



Sally's Summary

Town Meeting – 18th Nov 2022

The meeting received a presentation from the mayor and the chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee on the DRAFT budget proposal for 2023.24.

Members received suggestions from residents for additional projects to be considered including:

Deep cleaning and washing of pavements up London Street and in the town centre. Cleaning the pavements is the responsibility of the District Council and their contractors BIFFA and discussions have already taken place to encourage improvement to the town centre cleaning. The Facilities Committee will look at costings and feasibility of further regular cleaning.

- A budget for tackling **Climate Change** locally was discussed. The Climate Change Working Party would need to become a Sub-Committee, to enable it to have decision making powers, and define the scope of further projects and initiatives. A budget could then be considered.

The mayor encouraged residents to **stand for the role of councillor in May 2023**.

Planning and Highways Committee Meeting 21st Nov 2022

Slow progress on the planning permissions for the **development of the Budgen's** site will be investigated. Farcycles have offered to purchase two **speed indicator devices** to go on the poles already installed, the offer would be gratefully accepted. Thank you Farcycles!

STRONG OBJECTIONS were recorded for development at **land South of Steeds Farm** Coxwell Road Reserved matters.

STRONG OBJECTIONS were recorded for development at **land at Fernham Road** Faringdon. Proposal for 8 dwellings.

STRONG OBJECTIONS were recorded for development at old **Techtronic Site Lechlade Road / Canada Lane**.

Faringdon. Proposal for retirement apartments.

Clarification on how wastewater will be disposed was requested for a proposal for a **jet wash bay at Park Road** Faringdon.

Minutes with further details available here:

<https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/council/minutes/planning-and-highways/>

Folly View School Pedestrian Access - although the town council raised this issue at the planning stage it was not included in the final plans. Residents are finding the long walk around to the school, which includes walking along the busy Park Road, difficult particularly with young children. Residents should approach the Faringdon Academy of Schools and Oxfordshire County Council to resolve the issue.

Climate Change – it was agreed to draft a standard response to all planning applications about the use of responsibly sourced materials, green infrastructure and eco heating systems to be considered for all planning applications.

Finance and Audit Committee 5th Dec 2022

The committee scrutinized the budgets and made several **reductions** to the draft to ensure that a council tax increase on the town council's proportion was **below 3%**. A **draft precept (council tax) request** was set at £480,260 for recommendation to council.

Facilities Committee Recommendations were approved for

- Chiller Cabinet for the Corn Exchange
- Corn Exchange Notice Board
- Welcome Signs

Pay awards were agreed for 2022.23. These are set nationally and will be a £1 per hour increase for all staff.

Full Town Council Meeting 12th Dec 2022

The **budget and precept request for 2023/24** was agreed at £480,260 which equates to £149.67 council tax for band D. Permission was given for a **peace plaque** to be sited on the Corn Exchange, conditional to the peace group obtaining listed building consent.

Further information will be requested on the provision of **allotments** at the new Park Rd development before the town council agrees to adopt them.

Given the recent online survey which demonstrated lack of public support for a **car share scheme**, it was agreed to suspend the project and review in one year.

The council is awaiting a response to a request that the police station remain in Marlborough Street.

Volunteer Public House - an options appraisal and feasibility report was considered. Given the increase in construction costs, cost of living crisis and change in developer, it was agreed not to proceed with any purchase. When it is reviewed the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan will aim to further protect retail premises and public houses.

Town Council meetings – all are welcome!

Residents are invited to all our meetings – you can join remotely online or attend in-person at the Town Council offices. Meetings start at 7pm. Links to attend meetings are on our website: www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Dates for January 2023 council meetings are as follows:

Full Council	9th January
Finance and Audit	16th January
Grants (if applications received)	16th January
Planning & Highways	23rd January



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Faringdon Christmas lights

The Town looks wonderful this year. The Christmas lights are funded by FTC and the trees installed by Faringdon Rotary Club. The switch on event went well and it was lovely to see so many businesses benefitting from the custom of all the residents who turned out to support the event. Lots of children enjoyed the free rides provided by FTC and everyone liked supporting the stalls raising money for local organisations. Thank you to the Rotary Club for all their help and for providing the perfect Father Christmas grotto! Thank you also to Perry Bishop and Rotary for their sponsorship of the large tree and to The Place for giving families a warm space to do crafts and have a rest.



We have received requests to close London Street for the event in 2023 – to do this we need more volunteers so if you can help on Sat 2nd Dec 2023, please email office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

The Corn Exchange in Faringdon to host more music

An introduction from Folk Weekend Oxford to Faringdon Town Council (FTC) has led to discussions between FTC and Big Ginger Tom Music (BGTM) about putting more music on at The Corn Exchange for the Faringdon community.

Five years ago, BGTM was formed by Duncan Chappell when he started running gigs in Harwell Village Hall, initially as a hobby to keep him busy after talking early retirement. Aply assisted by his wife Vanessa, BGTM have now run over 50 gigs from Glasgow to Bristol, but mainly in Harwell. He also curates the programme for The Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon and runs the occasional house gig at his home in Abingdon.

We are pleased to announce that BGTM will run the following gigs at **The Corn Exchange in 2023.**

Friday 24th March

Edwina Hayes with support from Barton Hartshorn

Friday 23rd June

Good Habits with support from Hogers Wolf

Friday 15th September

The Askew Sisters with support from Wednesday's Wolves

Friday 17th November

A double bill with Katie Grace Harris and Calum Gilli

Tickets are available from the Faringdon Town Council Offices, [WeGotTickets.com](https://www.wegotickets.com) and from Duncan by e-mailing biggingertomusic@gmail.com or calling 07999 052720.



ELECTIONS MAY 2023

Make a Change

If you care about Faringdon and are passionate about our community join us!

Become a councillor!

WHAT DOES Faringdon Town Council DO?

We have an overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. Our work falls into three main categories:

Delivery of services

Improving quality of life for residents

Giving communities a democratic voice

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for Faringdon and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have four main responsibilities:

Engaging with local residents

Decision-making

Monitoring

Getting involved locally

Faringdon Town Council will have an election in May 2023

Please stand if:

- You care about your community ✓
- You want to make a change ✓
- You speak up when needed ✓
- You are fair ✓

To find out more:

- Visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
- Email sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
- Call 01367 240281

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FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL



Please report any issues in our town using Fix my Street

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Become a Fix my Street Super User

We need volunteers now!

Super users are trained to report and action certain road repairs on minor roads like potholes and damaged kerbs.

County Council will provide training online. If you are interested, please contact us! 01367 240281 or

adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk