

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting Held on Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Ford (Chair)
Boulton
Lunn (from item 4/4/25)
Webb
Wise

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Representative from Farcycles

In attendance online: D/Cllr. Edwards

1/4/25 Apologies

Apologies for absence were NOTED from Cllr. Castle, Cllr. Wild.

2/4/25 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th March 2025 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/4/25 Declarations of Interest

None.

4/4/25 Public Participation Time

A representative from Farcycles who "actively promote community participation in recreational cycling activities as well as cycling as a lifestyle choice for local journeys" spoke to the meeting about the importance of connectivity through and around the town with specific emphasis on encouraging more residents to cycle and walk.

The Chair PROPOSED and it was SECONDED and RESOLVED to bring forward item **8/4/25 Faringdon Footpath/Cylepath Connectivity**.

8/4/25 Members received an update on connectivity issues: land ownership details have been obtained for 2 missing connection points. Cllr. Ford PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to form a Working Party. This would review and then aim to progress plans for connectivity around the town, particularly between new housing developments, and check with District and County Councils and S106 agreements re. requirement for developers to provide footpaths, the members to be Cllr. Wise, Cllr. Webb, the Clerk and a representative from Farcycles.

5/4/25 Items for information to include:

- a) Members NOTED the Action List.

6/4/25 Parking Restrictions Scheme

Members NOTED Oxfordshire County Council's feedback on the Parking Restrictions Scheme informal consultation and agreed amendments. OCC will begin work on revising the detailed plans and drafting the legal (TRO) documents and letters to frontagers that will accompany the advert and final details will be sent nearer the time.

7/4/25 Pavement Survey

Members NOTED a progress update.

8/4/25 Faringdon Footpath/Cyclepath Connectivity (see earlier entry)

9/4/25 Faringdon Conservation Area

- a) Members received an update on a Conservation Area Appraisal and NOTED feedback from the South & Vale Senior Heritage Officer.
- b) Members considered reviewing the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Ford PROPOSED, Cllr. Webb SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to organise a review of the Neighbourhood Plan at the same time as conducting a Conservation Area Appraisal. This first stage would be to contact relevant people at ONPA, VoWHDC and OCC and obtain quotes from suitable consultants.

10/4/25 Members NOTED the following from the Planning Applications Log:

- a) Traffic Regulation Notices received.
- b) Planning Permissions DECIDED.
- c) Planning Permissions OUTSTANDING.
- d) Planning Permissions WITHDRAWN.
- e) For information, Planning Applications AMENDED.
- f) Discharge of conditions notifications.

11/4/25 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments from Faringdon Town Council

- a) [P25/V0621/N4B](#) - Edmonds Pen, Radcot Road Faringdon SN7 8DT - Change of use of building to create a single dwellinghouse and associated works. **SUPPORT** application on basis of Clause 4.5(g) of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan ref rural diversification.
- b) [P25/V0022/LDP](#) - Old Police Station Coach Lane Faringdon SN7 8AB - AMENDED APPLICATION - Proposed loft conversion.
- c) [P25/V0436/PIP](#) - Workshop Kiln Cottages, Stanford Road - AMENDED APPLICATION - Conversion of existing workshop building into two wheelchair user dwellings.
- d) [P24/V0472/FUL](#) Construction of a childrens' day nursery: **Councillors re-iterate** their original comments on the planning application.

12/4/25 To consider providing comments on draft proposals for The Bell, 13 Market Place, Faringdon and agree actions

Members discussed proposals received for The Bell and resolved to comment as follows: Faringdon Town Council would object to the loss of a local public house without evidence (as per the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan) that it is not a viable business. They would also object to the current proposal on the basis of the lack of adequate parking, lack of bin store, lack of details on sewerage, lack of detail on compliance with fire regulations, demolishing outbuildings without reference to the Grade II Listing.

13/4/25 Items for next Agenda for meeting to be held on Monday 19th May 2025.

Meeting ended at 8.06 p.m.