

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways committee meeting held on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Mike Wise (Chair)
Jane Boulton
Peter Castle
Alan Ford
Rufus Lunn
Chris Palmer
Gene Webb
Mark Wild

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

In attendance online: Cllr. Boulton

1/9/25 Apologies

Apologies for absence were NOTED from Cllr. Norris

2/9/25 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th August 2025 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/9/25 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Ford declared a personal interest in item 12/9/25 (d) and continued to participate in the agenda item

4/9/25 Public Participation Time

None

5/9/25 Members NOTED the Action List including

a) Action list:

- Grit bins: The Clerk will circulate map of grit bins so that Councillors can check those in their areas
- Planning surgeries: the Clerk has booked the next 4 surgeries with the District Council planning department and the following list will be discussed:
Connectivity between housing; ransom strips; conservation area assessment; District Council future plans for leisure and community facilities for Faringdon.
- The Clerk will circulate the notes from the recent Connectivity Working Party.
- The Clerk will check whether the roundabout at junction with Station Road, Coxwell Street and Gravel Walk will be flattened when junction improvements are made.

- Members agreed that the Clerk should approach Cllr. Thomas about the planning condition that Wain Homes must install traffic lights at the Coxwell Road/A420 junction prior to occupation of the new houses.
- b) Correspondence received
 - Oxfordshire County Council - A420 signalised junction with Coxwell Road and mini roundabout works at the Park Road/Coxwell Road/Gravel Walk junction. (To be raised with C/Cllr. Thomas).
 - Resident re parking concerns at Church Street.

6/9/25 Pavement Survey

Members received an update on progress and agreed that Cllr. Castle, Cllr. Norris and Cllr. Ford will complete their areas.

7/9/25 A417 Proposed speed limit reductions

Members considered Oxfordshire County Council's informal consultation and agreed to support all the proposals.

8/9/25 Community Speedwatch

Members considered the idea of setting up Community Speedwatch in Faringdon and agreed to support this as a community-led project.

9/9/25 Shellingford Neighbourhood Plan

Members considered responding to the public consultation on the pre-submission version of the Shellingford Neighbourhood Plan and agreed to congratulate Shellingford and fully support their Neighbourhood Plan.

10/9/25 Neighbourhood Plan and Conservation Area Appraisal

Members received an update on the Neighbourhood Plan review and Conservation Area Appraisal. The National Lottery Heritage Fund do not support FTC's initial application to produce a Conservation Area Appraisal and the Clerk will now approach District Council to ask that Faringdon be added to their list of towns being offered a Conservation Area Appraisal.

The ONPA is having a policy writing workshop for producing new Neighbourhood Plans and the Clerk will circulate details of this.

11/9/25 Members NOTED the following from the Planning Applications Log:

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

12/9/25 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments from Faringdon Town Council

- a) [P25/V1510/HH](#) - 97 Marlborough Gardens - Erection of a pergola to the rear of the property.
Already approved.
- b) [P25/V1696/NM](#) - Land South of Park Road - Non material amendment on application ref. P21/V0984/RM - amendments to the landscaping design and arboricultural reports to detail the removal of existing hedgerow to facilitate the regrading of an existing PROW (Reserved Matters following outline consent P17/V1082/O for the Erection of 277 dwellings with landscaping, parking, sustainable drainage and other associated works (as amplified by supporting information provided in developer response, electric charging points and energy statement

received 8 August 2021, plans reconfiguring garden sizes, updating landscaping scheme, layout and crime prevention design changes received 8 August 2021; drawings and information received 16 December 2021 and 8 March 2022). The hybrid application was an environment impact assessment application and, an environmental statement was submitted to the planning authority at that time).

Support but include support of Officer's comment re requirement to re-plant hedge along Park Road.

- c) [P25/V1592/DIS](#) - Faringdon Infant School, Lechlade Road - Discharge of Conditions(s) 5 (Archaeological WSI) 6 (Archaeological - Watching brief and findings report), 8 (Waste / recycling stores) 9 (Cycle stores) 11 (Detailed landscaping scheme) and 12 (Protected Species Enhancements) on Planning Application P24/V2110/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site to provide a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) School and associated alternations to site access, installation of sub-station, hard and soft landscaping, vehicle parking, cycle parking, plant room, drainage, boundary treatments, PV canopies, ground and air source heat pumps, biodiversity net gain, hard games court, sprinkler tank and other associated works.

Support Officer's comments re trees plus query re electric bike chargers.

- d) [P25/V1932/LB](#) - Dunraven House, 32 London Street - Replacement of rear door with hardwood timber door with glazing.

Fully support.

- e) [P25/V1926/HH](#) - 3 Fernham Gate - Single storey side extension to include the repositioning of the side garden gate and changes to the fenestration.

No objections.

13/9/25 Items for next agenda: items for discussion need to be within the remit of the committee and received by Tuesday 21st October for the meeting to be held on Monday 27th October 2025.

Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.