

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Castle (Chair)
Boulton
Famakin
Farmer
Finn
Ford
Leniec
Wise

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
C/Cllr. Thomas; D/Cllr. Edwards

1/4/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were NOTED from Cllr. Palmer, Cllr. Webb and Cllr. Wild.

2/4/25 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 10th March 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 were signed as a correct record.

3/4/25 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/4/25 Public Speaking and Question Time

None

5/4/25 County Councillor and District Councillor's Reports

Members NOTED verbal reports from the County and District Councillors which will be available online at <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/homepage/reports/>.

6/4/25 Thames Valley Police Report

Members welcomed PC Norris who provided an update report on the latest incidents and data. The local police are working hard to bring together other agencies in a holistic approach to resolving local issues. He reported that the team is being expanded with more PCSOs. He highlighted how important it is for residents to report incidents and crimes to the police e.g. via calling 101, rather than just noting it on Facebook. Local team will join Councillor Surgeries as part of their community outreach. Cllr Famakin joined the meeting.

7/4/25 Items for information and action list:

Members NOTED the following:

- a) Action List.

8/4/25 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email up to and including 7th April 2025.

In response to an email regarding shops in the town centre, it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to carry out an audit of vacant shops and premises in the town centre and write to the owners to find out what their intentions are.

9/4/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

None.

10/4/25 Chair's Activity Report

Members NOTED the following:

- The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the opening of the new allotments.

11/4/25 Reports from Committees

Members received and NOTED minutes, reports and recommendations from the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- a) Grants Sub-committee meeting 3rd February 2025.
- b) Facilities Committee meeting 24th February 2025.
- c) Community & Partnerships Committee meeting 3rd March 2025.
- d) Finance & Audit Committee meeting 10th March 2025.
- e) Community & Partnerships Committee meeting 24th March 2025.
- f) Planning & Highways Committee meeting 24th March 2025.

12/4/25 Clerk's Report and Finance

a) Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments up to and including 7th April 2025 totalling £63,778.48 at Appendix A.

b) Members NOTED the Clerk's external activities.

c) Members NOTED the vandalism and arson to the Pink Pigeon recycling bin and a young person has admitted causing the damage to the Police. On behalf of the Council, the Clerk has submitted a Victim Impact Statement which confirms details of the artwork. The artist has advised she could repair the bin for £300 and is investigating paint options. The Clerk is investigating whether the young person can assist the artist (with a responsible adult) to help make the repairs.

d) Members received an update on the Folly Sports Park project. Five Oxfordshire-based companies have been asked to quote for the early stages of the design project. So far, one has declined to quote (due to lack of capacity) and two have said they will be providing a quote by the deadline of 22 April.

13/4/25 Annual Town Meeting

Members noted the date of the Annual Town Meeting on 30th April 2025.

14/4/25 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Items for Monday 12th May 2025 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 6th May 2025.

Meeting closed at: 7.58 p.m.

Schedule of Payments

Name	Notes	£ Payable
Salaries	Salaries	£19,371.75
HMRC	Tax and NI 214-F11H	£5,793.55
OCC Pension CONTS	Pension Contributions	£6,584.97
Payments made early		
Name	Details	£ Paid
Ms J N L Roberts	Agency	£1.80
J.Puddifoot	Agency	£9.00
Mr and Mrs Wheeler	Agency	£11.25
A.Preston	Agency	£18.00
S.Johnson	Eye test reimbursement	£25.00
H.Martin	Agency	£26.55
Marcus Rees	Agency	£32.40
Lupe Creations	Agency	£63.00
Neil Osment Associates	Hire refund	£69.00
Bicester Town Council	Mayor event	£70.00
L.Remington	Agency	£86.85
M.Nairne	Agency	£117.90
Skylight Cinema	Event 23 Aug	£2,034.00
Ace Shelters Ltd	Replacement bus shelter Coxwell Rd	£5,250.00
Bacs payments 2024.25		
Name	Details	£ Payable
F G Cormack	Agency	£1.80
George Woolliams	Agency	£1.80
V S Hughes	Agency	£1.80
P & S Wheeler	Agency	£2.25
P & J Tomlinson	Agency	£2.25
A. Cane	Agency	£3.60
So Pure (Erika Kubilene)	Agency	£7.20
Sheila Irigoyen	Agency	£11.25
A & M Hughes	Agency	£13.50
L Remington	Agency	£34.20
Natasha De-bank (Folly & Wild)	Agency	£48.60
Paul Botsford	Agency	£54.00
Filmbank media	Cinema costs	£104.40
Advanced Imaging Systems	Photocopier	£151.54
Abbey Electrical	CEX - electrical work	£2,026.80
Bacs payments 2025.26		
Name	Details	£ Payable
Everflow	Water for CEX, PH, OTH (Apr-May)	£72.63
SLCC	KD Membership	£505.00

Zonkey	Website - 50% deposit / Migration	£837.00
Faringdon Twinning Association	Grant	£1,000.00
Nicola Henshaw	Bench Trail - 2nd instalment	£10,800.00
Direct Debits 2024.25		
Name	Details	£ Payable
Ayvens	Van lease	£152.53
British Gas	OTH Elec	£478.20
Screwfix	Materials	£1.69
Fuel card services	Fuel card	£3.60
British Gas	CEX - Electric	£436.23
British Gas	CEX - Gas	£1,331.91
British Gas	PH - Gas	£779.53
Cedar Telecom	Telephones	£400.93
Direct Debits 2025.26		
Name	Details	£ Payable
Vale of White Horse District Council	Tennis Court business rates	£65.60
Vale of White Horse District Council	PH Business rates	£278.50
Vale of White Horse District Council	CEX Business rates	£981.25
PWLB	Loan repayment	£1,953.59
Fuel Card services	Fuel (March)	£93.26
Credit card	Repay	£302.00
Lloyds debit card	Repay	£1,275.07
Total Town Council Invoices		£63,778.53