

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 14th September 2012 at 9.30 am in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: C/Cllr Mrs.J. Heathcoat (Chairman)
D/Cllr Cox
D/Cllr Sharp
Cllr Price
Mr.B. Adams, Highways, Oxfordshire County Council
Mr.C. Hulme

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs.D. Keany, Assistant Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Laura Hutchins O.C.C., C/Cllr Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Conner, Cllr Marsden.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting 8th June 2012

The minutes were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Free Parking signs have been installed on the A420 going East and West. No further signage required.

Parking problems in Shrivenham around the school. This is still ongoing and C/Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor will liaise with the police and will report at the next meeting.

Parking in Lechlade Road

Mr B. Adams O.C.C. reported Mr L. Turner O.C.C. had reported the land in question is Town land and not Highways. Mr B. Adams suggested Faringdon Town Council could commission the work. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat suggested Cllr Price take this matter back to Faringdon Town Council. Cllr Price stated Cllr Marsden was looking into this matter. It was agreed Cllr Price would liaise with Cllr Marsden and report back at the next meeting.

Constitution Terms of Reference

This has been distributed to all members.

Canada Lane

A new barrier had been put in place beside the allotments on the pavement by the Infant School. The barrier is causing problems with vehicles trying to turn into and out of the allotments. OCC are dealing with the problem.

Prohibition Road Signage

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat stated the new signage and road surface painting at the top of Marlborough Road and the Old Town Hall are not deterring drivers – who continue to ignore the signs. Mr C. Hulme has requested Faringdon Police to monitor.

Mr B. Adams suggested publicity regarding the signs. It was NOTED by the committee that with the prohibition signage in place a driver is liable for prosecution should an accident occur in these areas.

4. Public Speaking Time

No members of public present.

5. Area Stewards Report

Mr B. Adams tabled a report. Work is being carried out to cut back vegetation. He explained Oxfordshire County Council is not able to cut back privately owned vegetation. If Parish Councils are able to contact landowners or householders to bring issues to their attention. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat requested Cllr Price to take back to Faringdon Town Council Planning & Highways Committee. Faringdon Town Council to advise C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat areas requiring spraying.

Vehicle Activated Signs

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised Cllr Keeble had requested Vehicle Activated Signs at the Faringdon Town Council meeting held on 12th September 2012.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat has placed CCHF requests for VAS units to be placed on London Street and Coxwell Road.

Grit Bins

Cllr Price queried why no grit bins were available. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised grit bins are available. A letter was sent to all Parish Clerk's with all the relevant information also explaining how/when salt can be obtained. Individual Clerk's to write to winter manager at O.C.C.

D/Cllr Sharp reported problems with the drains and road surface in Shellingford. D/Cllr Sharp to contact his C/Cllr Melinda Tilley for the problem to go through to Highways Enquiries.

Mr B. Adams reported 2 new vehicles have been purchased – Highways Emergency Response Vehicles.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat thanked Mr B. Adams for the report.

Cllr Price felt the report was very useful and requested the clerk to Traffic Advisory Committee to put on the Faringdon Town Council notice board.

6. District Traffic Matters

D/Cllr Cox reported he had looked into the business parking permits. Permits are available Monday to Saturday £ 324.00 per year or £ 98.00 for three months or £ 33.00 for a month or £ 36.00 for one day per week for a year – for the market traders. The permits are not available from Southampton Street as this is a short stay car park. Permits are also available for local residents which are £ 119.00 per year for Gloucester Street.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat to send letter to Chamber of Commerce advising permit costs.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat requested the name of the replacement representative for the Chamber representing the Traffic Advisory Committee. The Clerk advised Mr. Karl Booth.

Red paint at the junction into Blisset Terrace from Marlborough Street still awaiting red paint. Mr B. Adams advised Laura Hutchins O.C.C. is chasing for the work to be done. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised white paint on CCHF Form takes 2 weeks.

7. A420 – Increase in Heavy Traffic

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised the A420 is a class 2 road according to the recent Local Transport Plan and explained a survey is being carried out.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat explained if companies purchase the less expensive Sat Navigation Systems trucks will automatically be directed to the shortest/quickest route and will not be advised of weight restrictions.

Class 2 primary routes.

Definition – A road suitable for longer distance and inter-regional traffic. Main connections between defined primary destinations with motorways, national lorry route network. This may be either the responsibility of the Highways Agency or County roads. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat suggested Cllr Price take forward to Planning & Highways Committee and suggested Agenda Item 8 from the Local Transport Plan Annual Review 2012 be copied and given to Cllr Price and the Clerk to the Planning & Highways Committee.

8. Any Other Business

D/Cllr Sharp reported 25-30% increase in people using the car parks in VWHDC since new parking conditions have been introduced.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat requested councillors use CCHF to advertise 2 hours free parking.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat reported recent traffic survey being carried out problem with the wire lifting on Gloucester Street , causing potential hazard to cyclists. The Clerk to report on return to Faringdon Town Council office.

Date of next meeting Friday 7th December 2012 – 9.30 am in the Old Town Hall