



## Sally's Summary

It's been a busy month at FTC. We are delighted to announce that we are the first council in Oxfordshire to be



awarded Quality Gold Status from the National Association of Local Councils. The award shows we are at the forefront of good practice and have excellent governance structures in place. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our councillors, who are unpaid volunteers who give up their time for the town and the whole staff team.

**Here's my monthly summary of meetings:**

### **Full Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The council co-opted and welcomed Cllr. Gene Webb to the council, replacing Cllr. David Brown who resigned in May. During the **District Councillors' Report** Faringdon Portway underpass mural was discussed. Cllr Thomas agreed to investigate the schedule of bridge repairs as County Councillor, she will also investigate what has happened historically with the mural and progress within the Arts Department as District Councillor. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Community Infrastructure Levy:** An application from Faringdon Rugby Club for £50,000 to improve facilities was received. There was concern that this was not Town Council land and, therefore, that the District Council could be funding improvements. Members decided to defer the application to enable the Clerk to request more information.

**Faringdon Pre – School:** Members received a letter from the preschool regarding termination of the lease when the school relocates. The council will write to Faringdon Academy of schools and County Council for their input on ideas for the future.

**Bollard Replacement Project:** It was reported that costs had increased due to material shortage and a foundry going out of business. The Clerk is investigating options and will report to Finance Committee.

**Solar Street Scheme:** will be launched on Tuesday 10th August.

### **Mayor's Summer Fun Market**



Our new town Mayor Cllr. Bentley is organising a summer market for the residents of Faringdon in the Market Place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Starting at 10am.

Come and join her for lots of summer fun! Details will be on our website and social media shortly. If you would like a free stall or would like to be involved, please get in touch!

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### **Planning & Highways 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

A discussion meeting was held online. Members considered several applications. There was a STRONG OBJECTION to the application on the Rogers Concrete Land for the proposed mixed-use development of 95 residential dwellings and business space units.

The objection was based on loss of employment land. You can find the official letter of objection on the Vale of White Horse website.

### **Community and Partnerships Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Newly elected chair Cllr. Castle presided over a busy meeting. **Vice Chair** - Cllr. Martin was elected as Vice Chair.

**Community Learning Hub** – a successful community adult learning sessions had been held in conjunction with Abingdon and Witney College, next step is to start courses with Community Champions in September. Please get in touch if you would like to join.

**The Place** – sessions are up and running again and a full programme is being developed for the summer and coming months.

**Events** - It was agreed to support:

- A Green Day event to be held at the Corn Exchange on September 25<sup>th</sup> to support Oxfordshire Green Week
- Street Food Festival in partnership with The Bell and Stay Grounded, to be held later this year.
- Folk Festival in partnership with Folk Weekend Oxford in October, it would take place in various venues
- A Mayors summer market in September

**Community Larder** – FTC will work with The Place, Food Bank and SOFEA, to operate a Community Larder in the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, from mid-September.

**Youth Council** - Members discussed setting up a youth council. Cllr. Swallow will research. If you are interested in a Youth Council, please get in touch.

### **Facilities 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Cllr. Burns chaired her first meeting where:

Cllr. Famakin was elected as Vice Chair

- An update on all council venues and parks was received and discussed, including finance and health and safety.
- A suitable industrial mower was selected for the facilities team
- Members were appointed to the Christmas Lights Working Party
- An addition noticeboard in the town centre would be investigated
- Tree locations to support Earth and Faith and Queens tree Canopy would be investigated.



### Councillor Profile – Cllr. Jane Boulton

I was brought up just outside of Highworth and was married to a local farmer for 25 years. My qualifications are in accounts, business studies and IT. I moved to Faringdon in 1996 with my partner. We both had plans to join Faringdon Town Council. I joined Faringdon Town Council in 2006 after his death in 2005.



I have been Chair of Recreation & Open Spaces for several years and when it was amalgamated with Venues to become Facilities, I was Chair of that committee. I am currently Chair of Planning & Highways. I was one of the instigators of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan together with other people. I support Faringdon Town Council and our residents in making where we live a vibrant community rather than a dormitory town.

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### Anti-littering Campaign

Thank you to the two young residents of Faringdon who created bright and colorful posters to use in our anti-littering campaign. They give a clear message to look after our town and will be used in our social media anti-littering campaign as well as on our community notice boards. Thank you to Heather and Joshua for these wonderful posters!



### Faringdon's Big Green Day



A day to highlight green activities, green projects, and green businesses in Faringdon. Held on 25th September in the Corn Exchange from 10am to 2pm during nationwide Great Big

Green Week. To book a free stall contact [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Play Day Returns to Faringdon 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021



The Town Council and Oxfordshire Play Association will bring another FREE Play Day to Tuckers Park on August 6<sup>th</sup> 11am to 3pm. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for details

### August Artist of the month

Faringdon Information Centre is delighted to welcome Maggie Bohm as our August Artist of the Month. Maggie creates mixed media acrylic and watercolour abstract artworks, using items from nature, everyday objects, and hand inking. These



are original one-off pieces, created on watercolour, rice or deli paper. Maggie also makes hand-stitched books and booklets which can be used for journal writing, sketching or painting. To see Maggie's beautiful work please stop by the Information Centre in the

Pump House. We are open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays.

### Summer Holiday Ideas

If you are looking for something local to do during the summer holidays, stop by the Information Centre and pick up one of our walk leaflets, Folly nature trail sheets or Fun trail leaflets. Have fun in Faringdon!



### Regent Cinema

Faringdon Town Council are happy to announce that the Regent Cinema will open its doors again in September 2021.

It is great to be able to offer a community cinema once again for the residents of Faringdon and surrounding villages.



Please check our website for film details.

### Community Champion Course

Free six-week online course starts on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 10am to 11am in partnership with Oxfordshire Adult Learning. The course is suitable for anyone wishing to build confidence or take a more active role in the



community. For more information, please email [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

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