



## Sally's Summary

### Planning and Highways meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Three applications were considered with no objections.

**Swan Lane Update** - The cost of making the London Street end of Swan Lane one-way would be c. £3320 – plus the physical costs of the scheme itself. It was agreed to find out more detailed information regarding physical costs.

**New Faringdon School** - The Clerk will write to the County Council to express extreme disappointment that gas is being used for heating in the new school buildings and to ask for support in FTC's strong objection to the unsustainable heating being put in and the lack of futureproofing this entails.

Members discussed the future sale of the **Police Station and the BT Openreach exchange** buildings and their concerns about future redevelopment and the importance of any new buildings fitting sympathetically into the existing townscape. It was agreed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and to the relevant BT Openreach office reflecting the council's concerns about any potential schemes.

**20mph zones** throughout the town as part of Oxfordshire County Council's countywide 20mph limit project will be requested. Members of the community are encouraged to email the Town Clerk at [sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) with their opinions on this scheme.



### Upcoming Council Meetings

Links will be available on our website: [www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://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.

Planning and Highways (Tuesday)	30 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Trust Meetings 6.30pm start	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Finance and Audit with Grants	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Full Council	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Planning and Highways	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept

### Creative Bollards: Phase Two

An **additional five bollards** will be decorated in the town centre. An in-person meeting to discuss ideas, sketches of the bollard's four panels and practicalities will be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**, venue TBC. Contact [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) for more details. *Photo credit: artwork by Karen Vogt from Phase One.*



### The Bench Trail Project

We are thrilled to receive so many impressive applications for our **bench trail project**. We will be looking through these carefully with the VoWHDC Arts Officer and Members of our Council. The results from this discussion will be announced soon, and we will keep those Artists involved updated. Many thanks to all those who submitted ideas. For enquiries contact [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### New Information Boards for the Old Town Hall

New information boards have been designed and installed in the Old Town Hall noticeboard, giving information on the building's fascinating history and uses throughout the years. Many thanks to Cllr. Wise for helping with the research and to most of Faringdon Town Council's Officers for many proof readings! One panel will be showing news of any up-and-coming events that concern the Old Town Hall or the market square. Any queries to [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



### The War Memorial Trust and Royal British Legion

The War Memorial Trust and Royal British Legion will be holding an exhibition of war time 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 original items to their owners.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10am to 3pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> until 1pm.

### Tucker Park Activity Play Day

The sun certainly shone on the 5<sup>th</sup> August for Tucker Park Activity Day. It was a great success with lots of families attending to enjoy free and exciting activities such as abseiling, face painting, gaming, football and giant bubble activity.



### Faringdon Information Centre and Town Council Reception

If you have not yet popped into the Faringdon Information Centre and Town Council Reception, you are in for a pleasant surprise! Not only will you be greeted by a warm welcome, but you will also find a little treasure trove! Although small in size, we sell a wide variety of items, many created by local crafts people. Regular stock items are Uffington Pottery, Mike Bradley wooden items and soaps from The Little Goat Soap Company - to name but a few. We have also recently added the popular Folly & Wild scented candles and diffusers to our regular stock,





which fill the air with a beautiful, natural fragrance. Towards the end of this month, we will again be selling charity Christmas cards from Cards for Good Causes, a not-for-profit organisation supporting many different charities.

We also have our regular Artist of the Month. Each month, we celebrate the work of a different artist, so have showcased unique silver jewellery, watercolour paintings and sea glass pictures as well as folly sun catchers and glass decorations for Christmas. If you are looking for greetings' cards, we have a small but lovely range - most of which are produced by local artists featuring local scenes.

We perform an important role as the face of Faringdon Town Council and are here to help with any Town Council related queries. If it isn't something the Town Council can help you with, we will try our very best to point you in the right direction, which might be to the District or County Council. We pride ourselves in trying to answer any questions put to us - which can be a challenge at times! Aside from helping local residents, we are also here for visitors, offering suggestions of where to visit or information about our lovely town. Rich in history, it is a pleasure to be able to share this with visitors from the UK and abroad.

Do drop in and say hello, and you might find that unique birthday card or a birthday gift sitting here too.

### Artist of the Month- September



Faringdon Information Centre is delighted to welcome So Pure as our September Artist of the Month. So Pure is a small home-based business in Faringdon

established by Erika in March 2021.

Erika first had the idea to make her own products when her allergies and skin sensitivities were at their worst. She couldn't use anything other than the purest products on her skin. Having a passion for homemade soaps, creams, and bath products she was inspired to make products for herself.



So Pure offers a wide range of soaps, bath melts, and bath salts. All ingredients used are of the highest quality.

Everything is sulphate free and vegan friendly.

Come along to the Information Centre during September to have all at these fantastic products.

Open from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays.

### End of Summer Mayor's Market – 10<sup>th</sup> September

The End of Summer Mayor's Market event will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-1pm in the market square. Children can bring their buckets and spades to play in the sand and we are welcoming stalls selling vintage clothing, records, arts and crafts and bric-and-brac. Please contact [liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) to secure a free stall, subject to availability.