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Minutes of the Planning & Highways committee meeting held on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Cllr. Wise (Chair)

Cllr. Boulton

Cllr. Castle

Cllr. Lunn

Cllr. Palmer

Cllr. Webb

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk

Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant

8 members of the public

In attendance online: Cllr. Ford; 2 Officers from OCC; 5 members of the public

1/1/26 Apologies

Apologies for absence were NOTED from Cllr. Ford; Cllr. Norris; Cllr. Wild.

2/1/26 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th November 2025 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/1/26 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Ford works with Cotswold Archaeology. However, as he joined the meeting remotely, he is considered 'not in attendance' and did not therefore vote on any agenda items.

Cllr. Lunn declared a family member lives in the consultation area for item 11 (d).

4/1/26 Public Participation Time

The Chair PROPOSED and it was SECONDED and RESOLVED to bring forward item 11/1/26 (d) to enable members of the public to speak.

5/1/26 To welcome representatives from Obsidian Strategic to discuss proposals for their revised planning application at Rogers Concrete, Sands Hill, Faringdon

Members welcomed five representatives from Obsidian who attended online. Obsidian made a presentation to the meeting: there will be 95 "affordable" homes (rented and shared ownership) with a variety from 1-bedroom flats to 4-bedroom houses. All will have air-source heat pumps and PV panels. All houses meet national standards of space requirements and there will be a children's play space. They are working closely with Bloor Homes re access and egress and the Sands Hill Lane will be widened with necessary passing places. Members asked questions:-

- the proposal that all the properties are to be "affordable" homes.
- road noise from the A420.
- access to Park Road, connection to other areas of town, and safety being near the A420.

- recreational/outdoor space.

The Chair PROPOSED and it was SECONDED and RESOLVED to bring forward item 9/1/26 (a) and (c) to enable OCC officers and a member of the public to speak.

6/1/26 Items for information:

- a) Members noted the Action List.

7/1/26 To note correspondence received and agree actions.

- a) Coxwell Street speeding
Clerk will respond.
- b) Swan Lane hazardous traffic conditions
The Clerk will respond and also put on agenda for FATAC.

8/1/26 Members NOTED the following from the Planning Applications Log:

- a) Traffic Regulation Notices received.
- b) Updates on planning applications as per the log.

9/1/26 Planning & Highways Committee work programme

- a) Members considered the 2025/26 & 2026/27 work programme and priorities in consideration of approved budgets.

The following order of priority was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED:

- Conservation Area Appraisal
- LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan)
- Revised Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk will also be working on job descriptions for a Planning Officer and a Town Manager.

- b) Conservation Area Appraisal

Members considered quotes for a Conservation Area Appraisal and Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to go ahead with the quote from Community First Oxfordshire for £7,000.

- c) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

- i. Members welcomed Harry Davis, Transport Planning Technical Lead, OCC and Rosie Lawrence, Senior Transport Planner, OCC, who gave an overview of the proposed Faringdon LCWIP project and fee proposal.
- ii. Members considered formally partnering with OCC on a Faringdon LCWIP and Town Centre Improvements Project.
- iii. Members considered a quote from Urban Movement procured through Oxfordshire County Council for a Faringdon LCWIP.

A full project would take 6 months to a year to complete and would aim to link up with a possible refurbishment of Faringdon Market Place.

A representative from Farcycles spoke to the meeting and explained that Farcycles have already done a fair bit of work on cycling and walking routes through and around the town and also have some funds in place.

Members agreed to defer until finances are in place but in the meantime the Clerk will organise a meeting of the Working Party.

10/1/26 To consider a street naming request for application [P21/V1678/FUL](#) and agree actions

Members considered the proposal to call a new close off Ferndale Street after the Carroll family. It was agreed to respond to VoWHDC with proposal that it should be called either Carroll Yard or Carroll's Yard.

11/1/26 To consider Planning Applications submitted to Vale of White Horse District Council and any others that are notified after the agenda publication date

Members received and considered the following applications:

- a) [P25/V2340/FUL](#) - Faringdon Community College, Fernham Road - Demolition of four modular temporary classroom blocks and construction of a single storey student services block and a two storey teaching block with associated soft and hard landscaping elements and parking.
NO OBJECTION
- b) [P25/V2582/LB](#) - Pidnell Farm, Radcot Road - Re-roofing of farmhouse and associated works.
NO OBJECTION
- c) [P25/V2331/LB & P25/V2330/FUL](#) - 2 Gloucester Street - Rendering the 1960s rear extension. Replacement of the rear white Upvc and steel windows with grey UPVC. New escape fire door to Regents Way. New terrace balcony and fencing over rear extension at 1st floor level with external door in place of existing window. Removal of front signage. Installation of some historic skylights to the rear of the building. Replacement of wooden casement dormer windows in roof with like for like double glazed units. Leaving the recently uncovered signage on the rendered panel to the end wall of the Regent Mews.
NO OBJECTION subject to retention of Plaque to Arturo Barea as well as attention to Swifts as well as bats plus signage of The Volunteer being retained. The Clerk will ask if FTC can have the pub sign for the Museum.
- d) [P25/V2615/FUL](#) - 39 Fernham Road - Full planning application for the demolition of a single dwellinghouse and associated structures at 39 Fernham Road and erection of a ten-bedroom supported living building with parking provision, landscaping, engineering, and other associated works.
See item **4/1/26** above.
- e) [P24/V0472/FUL](#) - Land to East of Volunteer Way - AMENDED - Additional Flood Information 27 October 2025
- f) [P25/V2608/NM](#) - Land South of Steeds Farm Coxwell Road Faringdon - Non-material amendment to P22/V0996/RM for the repositioning of trees to allow clear agricultural and maintenance access. Reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout (including internal access arrangements) and scale submitted in pursuance of condition 1, and the discharge of planning conditions, 8 (Building Heights Parameters Plan), 9 (Green Interface Plan), 11 (Acoustic Insulation and Ventilation Scheme), 14 (ground floor finished levels), 15 (Construction Method Statement), 17 (Residential Travel Plan) and 18 (Electric Vehicle Charging Point Scheme) attached to planning permission Ref P18/V0259/O
NO OBJECTION
- g) [P25/V1696/NM](#) - Land South of Park Road Faringdon SN7 7PL - 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. **Withdraw previous comments and support Landscape Officer's comment re lack of hedging on Park Road.**

Additional applications:

- h) 3 Fernham Road

NO OBJECTION

12/1/26 Items for next agenda

Items for Monday 23rd February 2026 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 17th February 2026.

Meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.