



Sally's Summary

This regular feature will summarise the meetings and council work over the month.

Planning and Highways 27th January and 3rd February 2021

- 9 planning applications considered. Details available on our website.

Full Council meeting 10th February 2021

- A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Working Party (WP) was set up. CIL is a contribution made by developers toward local facilities. There should be contributions coming to the town from some new development. We are looking for up to four members of public to join the WP to help build a priority spending list. Please contact sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk if you are interested.
- New short-term objectives were agreed:
 1. Support regeneration of the town centre and preserve retail space.
 2. Promote all town council good work and improve communication.
 3. Climate change – continue to tackle with active working party.
 4. Parking – revisit the parking survey.
 5. Achieve the Gold Standard award for local councils.
 6. Set up a post Covid WP to support town's recovery.
 7. To set up CIL WP and compile list for spending to take to consultation with residents.
 8. Install a multi-use games area in Faringdon – preferred location Tuckers Park.
 9. Renovate the Old Town Hall
- The Town Clerk will approach developers and key stakeholders to investigate developing a plan to protect the retail, hospitality and community space in the town centre.
- A new contractor was chosen for the Old Town Hall refurbishment, which it is hoped will start in the spring.



Meetings in March

Faringdon War Memorial Trust – 3rd March at 7pm

Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust – 3rd March at 7.30pm

Full Council – 10th March at 7.15pm

Facilities - 17th March at 7.15pm

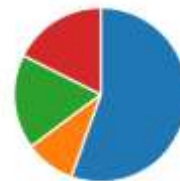
Planning and Highways – 24th March at 7.15pm

Community and Partnerships - 31st March at 7.15pm

Please join us via Microsoft Teams, details, agendas and links are available on our website.

Survey results

The Town Council conducted a community survey in late 2020. The aim was to ask residents how they felt about traffic in the town centre and to ask how you would like to see and CIL moneys spent to improve the town. We had 270 responses. The council and its committees will use information from the survey to help make informed decisions.



The results showed that the town centre is really important to the community and you would like the Town Council to support local and independent businesses to make the town centre thrive. There were lots of further suggestions for spending money and improving facilities and the CIL working party will look at all these in detail before compiling a list for the community to consider further.

There were various opinions about Town Centre traffic that will be investigated further. If you have any further comments please contact us and let us know. Full results can be found on our website.

Councillor Profile – Cllr. Lucy Martin



I have lived variously in Yorkshire, Oxfordshire & Gloucestershire, settling in Faringdon in Autumn 2014. For fifteen years I worked as an archaeological illustrator, radiographer & photographer and

now work in the Science Department at Faringdon Community College. My two children attend the Infant & Junior schools here so I have a foot in each school! I was integral in the setting up of the photography, board game and crochet groups in Faringdon which all still meet regularly, and I have a couple of other projects bubbling away. What really gets me excited and the reason I wanted to be a councillor was the chance to help with some of the amazing community initiatives here, like The Place, The Pump House Project and the new climate change working group. Cllr.martin@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Faringdon Walks – Follow the pigeons!



Faringdon is a beautiful town with miles of rural pathways for residents and visitors to explore.

We are lucky to be surrounded by open fields and a network of footpaths.

We have recently updated two circular walks, the Folly Pink Walk and the Badbury Blue Walk. The trails are marked with pink



and blue pigeons to help you follow them. They are available to download from our website and will be available as leaflets from the Information Centre when it is able to re-open.

You can also find some new buggy walks on our website, please give them a try. We would love to hear your comments and see your photographs.



We are currently working with the National Trust to develop more colour coded walks for you to enjoy, including riverside walks and linking with National Trust sites and trails.

Snow and Footpath Wardens WANTED!

The two schemes seek volunteers. The projects were set up by the Town Council in December and are now looking for volunteers. Please call Marzia on 07809 458935 or visit the snow and footpath warden pages on our website, where you will find the information pack with a form to fill in and return.



The Place supports families in Faringdon



For information visit:

www.theplace-faringdon.org

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The Wilderness

Faringdon Town Council has designated the land adjacent to the Hobble as a wildlife sanctuary and named it The Wilderness.



The council want to involve the community in surveying and protecting the wildlife that have made the Wilderness its home. Many of you have noticed the recent work in the Hobble. The clearing was to remove litter and dead wood that was becoming a safety hazard and to coppice back parts of the established old growth to encourage thicker regrowth. Removing the ivy and some of the old growth, will allow the new, more diverse hedgerow mix to become established. The timing of the works avoids the breeding season of the birds but is also sufficiently late in the winter to avoid removing their food source of seeds and berries. We will need volunteers as soon as we get back to normal for clearing, wildlife surveys, fundraising and litter picking. Email marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Faringdon Foodbank

Monday and Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm. The Faringdon Foodbank is aimed at supporting people who are in financial crisis. Your local foodbank works with referral agencies who issue vouchers to those in need of food. Faringdon Foodbank is held in the Town Council offices. If you need support, please call: 07548 535855 (this number is only accessed during operating hours) or email Faringdonfoodbank@gmail.com If you wish to donate, please bring donations to The Information Centre, 5 Market Place, Faringdon, during opening hours. <https://www.faringdon-foodbank.com/>



The Census is Coming

Sunday 21 March. By taking part, you will help inform decisions about the things that matter to you and your community. If you need help to fill in your census form, we've got it covered.

Visit www.census.gov.uk to find out more.