 Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee

Members NOTED the DRAFT minutes from a meeting held 11th March 2024

18/03/24 Parking restrictions review

Members NOTED an update on the review of parking restrictions and requested that the review include resident/restricted parking for Coxwell Street.

19/03/24 Vale Planning Surgeries

Book a future session to insure, when considering any planning applications that affect vehicle numbers on Park Rd, pedestrian safety is a paramount concern.

20/03/24 Items for next Agenda

Items for discussion need to be within the remit of the committee and received by Friday 12th April.

Meeting ended at 8.47p.m.