

## **FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10.00am in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon**

**Present:** C/Cllr Bethia Thomas (Chair)  
D/Cllr Mark Coleman  
Lesley Kinch – Magistrate  
T/Cllr Webb  
T/Cllr Wise

**In attendance:** Rosabella Angira – Traffic Officer, Oxfordshire County Council  
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police  
Andy Sweeney – Place Planning Co-ordination Team, Oxfordshire County Council  
Lee Turner – Countywide Team Leader, Traffic & Road Safety Officer, Oxfordshire County Council  
Katherine Doughty – Faringdon Town Clerk  
Two members of the public

#### **1. To elect the Chair of the committee**

It was resolved to elect C/Cllr Bethia Thomas as Chair of the committee for the year. Proposed by D/Cllr Coleman, seconded by Lesley Kinch, carried unanimously.

#### **2. To elect the Vice Chair of the committee**

It was resolved to elect D/Cllr Mark Coleman as Vice Chair of the committee for the year. Proposed by T/Cllr Wise, seconded by Lesley Kinch, carried unanimously.

#### **3. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were noted from D/Cllr Katherine Foxhall and C/Cllr Emma Markham (Shrivenham division – not currently appointed to the committee). Stuart Dudley and Arsen Ibrahimllari, both Stagecoach Bus Company and Andy Ford (Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service) were not present.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **5. Public Participation Time**

A member of public discussed the impact of the A420 closures on Fernham residents and recommended that traffic is diverted to the A34 and other main roads instead. It was recommended that they forward concerns to C/Cllr Emma Markham for following up. The A420 speed limit and pedestrian crossing were briefly discussed. It was noted the speed limit will be lowered in due course. Lee will follow up on warning signs for the crossing (added to action list).

#### **6. Minutes of the meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

The minutes of the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were signed as a correct record. The Clerk is to transpose an action re. Watchfield into the actions list.

## **7. Oxfordshire County Council Membership**

Item deferred to the next meeting following investigations.

## **8. Action updates and matters arising**

Members referred to the outstanding Actions List at Appendix A.

## **9. County Council Highways Officer's Update Report for Faringdon Area**

The Officer's traffic team update and A420 update report were reviewed. The draft A420 speed limit consultation plans including junction/highway improvements were noted. The Coxwell junction traffic lights will be operational by the first occupation of the development. A Lining Maintenance Schedule for Faringdon was reviewed. Improvements to the Marlborough Street junction are needed (particularly the domed roundabout). These will need to be considered for inclusion in a future Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Plan (LCWIP).

## **10. Parish Matters**

To receive and consider any matters causing issues and updates on ongoing matters in Faringdon Division parishes.

- a) Hinton Waldrist/Pewsey junction - traffic island A420 pedestrian/cycling refuge. Noted that it remains on the wish list.
- b) Canada Lane and Coleshill B4019 major resurfacing works.
- c) Great Coxwell to B4019 road – needs to be resurfaced (to be added to FMS).
- d) Badbury Clumps – needs to be resurfaced (already on FMS).
- e) Outside Mellors – road needs to be repaired.

## **11. Faringdon Area Matters**

To receive and consider any matters causing issues, and updates on ongoing matters, in Faringdon:

- a) It was agreed to support extending existing double yellow lines at the junction of Coxwell Road/Highworth Road to 3 Highworth Road to reduce vehicle congestion at the junction (Planning & Highways Committee meeting 24 March 2025 para 5/3/25 refers). Clerk is to speak with Mike Horton for inclusion in a TRO.
- b) To consider improving one-way signage at Gloucester Street and agree actions. It was felt that red colouring is to be added for a pedestrian crossing area on the list.
- c) To understand changes/improvements:-
  - i. To the Coxwell Road roundabout. – Previously discussed
  - ii. To the Park Road roundabout. – Previously discussed
  - iii. B4019 – Item disposed of.

## **12. A420 Safety**

To receive and consider updates – This has been covered as above.

