

Sally's Summary

Planning and Highways – 24th April 2023

Two representatives from Mersenne Developments Ltd made an online presentation of plans for a **children's day nursery on Volunteer Way**. Members supported the proposal in principle, having asked questions about the sustainability strategy for the building, the size of the nursery and employee and child numbers and voiced their concerns about parking.

Members heard concerns a resident about the **Virgin installation** on the Folly View Estate Members of the public are encouraged to report any bad pavements on Fix-My-Street.

Concerns were raised about the Thames Water capacity for the disposal of foul water to the existing sewerage system on application P23/V0442/DIS, **5 Bowes House Lechlade Road** Faringdon. Similar **worries** were raised about drainage, on application P22/V2382/FUL, for development work at the following location: **Land at Fernham Road** Faringdon. Both how the development will be connected to the foul water/sewerage system for disposal of foul water and for disposal of surface water. Both will be raised with the planning authority.

Six applications were considered with **one objection** to a proposed rear loft conversion at 17 Edmonds Drive Faringdon SN7 7RX. This application P23/V0591/HH would create a 3-storey house which is contrary to the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan. This policy has been endorsed in the decision on P22/V0996/RM.

Members noted a report regarding the recent refusal of application no. P22/V0996/RM at Steeds Farm. Cllr. Wise explained the points he had successfully made at the planning meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr. Webb should research and present a report on the **condition of pavements and roads** in the centre of Faringdon to include proposals on ways of upgrading them (including reporting on Fix-My-Street).

Concerns regarding safety of the **A420 crossing at the end of Fernham Road** were considered. The Clerk reported that she had forwarded the concern to County Council whose Public Rights of Way team are looking into spending s106 money on a safety gate.

Proposed installation of **disabled parking** spaces on Canada Lane and Westbrook were noted.

Upcoming Council Meetings – All Welcome

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| Town Meeting | 31 st May |
| Trusts | 31 st May |
| Community and Partnerships | 5 th June |
| Full Council | 12 th June |
| Facilities | 19 th June |
| Planning and Highways | 26 th June |

Have a say!

Residents are invited to all our meetings, and we have a public participation item on every agenda. 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

Annual Meeting of Full Council - 17th May 2023

14 councillors declared their acceptance of office which will run until May 2027. Cllr. Peter Castle (pictured first) was elected as Faringdon's new Mayor and Cllr. Jane Boulton (pictured second) as Deputy Mayor.



Committees and outside body representation were also assigned. These will be available shortly on our website. Chairs of committees were elected. Your new council is as follows:

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| Cllr. Jane Boulton Deputy Mayor | Cllr. Rufus Lunn |
| Cllr. Peter Castle Mayor | Cllr. Kimberly Morgan Chair Community and Partnerships |
| Cllr. James Famakin | Cllr. David Norris |
| Cllr. Julie Farmer | Cllr. Chris Palmer |
| Cllr. Angela Finn | Cllr. Gene Webb Chair of Facilities |
| Cllr. Alan Ford | Cllr. Mark Wild |
| Cllr. Steve Leniec Chair of Finance | Cllr. Dr. Mike Wise Chair of Planning and Highways |

Councillors can be emailed using their surname:

Cllr.entersurname@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

A twinning partnership with Königstein im Taunus was formally agreed at the annual meeting. A twinning association is being launched, with Cllr. Ford elected as town council representative. Faringdon residents of all ages are warmly invited to join and be involved in this exciting opportunity. Email: konigsteinfaringdon@gmail.com for details.

Members considered adoption of the **new allotments** on the Oriel Estate, Faringdon. A decision was deferred pending arrival of the formal paperwork. It was noted that the Faringdon Allotment Society have agreed to manage the allotments on the council's behalf if adoption is agreed.

Faringdon celebrates the King's Coronation

Thank you to all those that came out to Music in the Market Place on Saturday 6th May.

We are so happy that the rain held off and we could go ahead with the event. A special thank you to Rachel Williams, Anne and the Maypole dancers, Sawney White Bird, Faringdon Community Choir, Brass Follies and Boogie Me for a brilliant afternoon and evening of entertainment.



Our Community Marshals did a wonderful job and thanks to our councillors, Facilities Team and staff for all their hard work. The celebration cakes were made by Lushlooking Cakes of Oxfordshire and the children's picnic lunches were provided by the Market Café.



A **huge thank you** to all those that made our town's beautiful bunting: Amanda Farmer, Belinda Davey, Jane Cadogan, Julia Gibert, Julie Childs, Karen Spence, Natalie Fox and to Coleen Gray who coordinated the sewing team as well as contributed to it. The fabric and sewing supplies were very kindly donated for the project. The town looked fantastic!

'Clos Mêlois' – Faringdon's Boules Court

Our new boules court on Park Road will be **open for the community on 1st June**. In recognition of our twin town in France, the court has been named 'Clos Mêlois'. Clos is a courtyard, and Mêlois is the region of Faringdon's twin town Le Mêle sur Sarthe.



The court is open to all. Information will be published on our website regarding the hiring of boules (subject to a small deposit) as well as the rules of play. With grateful thanks to our volunteers for donating and creating attractive flower beds, we hope that people will enjoy using our little French corner of Faringdon.

Faringdon's Big Green Day

Faringdon's Big Green Day is just around the corner - a day to highlight green activities, projects and businesses in and around Faringdon. It will be held at the **Corn Exchange on Saturday 17th June from 10am to 1pm during the nationwide Big Green Week**. To book a free stall contact: adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



Artist of the Month

Faringdon Information Centre is delighted to welcome the West Ox Arts Gallery, Bampton as our Artist of the month for June.

The artists representing the Oxfordshire Arts Association are Julia Ogbourne, Richard Ford, Marjolein Trewavas, Kay Adamson, Caroline Westcott, Elaine Newson, Laura Hounam and Tinkermade.

West Ox Arts is a not-for-profit organisation with the object of promoting knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in West Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties. They rely on the generosity of volunteers, staff and trustees to showcase new, emerging and established artists, and to curate their inclusive and open membership policy, which gives everyone, whatever their art, craft, skill level or interest, the opportunity to participate.

To see the West Ox Arts Collection, stop by the

Information Centre, open **9am to 4pm Monday to Friday** and **9:30am to 1pm on Saturday**.

