



Sally's Summary

Planning & Highways Wednesday 24th November

The planning committee considered 8 applications. Please see our website for full details. There was a **STRONG OBJECTION** to the application for **9 residential dwellings on land at Fernham Road**. The objection is based on Noise: too close to A420; Access: too narrow from Fernham Road; Crossing over the A420 does not exist; Lack of amenity space; Air quality for residents living so close to the A420. You can find the official letter of objection on the Vale of White Horse website.

Full Council Wednesday 8th December 2021

The Council received a presentation via Teams on proposed **retirement housing development at 5 Lechlade Road and 53-55 Gravel Walk** by the developers. Members raised the following key concerns, which the developers NOTED:

- height and mass of building
- 3-storeys and lack of parking against Neighbourhood Plan
- green credentials
- blocking TV signal aerial for local residents
- apartments all being leasehold
- lack of imaginative or creative approach to accommodation for older citizens

The **Police and Crime Commissioner** will be invited to attend a future meeting and be asked about local policing with specific reference to local rise in crime figures.

County Cllr. Thomas gave a written report. The Council asked that following **queries be raised**:

- Need for road repairs at Gravel Walk subsequent to issues arising following resurfacing works.
- Inadequate road gritting and salting during recent cold snap.
- Lack of parking enforcement.
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A letter would be written to the Chief Executive of VoWH District Council regarding concerns around a decision on a planning application at **Rogers Concrete Sandhill Faringdon** to request an independent investigation be undertaken. It would also be asked if there is an overall plan for Faringdon and how the town and local plans are considered and if they influence decisions.

Spurgeons Service Level Agreement – a new three-year agreement for provision of The Place Children and Family Project was agreed.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee plans are underway, members of the public are invited to make any celebration suggestions by emailing sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk or calling 01367 240281



Cllr. Webb was elected as a member of both Facilities and Community and Partnerships committees.

Emergency Powers - Parish and Town Councils are currently not allowed to make decisions via online meetings. The government need to change legislation to allow this, and this is still under consideration. Members therefore considered measures should an enforced lockdown reoccur. Delegated authority was given to the Clerk to make decisions and carry out actions, following online council discussion meetings.

Folly Trust Grant Application - the full £3,000 requested was granted.

A report to be submitted as evidence to apply to list the **Infant School as an Asset of Community Value** was agreed.

Facilities 13th December 2021

Draft budgets for all Town Council Facilities were agreed and will be considered by Finance and Full Council.

Members also agreed to re-look at using the **Corn Exchange as a live music venue**, with consultation. It has been 10 years since the majority of music events were suspended in the venue. It is hoped that sound proofing and noise limiters have improved significantly in this time and music can return without causing neighbours any upset.

Finance and Audit 15th December 2021

The recommendation for the 2022/23 budget was agreed. Total revenue spend for the next financial year is proposed to be £455,612 This means £145.50 per year for a Band D property for the Town Councils portion of Council Tax, an increase of £3.33 per year on last year's request. This will be recommended to Full Council on 22nd December 2021.

HELP Town Centre Pavements PLEASE REPORT ISSUES

The Town Council are very disappointed to learn that pavement resurfacing in the Town Centre will not take place this financial year as promised by County Council. The Town Council consider the pavements dangerous and are aware of many residents who have suffered falls. Please report any falls and defects to the

County Council via [fix my street](http://fixmystreet.com). We hope that if lots of residents complain then the work will be brought forward as a matter of urgency.

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www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



**TIRED OF
POTHoles
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING**
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?

**REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH**
FixMyStreet.com
another project from the lively people at my5-clery

All Council Meetings to be available to attend online



The town council have invested in hybrid meeting software to allow members of the public to join our meetings from the comfort of their own homes, from 8th December 2021, via Microsoft Teams.

The links will be available on our website:

www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and on social media.

There is always a section at our meetings where the public are invited to speak, so come along and have your say.

Full Council	12 th January 2022
Finance and Audit	19 th January 2022
Planning and Highways	26 th January 2022
Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust	7 th February 2022
War Memorial Trust (7pm)	7 th February 2022
Full Council	9 th February 2022
Planning and Highways	23 rd February 2022

Saturday Market

Saturday markets will be held in the Market Place 9am to 1pm throughout the year. Join us at our weekly market and shop local. Stay in town for a coffee and support our local shops and businesses.

Christmas lights

December saw a successful Christmas Light Switch On event with childrens' crafts, music and supporting local business. It was wonderful to have so many people enjoying the town centre and all the wonderful local businesses we have.



The town centre looked beautiful.

If you have any ideas how you would like the town's Christmas lights to look or how Light Switch On should be organised in 2022 let us know by emailing:

office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



Faringdon Information Centre

The Information Centre hosts a local artist every month from February to December. Local artists can use this as a platform to promote their work. This could be anything from painting, jewellery, soaps, bags, felt work and much more. For details of how to become an artist of the month email:

adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Our Information Centre, in the Council Office, stocks a wide range of books, guides, maps, Faringdon souvenirs, wooden gifts, pottery, cards, prints and much more. We are currently open from 9am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Community Awards Coming Soon!

Our local community Awards will be launched in January. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page. There are so many wonderful people in our town, please start thinking about who you would like to nominate in the following categories:

- Community Hero
- Community Group
- Community Business
- Community Volunteer

Contact adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk for details.

Food Bank

If you are struggling, we can help. The food bank operates from the Town Council office on Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.

Email faringdonfoodbank@gmail.com or call **07548 535855** and leaving a message – this number is only accessed during operating hours. If you need urgent help please call 01367 240281



Community Art Project

Calling all artists, local schools and community groups

Faringdon Town Council would like to hear from artists, schools and community groups interested in applying their design to adorn the wooden bollards in the town centre. We'd like the designs to have ten different themes relevant to Faringdon.

For more information contact liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk Expressions of interest are due 12 January 2022. £150 will be paid towards materials and a promotional leaflet of each chosen



artist's/group's work will be displayed in the Information Centre. (Photo: bollard in Winchester)