**13. Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (West & Vale) (LCWIP)**

To receive an update and note rail implications - An LCWIP is on schedule for work pending financial support (anticipated cost is £35-£40k – the Town Council may wish to consider funding by CIL). It will be a Western Vale plan due to the minimum number of residents required. It will be undertaken on a tiered approach according to the population densities and safer routes to schools. LCWIP is a shopping list of projects that can be used as a tool to apply for funding. It was noted there is a strategic business case for a Wantage rail station which the Western Vale LCWIP needs to integrate with. A flashing school children sign has been requested for Park Road (being pursued by Bethia with Lee).

**14. Items for Information / next agenda items.**

None noted. Please contact the Clerk ahead of the next meeting for any agenda items.

Date of next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ 10.00am.

Meeting finished at 11.43am.

## Actions from FATAAC 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Task	Person	Status
<b>Minutes of meeting</b> – send for approval and draft on web	KD	✓
<b>June Actions</b>		
1. Follow up on warning signs for the crossing on the A420.	LT	
<b>March Actions</b>		
2. Faringdon Community College zig zags could not be extended because of parked cars and work remains outstanding. Lines at Carters Crescent are complete.	LT	Monitor. Parking is much improved.
3. Phase 1 Faringdon Parking Scheme is being pursued. Any new lining proposals are to be compiled for a Phase 2 of highway proposals/lining work. KD to draft a list.	KD	Ongoing
4. Bus lane ANPR camera enforcement has been approved for Faringdon. Installation will be March/April 2025. KD to provide updates on installation date.	KD	✓
5. Traffic bollards on Park Road – Tesco have been contacted about damaged bollards which are their responsibility. A list with photos of other damaged bollards has been forwarded to OCC. BT to chase and walk around with Clerk. All bollards on Park Road to be reviewed. Bethia to report on FMS. Roundabout at Coxwell Road/Park Road bollards need to be reviewed also. Mark to talk with Bethia for an update re ownership/fixing.	BT/MC	Queries raised about ownership following investigations. Tesco say they are not theirs when it appears they are.
6. Try to resolve the issues at Henry Blake Way (retail park). Highway is not adopted/ransom strip. KD to discuss with BT.	KD/BT	
7. Diversions of the A420 through villages. Visit parishes to review permanent diversion signs and consider whether it is appropriate for 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs to be installed (Network Team). Review signs. Update to be provided at the June meeting.	LT	Ongoing. Lee to check on communication issues with operatives.
8. Parklands Campus signs – Relocation of 50mph speed limit now with OCC Vision Zero Team. Cabinet decision scheduled for March. 60mph to 40mph from Appleton proposed – next step for consultation and to Cabinet in May for decision.	LT	Ongoing
9. KF raised concern at the A420 Watchfield to Shrivenham dip in road that always freezes. KF to liaise with LT for forwarding concern to Highways.	LT/KF	
<b>December Actions</b>		
10. <i>A417 Faringdon to Lechlade - Reduction to 50mph (excluding 40mph through Eaton Hastings). Speed surveys completed. Design &amp; consultation only 2024/25. BT queried re 20/30mph limit introductions.</i> Lee check with Vision Zero to ask that they review the A417 through Buscot Village to reduce the speed from 40mph to 30mph. Update: Speed limit review of A&B roads with Vision Zero and an update on A417 required. LT to provide an update on A417 for the June meeting.	LT	Ongoing
11. Appleton PC – Oaksmere bend needs improving. Dragons teeth need improving. Safety issues. Check for enhancements and dragons teeth on approach and clearing a hedgerow to reveal 20mph sign and potential provision of earlier warning signs.	LT	Ongoing. Check whether the sign is present/new sign needed.
12. Appleton PC – Oaksmere - No footpath or lights, both needed. Investigate to improve safety.	LT	Cost prohibitive. No further action.

Reducing to 40mph anyway. Better lighting needed. No funding available from Lee. Other funding sources are available though. Lee will do a cost comparison for the potential long footpath to the A420 is needed.		Monitoring required.
13. Investigate PROWs routes near Oaksmere to assist with walking/connections. KD to ask for an update from AS and feasibility of funding footpath on Oaksmere Road to A420.	AS	PC to speak to landowners to see if they can put a footpath in. £2-300k is needed for future maintenance.