

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting AGM held on Friday 8th June at 9.30 am in the June Rennie Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: C/Cllr Mrs.J. Heathcoat (Chairman)
D/Cllr Cox
C/Cllr Mrs A. Fitzgerald-O'Connor
Cllr Price
Cllr Marsden (left at 11 am)
Mr.B. Adams, Highways, Oxfordshire County Council
Maralyn Pack P.C.S.O. - Faringdon Police (part only)

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs.D. Keany, Assistant Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Laura Hutchins, Mr.C. Hulme, D/Cllr Sharp

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting 2nd December 2011

One amendment Cllr Price had given his apologies. The minutes were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

C/Cllr Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor had queried the 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.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat reported the banner was in place advertising the 2 hour free parking had been on show at the base of the Christmas tree in the Market Place over the holiday period.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat reported that brown signs advertising the 2 hour free parking would cost £ 1,172 each. A total of 5 boards, to be placed on all access routes to Faringdon, will be ordered through the CCHF with a total expected cost of £ 5860.

D/Cllr Cox had suggested staggering ordering the signs.

Mr.Bob Adams advised the cost implication would be cheaper to order all signs at the same time.

Parking in Lechlade Road

Cllr Marsden reported residents want to park off road which is illegal.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat requested Laura Hutchins to report back to next meeting. D/Cllr Cox cars can stop and unload but not park for long period.

Maralyn Pack P.C.S.O. – Police officer present enquired could the bank be taken out and a layby installed.

Mr. Bob Adams suggested residents parking permit but this does not guarantee a parking space. He advised there would be a cost implication for the residents Town Council could allocate residents parking. He also suggested checking with the land registry if they are prepared to release the land. Residents would have to be consulted. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat requested Laura Hutchins to look into this and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Bob Adams will request an updated report. He will speak unofficially to the officers. Cllr Price suggested feedback of options would be useful.

4. Any Other Business

Canada Lane

A local resident in Canada Lane has long term problems with vehicles parking when dropping and collecting children from the Infant School. This matter has been dealt with. Constitution – Terms of Reference

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat requested the clerk to distribute to all members.

5. Election of Chairman

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat was proposed by D/Cllr Cox, seconded by C/Cllr Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor. There being no other nominations and C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat was elected Chairman.

6. Election of Deputy Chairman

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat proposed D/Cllr Cox, seconded by C/Cllr Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor. There being no other nominations and D/Cllr Cox was elected as Deputy Chairman.

7. Area Stewards Report

Mr. Bob Adams tabled the report. He explained he was attending on behalf of Laura Hutchins, and requested any comments please submit by email. Any suggested work must be advised by October. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised work had already been submitted. He reported the maintenance work would be carried out October to the new year, he thanked C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat for submitting the suggestions.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat explained to Cllr Marsden who had recently joined Area Traffic Advisory Committee that the budget of £ 75,000.00 covered 3 areas / divisions Faringdon, Shrivenham & Kingston Bagpuize. Cllr Marsden asked how this budget was to be divided. It has been agreed between the three County Councillors that as Faringdon Market Town is the largest area this will take the largest share of the monies in the expenditure stakes.

Buckland - The path between the village and the BP Garage on the A420. This is the only local shop for people living in the village. Approx cost £ 25,000.00. The BP Garage may contribute up to 50% of the costs. The CCHF could be used for this. Mr. Bob Adams explained research can take months ie utilities, pipes etc. He explained that the CCHF is a new concept and OCC leads the way and is seen as a vision for the future. Other authorities are now also trialling this idea. He thanked C/Cllr Mrs. Heathcoat for all her suggestions.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat queried why only 1 hole at the roundabout at the entry to Great Coxwell had been patched when there were 14. Mr. Bob Adams advised the work teams

can be removed and sent to an emergency – roadworks are prioritised according to their status (minor/major or emergency. Mr.Tony Currell had advised the site will be revisited with 28 days.

Cllr Price enquired why do they keep patching. This is a budget issue.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat reported the cobbles outside the Pump House that had recently been removed during repair work had now been traced and should be replaced.

Engineers to look at the narrows – problems with gas/water utilities. The committee agreed for C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat to complete a CCHF form.

8. District Traffic Matters

D/Cllr Cox reported the 2 hour free parking had been very well received and the car parks had been busy, especially over the Jubilee weekend. Cllr Price stated it was great having the 2 hour free parking in the car parks. Could something be done about the cars parking in the Market Place, this is supposed to be short term parking. Local retailers often park all day. (This is a Police matter)

Cllr Price could a business parking permit be investigated.

