

## Sally's Summary

### Full Town Council 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

A report was received on **local policing**. A "Have Your Say" meeting will be held in Faringdon Market Place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, where members of the public can come along and speak to our Neighbourhood Policing Team.

A report from **County Councillor Thomas** focused on the cost of living crisis and a range of services and resources going towards ensuring that residents remain safe over the coming winter. Cllr. Thomas had raised issues at County Council on behalf of FTC including:

- Fitting gas boilers in the new school and asking about what plans may be in place for retrofitting a more sustainable heating system in the future.
- FAZE building: Cllr. Thomas met Cllr. Miller, a Cabinet Member from OCC, to talk about the future use of the site and FTC's desire for the site to be public amenity land. The Clerk will write a letter reiterating this.



Members requested that Cllr. Thomas further investigate:

- Debris on highways
- Graffiti on local signs

The **District Councillors'** report also focused on the cost of living crisis and the resources available via the Vale Community Hub. A leaflet will be created and delivered to all households outlining the help and services available.

In her **Chair's report** Cllr. Bentley praised the excellent handling by all those involved in all the procedures and events that took place following the death of the Queen. Cllr. Bentley informed members of an inaugural trip to our new **twin-town Königstein, Germany**, which was successful. We very much look forward to welcoming our friends back to the UK soon. Anyone who would like to be involved in the twinning can get in touch via [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



The process to allocate **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** and S106 was reviewed and approved, and a policy was put in place. £7,500 CIL funding was allocated to improve the **Eagles Park on Park Rd**. A Boules Court, gate and benches will be installed to make this area a family-friendly space to enjoy. It will be named after our twin town in France, Le Mele, and looked after by volunteers. Progress will be posted on our website.

The council is concerned about plans to vacate **Faringdon Police Station** and move the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team to the fire station. The Clerk will draft a letter to Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, in consultation with Cllr. Bentley, regarding the council's concern of Faringdon's growing population and proportional need, and therefore potential under-policing and response times. Members of the public who are concerned about this issue are encouraged to attend the **Town Meeting to be held in the Corn Exchange on 16 November at 7 pm**.

A **Civility and Respect Pledge** was signed by the Council.

**Councillor Recruitment for the May 2023 Elections** was considered. It was agreed that a campaign would be launched in November to inform residents about the role of a councillor and how to stand. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Town Clerk:

[sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Members were informed that the former **Volunteer Public House** is back on the market for sale and members discussed the possibility of purchase of the property by FTC partly or wholly for council use, and the pros and cons. It was agreed that a full investigation, including feasibility and options, would be needed before the council could consider this. The Clerk would begin the work, but it was understood that the property may sell before this essential investigation could be completed.

A report on **street cleaning**, which is the responsibility of the District Council, was received. It was agreed that points raised would be taken to the District Council. The report included the suggestion of a programme to encourage residents and businesses to clean and tidy outside their homes 'from doorstep to kerb', which would greatly improve the appearance of the town. If you see an area that needs cleaning or tidying, you can report it on Fix My Street: [fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com) or call Vale of White Horse District Council **01235 422 422**. You can request a visit from the **Tidy Team**, who will be happy to assist if they can. Please call 01367 240281 or email: [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Planning and Highways 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Faringdon Town Council **STRONGLY OBJECT** to P22/V2053/RM Land south of Park Road Reserved matters for the following reasons:

- Height: proposed buildings too high
- Parking: far too few parking spaces for residents, carers and visitors
- Unrealistic 'travel plan' in terms of times and distances
- Clarification needed on sustainability: heating; solar panels; electric car charging points
- Overshadowing: proposed buildings will overshadow houses opposite
- Fully support local resident comments including overlooking, parking and emergency access

### Budget Setting 2023-24: HAVE YOUR SAY

The public is invited to all council meetings during November and December (dates below) so their needs can be noted. Before the budget is agreed there will be a **Town Meeting in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday 16 November at 7 pm**. Everyone is invited to come along, please do express your ideas and suggestions for Faringdon.

