

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 2nd December 2011 at 9.30 am in the Old Town Hall

PRESENT: C/Cllr Mrs.J. Heathcoat (Chairman)
D/Cllr Cox
D/Cllr Sharp
C/Cllr Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor
Mr.C. Hulme, Thames Valley Police
Laura Hutchins – Area Steward – OCC

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs.D. Keany, Assistant Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr.J. Davies, C/Cllr Rose, Sgt C. Ball.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting 4th March 2011

One amendment Item 5 Matters Arising amend Mr.B. Wintrincham to read Mr.B. Wintringham. The minutes were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Walnut Court – C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat has contacted County.

Item 8 on Agenda – Town Councillors have an input by attending meetings.

4. Public Speaking Time

No members of public present.

5. Area Stewards Report

Laura Hutchins tabled a leaflet although dates of Traffic Regulations incorrect. Laura will email correct dates.

Locality Programme

The Area Stewardship Fund had been allocated by locality across Oxfordshire. In Faringdon the budget is being pooled by the three County Councillors to agree together. Although some projects are going ahead budgets have been reduced by savings.

Draft Footway Programme 2011/2012

Some dates have been set but are only provisional and subject to change. Although Faringdon Area is not on the schedule.

Community Payback

Oxfordshire County Council are working closely with the probation service. The jobs would need to be visible and also to have access to a hall.

Snow Day held at Drayton – Lots of equipment on show for Parish & Town Councils to purchase.

Some local farmers clear roads using their own equipment.

Mr. Chris Hulme advised the farmers need to make sure insurance cover is in place.

D/Cllr Sharp explained if the farmer has National Farmers Insurance they will be covered. They should go through to County to complete a register.

D/Cllr Sharp farmers have snow ploughs supplied by the County some years ago. Some farmers still have this equipment.

D/Cllr Sharp queried the bridge at Longcot junction Major Road, Shrivenham just higher up than Stones Farm.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat this was discussed at the Nag meeting. To discuss with C/Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor. C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat explained a budget of £ 75,000 for 3 areas which can be pooled between Faringdon and surrounding areas.

C/Cllr Mrs. Heathcoat suggested the apron outside the Old Town Hall could be reduced in size. Laura Hutchins, Lee Turner and C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat looked at Marlborough Street, Gloucester Street and Coleshill.

Coleshill – side of road clearing out pavement needs relaying.

Area Stewards fund – you have to complete a form per job.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat has passed all information to Laura Hutchins by email. They will look into this and report back.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat asked Laura Hutchins for feedback on the A420 Wantage turn off A417 Stanford Road, for the road to be opened up. Laura Hutchins thought Judy Kelly had looked into this and reported back. She will request Judy Kelly to email report to C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat.

Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald O'Connor reported the budgets are for various projects.

C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat advised officers will look at Health & Safety or possibly Section 106 monies.

D/Cllr Cox Stanford Road – large concrete block and fence are at the bottom of Stanford Road.

Increase in Stanford Road traffic for access into the Cricket Club and Skate Park.

D/Cllr Alison Thomson had brought this originally to Traffic Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chris Hulme advised this was originally closed, and if it was re opened it would cause more problems on the roundabout and could become an accident area.

C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor queried the parking problems in Shrivenham around the school, this has been examined by the Police.

Mr. C. Hulme filled in the Traffic Advisory Committee with brief details. Cars driving and parents allowing children to cycle the wrong way, which should be one way traffic. Police are involved also Lee Turner. The School entrance is on a one way street. Parents going against the flow, police have met with the headteacher and closed the pedestrian entrance. Oxfordshire County Council are involved due to legal implications.

A playschool also uses the building. There is no record of a one way street of Manor Lane becoming legal.

Parish Council, the School and Police will liaise with C/Cllr Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor.

Mr. Chris Hulme will liaise with Mr. Lee Turner and Laura Hutchins.

6. District Traffic Matters

D/Cllr Cox advised the 2 hours free parking will commence in the Vale car parks from 9th December 2011. A banner advertising this will be put up in Faringdon.

Faringdon Town Parking Brief November edition, D/Cllr Cox had prior discussion with C/Cllr Mrs Heathcoat who felt this matter should be passed to Faringdon Town Council Planning & Highways Committee for discussion. Mrs. Keany informed a copy had been passed to the Deputy Clerk who was responsible for Planning & Highways. It was on the Agenda to be discussed at the meeting on the 6th December 2011.

Parking in Lechlade Road - D/Cllr Cox had been communicating with a local resident regarding the parking problems on Lechlade Road. C/Cllr Mrs. Heathcoat will email the resident Sue Englefield and advise it was discussed at the Traffic Advisory Committee on 2nd December 2011. The area had been surveyed recently by County Council staff. It was agreed a further visit would take place and to be reported back at the next meeting of Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee which will be held on 16th March 2012. Mr. Chris Hulme enquired how much parking are we going to achieve possibly 3 or 4 spaces.

Laura Hutchins and Lee Turner will re visit and report back.

7. A420 – Increase in heavy traffic

Defer to the next meeting as Cllr Price not present.

8. Recommendation from FTC Planning & Highways Committee

Traffic Advisory Committee Chairmanship should revolve on an annual basis

After discussion the Chairman felt status quo report back to Faringdon Town Council. The Committee report back to Faringdon Town Council that the Traffic Advisory Committee is actually Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory and looks at all surrounding areas. Oxfordshire County Council approved the formation. It was agreed the constitution and Terms of Reference be changed to read Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory. C/Cllr Mrs. Heathcoat discussed the amendment with the Committee and it was revised on 2nd December 2011. This was unanimous.

9. Any Other Business

Mr. Chris Hulme reported a local resident of Canada Lane had written to Faringdon Infant School, who had then contacted PCSO Kerry Davis regarding the parking problems.

D/Cllr Cox declared an interest as Chair of Governor at Faringdon Infant School and took no part in the discussion, but remained present.

C/Cllr Mrs. Heathcoat explained the school have informed parents not to park or turn in this resident's car park.

Mr. Chris Hulme stated PCSO Kerry Davis will attend an assembly to explain about the safety of parking. Mr. Chris Hulme suggested the local PCSO Kerry Davis work with the school.

Mrs. Keany will send details of the free 2 hour parking which will start on the 9th December 2011, to local schools. Hopefully this might encourage parents to park in the car parks.

10. Future Dates of Meetings in 2012

16th March 2012

8th June 2012 - AGM

14th September 2012

7th December 2012

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