



Sally's Summary

Full Council Meeting 13th February 2023

The council received and considered the following three public questions relating to highway safety:

1. **How can families get urgent protection crossing Park Road to get to the new Primary School (Folly View) - particularly at the popular crossing point at the Volunteer Way Bus Stop?**
2. **How can crossing the A420 be made safer? Residents' suggestions:**
 - footpaths that cross the A420 between the roundabout and Little Coxwell turn
 - path connecting Faringdon Community College (FCC) to new Primary School
 - potential paths connecting new estates to the Leisure Park e.g. to tennis courts / cycle park
3. **How can we get a safety barrier at the end of the Fernham Road, where it meets the A420 opposite the Little Coxwell turn? Could this be a bridge for crossing?**

The council agreed with points made by all three residents. However, it was made clear that the town council have no authority regarding public highways, all three questions will be referred to the **Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee to be held on 13th March at 10am** in the Jubilee Room at the Pump House, 5 Market Place, Faringdon.

Members received a response following their letter of concern regarding the **proposed loss of the Police Station on Marlborough Street**. They were informed that it will be sold subject to negotiations between Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Thames Valley Police (TVP) without detriment to the provision of either the local police or fire services. The Clerk will invite Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, to attend a Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting. It will be investigated if the building can be registered as an Asset of Community Value, to protect it for community use and report to the next meeting.

Members APPROVED an application from to the County Councillors Priority Fund for a **replacement bench on the path to Folly Hill**.

It was agreed to extend the one day per week **Climate Change Officer** post to the end of August 2023.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Voter ID requirement for May's Local Elections

Photo ID will be required to vote at polling stations at the **Local Elections on 4th May 2023**.



A Hedgerow removal notice was considered at **Church Walk**, Faringdon. The council asked for the hedge to be replaced or the loss of the length of hedge mitigated in some other way. Disappointingly, the town council have been informed that, following a site inspection, the Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) has determined the hedge does not qualify as 'important' under the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the regulations. This means they will issue a decision letter raising no objections to the works to remove 5m of hedge.

The Clerk will, again, write to the landowners of **Henry Blake Way** highlighting potential dangers of lack of **pedestrian crossing**.

Cllr. Wise was elected to speak at a VoWHDC Planning meeting regarding **P22/V2053/RM** Land South of Park Road and put forward the town council's objections which centered around the height of a new care home, which is not in accordance with Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Wise attended the meeting and stated the case but, disappointingly, this application has now been approved by the planning authority.

The recent large and bright orange **signage of Malvern Tyres** was discussed. The Clerk will write to VoWHDC enquiring about the lawfulness of the signage in a conservation area.

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 upcoming council meetings are as follows:

Facilities	6th March
Full Council	13th March
Community and Partnerships	20th March
Planning and Highways	27th March
Full Council	3rd April

Make the Town Centre Look Great - Spring 2023!

Town centre businesses can apply for up to **£50** for planting to improve the appearance of the town centre, for further information please contact

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Planning & Highways Committee 23rd January 2023

Contact office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk 01367 240281

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ELECTIONS MAY 2023: Make a Difference

MAY 2023 Local Council Elections

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

Become a Councillor

Programme of Engagement: Become a Councillor!

If you are considering the rewarding role of becoming a town councillor or perhaps know someone who would be perfect for the role, please read on:

What?	When?
Find your current councillors outside Tesco answering questions about being a councillor under an FTC gazebo	Saturday 4 th March 10am-1pm
Find your current councillors outside Waitrose answering questions about being a councillor under an FTC gazebo	Saturday 11 th March 10am-1pm
A Find Out More event in the Jubilee Room at the Pump House: a drop-in session with refreshments, ahead of the Full Council meeting	Monday 13 th March 6pm to 7pm
Find your current councillors in the Market Place answering questions about being a councillor under an FTC gazebo	Saturday 25 th March 10am to 12pm

Faringdon's Big Green Day

Saturday 17th June 2023
Faringdon Corn Exchange
10am to 1pm

SAVE THE DATE

The Coronation of
His Majesty The King
Saturday 6th May 2023
Faringdon Market Place

If you would like to get involved in Green Day or the Coronation event, please contact adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Artist of the Month



Faringdon Information Centre is delighted to welcome Laura Hounam as our Artist of the Month for March. Laura makes unique pieces of jewellery made using a variety of techniques including beading, wire work, crocheting and knitting with

wire, silver work and use of gemstones. Generously, all proceeds from sales go to the charity Against Breast Cancer.

Twenty years ago, Laura's love of jewellery and dislike of waste lead her to start repairing and restyling broken pieces of jewellery so they could be fit for sale in the charity shop where she volunteered at -- she up-cycled even before the word was frequently used. It marked the beginning of the never-ending journey of learning new techniques, exploring new ideas and revisiting old ones. Materials are sourced in limited amounts, from donations or sometimes brought back from travels to Italy. See Laura's beautifully handcrafted jewellery in the Information Centre, open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturday.



Live music comes to the Corn Exchange

BIG GINGER TOM MUSIC EVENT
Friday 24th March, 7pm
Corn Exchange, Faringdon

Edwina Hayes supported by Barton Hartson

Tickets from wegottickets.com / email Duncan biggingertomusic@gmail.com / phone: 07999 052720