D/Cllr Cox will investigate and report at the next meeting. He reported the police do issue tickets on cars parking illegally on London Street. Cllr Price understands police have large workload and parking can not be a priority due to funding etc.

Mr.Bob Adams enquired how do you promote 2 hours free parking. Marketing – speak to retailers ask them not to use spaces in Market Place, leaving free for potential customers. Identify other areas to park take these ideas along to NAG.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised the Chamber of Commerce need to appoint a new member to the Area Traffic Advisory Committee.

Cllr Marsden feels parking tickets should be issued. Visible policing C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat zero tolerance has been discussed, again it is about educating people.

9. Red Tarmac

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised Faringdon Town Council had suggested road adjacent to the Old Town Hall be painted in the “red paint” with the text inserted in white of “no entry except delivery vans” However, this is too much text to incorporate in the slip road. Much discussion took place with various suggestions being made and it was agreed that C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat complete a CCHF requesting “green paint” on the road way. General discussion took place with many suggestions being made from painting large white arrows on the road, to gates being installed. Even the possible change of the flow of traffic was discussed.

Lee Turner Highways engineer for OCC will make a site visit look at the suggestions relating to traffic flow and signage – a CCHF will be completed for all the above.

Red paint at junction into Blisset Terrace from Marlborough Street – traffic is turning into this roadway despite a “no entry sign. A CCHF is to be completed.

D/Cllr Cox asked for the red paint area on Coxwell Road by the Badgers Walk estate to be repaired. A CCHF is to be completed.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat had written on three separate occasions to Highways regarding the A417 by Buscot village, where roadworks were done some considerable time ago and

although the white lineage is there, no red paint has been inserted. Mr. Bob Adams will look into this and report back.

10. A420 – Increase in Heavy Traffic

Cllr Price stated 3 deaths on the A420 in the last 12 months. He is very concerned about the volume of traffic on the A420. Trucks are using the A420 to avoid the M4 and M25. Trucks need to slow down where the junction for Fernham Road. With all the large developments it will only increase traffic. He suggested a survey for trucks at a point on the A34 recording registration of trucks and again on the M4.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat explained that the Highways Agency and the last Government had undertaken work and de-trunked the A420 as it only carried local traffic. The A420 then became the responsibility of the County. A recent planning application had shown that Faringdon Town Council had not supported a new turn onto/off the A420 for gravel extraction. The junction of the A420 with Little Coxwell is going to be amended.

Cllr Marsden fully supports Cllr Price trucks should be 40 mph. Cllr Marsden also advised that a pedestrian refuge at the point of Fernham Road had been promised by Cllr Rodney Rose. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat said that this was not so and would check outside of the meeting.

D/Cllr Cox 50 mph – Safety Engineering Standards

Mr. Bob Adams- CCHF enables you to have signage where you would like require them. In relation to the survey Faringdon Town Council would have to employ a traffic surveyor – Stewards funds might be able to be used.

A group of people from Littleworth Parish have formed an action group with regard to safety on the A420 and have written to all the surrounding parishes. Cllr Price and Cllr Marsden will check with the Town Clerk as to whether Faringdon Town Council is going to join.

D/Cllr Cox A420 Littleworth junction at the left, pull in for the bus to avoid stopping the flow of traffic. Both sides of the road.

Mr. Bob Adams sometimes the bus company will pay if this is causing a problem with the traffic, or make a contribution or again the Stewards funds could be used.

11. Any Other Business

C/Cllr Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor has received complaints regarding the Earth Line trucks travelling fast and dirt falling onto a car travelling behind. She has contacted the company and advised drivers to slow down.

Mr. Bob Adams advised this is a case for Mr. Chris Hulme Road Traffic Act. The car travelling should have contacted the Police with the details of the truck, time, location etc.

C/Cllr Mrs. Fitzgerald-O'Connor to contact Mr. Chris Hulme.

C/Cllr Mrs. Heathcoat thanked Mr. Bob Adams for attending the Area Traffic Advisory Committee meeting on Laura Hutchins behalf.

General discussion took place regarding the A420 – A417 Stanford Road and the re-opening of this access. Cllr Marsden felt the barrier could be moved back and block the road at Nursery View. The police do not want the road re-opened. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat

explained financially no funding at present to re open the road. If the circumstances change it would be re visited.

Cllr Price feels there are a number of solutions he accepts comments of the police and Oxfordshire County Council.

The concerns have been NOTED.

Next meeting 14th September 2012.