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| Full Council               | 7 Nov  |
| Community and Partnerships | 14 Nov |
| Town Meeting               | 16 Nov |
| Planning and Highways      | 21 Nov |
| Facilities                 | 28 Nov |
| Finance and Audit          | 5 Dec  |



### Benches Walking Trail Update

FTC has earmarked ten spots for the benches and is **still welcoming applications** from outdoor furniture artists for this project. We have received five excellent submissions so far. Please contact [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) ASAP if you are interested in applying or know another craftsperson or company who might be.

### Bollards Phase Two: Update

Many thanks to the **Far Runners** and the **Faringdon Rugby Club** for attending the final community meeting on the 17 October, led by our Marketing & Community Officer with support from Cllr. Martin and the Arts officer from Vale of White Horse District Council.



**4<sup>th</sup> Faringdon Rainbows** have now reserved a bollard and we are leading an art session to brainstorm and create appropriate artwork. Our print supplier will receive the final files this month, hopefully for installation before Christmas. We have reached out to Faringdon Community College (FCC) and hope that they might be represented in the bollard or wood totem form. **Please contact [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) if you can help form a link with FCC.** It would be wonderful if every school in Faringdon is represented. We appreciate the excellent concepts and visuals we have seen so far.

### Faringdon Christmas Light Switch On

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

**Faringdon Christmas Light Switch On**

**Saturday 3rd of December**  
Faringdon Market Place

Lights switch on at 5pm  
Faringdon Town Council working in partnership with White Horse Rotary Faringdon

Artistic Craft Fair by the Art Society in the Corn Exchange

Santa's Grotto and stalls in the Market Place

Join us around the Christmas Tree on **Saturday 3 December** for Faringdon's Christmas Light Switch On from **2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.** Walk into the Market Place for Santa's Grotto, Thomas the Tank Engine, and market stalls. Discover unique gifts and treasures while meeting local skilled crafters and makers at the **Faringdon Art Society's Artisan Craft Fair in the Corn Exchange from 1 pm to 5:30 pm.**

Support our local businesses, pubs, and

restaurants and then count down with Santa as we turn the Christmas Lights on at **5pm.** Faringdon Town Council will be working in partnership with White Horse Rotary Faringdon for this event.

If you would like to book a market stall or get involved, please email [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### War Memorial Trust Remembrance Exhibition

The War Memorial Trust and the Royal British Legion will be holding an exhibition of wartime memorabilia in the Old Town Hall to reflect on the impact that wars have made on local families. If you have any memorabilia, items, stories, photographs or any documents from World War I, World War II, or any other conflict that you would like to share, or if you would like to volunteer to man the exhibition, please email [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Any precious items that you may think to be too valuable to exhibit can be photocopied and the Trust will take care to return the original items to their owners.

The exhibition will be open to the public from **10:00 am until 3:00 pm on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November** and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on **Sunday 13 November until 1:00 pm.**

### Food Bank – new opening days

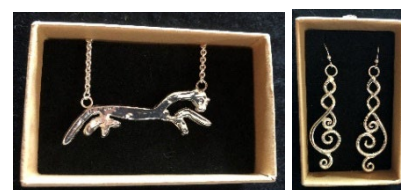
Your local food bank works with referral agencies to issue food vouchers to those in need of food. The food bank provides emergency food on presentation of a voucher. You can get a referral voucher from your school, doctor, health visitor, advice service, children's centre, local church, social worker, CAB, CAP, Housing Associations, or any agency that is giving you support. We provide tinned and dried food donated by the local community, and other essential non-food items such as toiletries.

From Friday 4 November 2022 Faringdon Food Bank's new operating dates and times will be **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm** in the **The Pump House, 5 Market Place SN7 7HL.**

If you need support or would like to donate, please call: **07548 535855** – this number is only accessed during operating hours or email: [faringdonfb@gmail.com](mailto:faringdonfb@gmail.com)

### Artist of the Month - November

**Sally Cat Silver** is **Rachel Williams**, who works as a hobby silversmith from home, in addition to her life as a musician and teacher. Having started making silver jewellery five years ago, she enjoys making items that please the eye and the touch, taking inspiration from animals, nature and other natural shapes. All items are entirely **handmade from 925 sterling silver or fine silver.** Perfect for Christmas presents or just a November treat!



Visit the Information Centre at **The Pump House** in Faringdon **Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday 9:30 am to 1 pm** during November to purchase earrings, necklaces, rings and bangles, each one beautifully presented in a gift box.