



Sally's Summary

I felt very proud to see Faringdon celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in so many ways including street parties, tea dance, beacon lighting, parade, picnic in the park, bike rides, bookmarks for all children, decorated windows, and beautifully lit buildings. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to organise events and to join in. If you would like to offer suggestions or be part of organising future events, we would love to hear from you.

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Planning and Highways Meeting 23rd May

7 applications were considered.

A **strong objection** was made to [P22/V0987/FUL](#) for the erection of retirement apartments with communal facilities and car parking at 5 Bowes House Lechlade Road Faringdon.

A **strong objection** was made to [P22/V0996/RM](#) for reserved Matters following Outline Permission P18/V0259/O for the appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for the development of 125 dwellings.

Full details of the objections can be found on the Vale of White Horse DC website using the application reference to search.

Full Council Meeting of Council 13th June

Fish Brothers site, Marlborough Street

Members were pleased to hear a proposal to create an accessible, inclusive, diverse and eco-minded community arts venue called The Garage to include a purpose-built theatre and rehearsal space. The project proposal is still at an early stage and those on the board of the newly set-up not-for-profit company are hoping for commitment from the site owners before drawing up a proper budget and plan. We look forward to hearing more in due course.

Faringdon Town Council Annual Accounts - 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2022. The governance statement and accounting statements were approved.

Members of the public can view the accounts by appointment from 15th June to 27th July 2022. A clean internal audit was received.

The Oxfordshire Councils' Councillor Code of Conduct 2022 was adopted.

A prioritised **list of projects and work** was AGREED. Any new projects that councillors wish to put forward must go through the proper process.

A **crest for Faringdon** has been requested both by Konigstein our new twin town and the Cadets. It was agreed that a crest designed by a member of the public should be simplified and used.



An Elms Tennis Court s106 Funding Agreement from the Vale District Council (VWHDC) for re-surfacing Elms Tennis Court was AGREED and signed.

Following a successful **Oxfordshire Artweeks** exhibition in 2022, it was agreed that this event should take place again in 2023. Anyone interested in being involved should email

liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

It was decided a **War Memorial Exhibition** will take place in November 2022. Anyone interested in volunteering or lending exhibits should telephone 01367 240281 or email adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Joint Local Plan Issues Consultation by VWHDC

Faringdon Town Council's response will include reference to the following:

Crucial to have additional infrastructure and a cohesive plan in place prior to new houses being built. This should include a policy for resurfacing surrounding roads and connecting footpaths and cycle ways plus proper consideration and inclusion of employment land, leisure facilities, playing fields, health Infrastructure and building communities

July Council Meetings - now Mondays at 7pm

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, come along and have your say.

Facilities Committee	4 th July
Full Council	11 th July
Grants Sub Committee	18 th July
Finance and Audit	18 th July
Planning and Highways	25 th July

Reporting Issues You May See Around Town

If you see dirty streets, fly tipping, potholes or any other issues in town you can report them to the responsible bodies via fixmystreet.com

40th Anniversary of the Falkland's War



Lasting 74 days, the Falklands War was the first military action since the Second World War that utilised all elements of the Armed Forces, with 255 British personnel losing their lives.

Faringdon's Royal British Legion organised a wreath to be laid at the War Memorial on The Old Town Hall on Tuesday 14th June at 15.00hrs to coincide with the event at the

National Memorial Arboretum.

Major Tom Mouat MBE and Faringdon Town Mayor Cllr. Kiera Bentley presented the wreath accompanied by local Standard Bearers and British Legion members.

20 MPH Zone Faringdon Town Centre

We have worked with Oxfordshire County Council to implement a 20mph zone in Faringdon Town Centre following residents' requests. The speed limit came into force on 20th June 2022.



July Artist of the month

Faringdon information Centre is delighted to welcome Margaret Nairne as our Artist of the month. Margaret started designing and making jewellery in her small studio in Faringdon following classes and courses in silversmithing and jewellery making. Each piece is

designed and made by Margaret, and she loves creating new designs and then hammering and soldering silver and gold or choosing from the whole spectrum of colours to be found in old and new semi-precious beads and stones. Town and Green have its own maker's mark with the Birmingham Assay Office and silver and gold will be hallmarked when required.



Margaret strives for simplicity and holds on to the idea that less is more. The name Town and Green is an amalgamation of surnames as well as a reflection of where we live - on the edge of a small historic market town in the beautiful countryside of the ancient Vale of the White Horse. To see Margaret's fantastic jewellery, please stop by the Information Centre. We are open Monday to Fridays 9am to 4pm and Saturdays 9:30am to 1pm.



Visit to Faringdon Sewage Works

Councillors Swallow, Webb and Boulton joined Windrush Against Sewage Pollution for a visit to Faringdon Sewage Works on Tuesday 15th June. The works had a £3.6 million upgrade in May 2020 in order to protect the environment and serve a growing population. Thames Water gave the following tips to help keep the service operational:



1. Remember the three Ps: Pee, Poo and (Toilet) Paper - nothing else must be flushed down the toilet.
2. Use eco-friendly cleaning products instead of bleach. Using bleach to kill all germs, also kills the friendly bacteria that break down the harmful bacteria.
3. Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), disinfectants, acids and cleaning agents all have the potential to cause serious pollution and impair sewage works treatment.
4. Don't put fat or oil down the sink, instead wipe your tray clean with kitchen roll.
5. Dispose of toxic substances by other means, not using surface water drains. All drains are connected (sink, toilet, surface water); they enter the same sewage treatment works and will end up in our local waterways (including Faringdon Brook).
6. Reuse your cooking water (e.g. when it is cool you can pour it on the garden).
7. Collect grey (washing up, bath) water for your garden watering.
8. Limit showers to 4 minutes.
9. Turn taps off while brushing teeth.

"Water is a precious resource we take for granted. Thames Water is one of the more environmentally conscious water companies, but they need our help to be vigilant too: to do our bit to preserve and for us all to make best use of our water resources."

Cllr. Swallow

