

Sally's Summary

Planning & Highways Committee 27th March 2023

A resident expressed concern regarding the standard of road surface being left by the Gigaclear installation. Residents should report any concerns regarding this to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). The matter will be added to the next Traffic Advisory Committee Agenda to take place on 12th June at 10am in Faringdon Town Council (FTC) offices.

Five Planning Applications were considered. No Objections were registered for four. **Strong Objections** were registered to P22/V0996/RM (Reserved Matters) Amendment: No. 2 **South of Steeds Farm Coxwell Road Faringdon.** The reserved matters application was subsequently **rejected** at Vale of White Horse Planning Committee on 18th April 2023. Details of the FTC objections can be found on our website.

Full Council Meeting 3rd April 2023

A representative of **Faringdon Netball Club (FNC)** reported the club has seen a huge increase in membership from their foundation in 2009 but they are currently facing frustrating issues around finding regular suitable training facilities which is limiting their ability to train and expand. FTC will investigate ways they can help, including the use of s106 funding to improve the courts at Faringdon Community College. FNC itself will contact the new primary school to see if they have any suitable facilities that they might share.

Thames Valley Police (TVP) Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, attended the meeting and gave a verbal report and update on local policing. Mr Barber outlined an increase in local police numbers as well as answering questions about the proposed future move of the police to the fire station in Faringdon and the future possibilities for the original police station site, neither of which yet have any dates. Mr Barber agreed to ensure that a regular report is sent to FTC with local crime and police activity statistics.

Faringdon Community Bus can no longer facilitate the **proposed tourist circular bus.** The Clerk has been in touch with Stagecoach and Barnes Coaches and is working to ensure the project can still take place this summer.

A **vote of thanks** from FTC to D/Cllr. Grant and D/Cllr. Thomas for all their effective hard work on behalf of the town of Faringdon, including their quick responses to concerns.

Members received a report on **Faringdon Pink Plaques.** Five pink plaques have been designed and will hopefully be sited in May. Listed Building Consent for two plaques is outstanding.

Grants Sub-Committee 17th April 2023

Planting and Painting Bursaries have been awarded to the following town centre businesses:

- Salon 10a £35
- The Crown £50
- Lotus Retreat £200
- African Childrens Fund £50
- Tiffanys £50
- Jacksons Funeral Parlour £200
- Market Café £50



Town centre properties wishing to benefit from the bursary should email sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Grants were awarded to:

- FollyFest: applying for £3,500 + £1,200 room hire towards cost of FollyFest: 7th – 9th July 2023
- Oxfordshire Play Association for Youth Club: applying for £5,000 towards cost of a weekly youth club on Tuesday evenings at Faringdon Cricket Club from April 2023 to March 2024.
- Bangers and Beer Festival for room hire costs for festival to be held 6th – 7th October 2023

Further information was requested from Clean Slate: applying for £1,000 towards operational costs supporting victims of domestic abuse in Faringdon.

Finance and Audit 17th April 2023

End of year accounts, asset register and reserves were received. An **internal audit report** was presented with no recommendations. The Clerk was congratulated on the effective financial management of the council.

A budget of £2,500 was allocated to celebrate the beginning of a **new twinning partnership with Königstein im Taunus, Germany.** Our German friends will be visiting Faringdon 30th June to 3rd July.

It was agreed, in principle, to a recommendation to fund 50% of costs to make the London Street end of **Swan Lane one way,** subject to financial negotiations with OCC to match fund half the cost.

Town Council meetings – all are welcome!

Residents are invited to all our meetings – you can join remotely online or attend in person. Meetings start at 7pm. Links to attend meetings are on our website:

www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Dates for upcoming council meetings are as follows:

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| Annual Meeting of Full Council | Wed 17th May |
| Planning and Highways | Mon 22nd May |
| Trusts | Wed 31st May |

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Town Council Election 2023

14 valid nominations were received for town council so the following councillors are elected unopposed. The first meeting of the new council will be on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm in the Council Offices at The Pump House, 5 Market Place, Faringdon.

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| Jane Boulton | Rufus Lunn |
| Peter Stewart Castle | Kim Morgan |
| James Famakin | David John Norris |
| Julie Caroline Farmer | Chris Palmer |
| Angela Margaret Finn | Gene Webb |
| Alan David Ford | Mark Wild |
| Steve Leniec | Mike Wise |

Twinning with Königstein im Taunus, Germany

Faringdon will celebrate our new twinning partnership with Königstein by hosting a visit from our German friends from 30th June to 3rd July. There will be a ceremony where the partnership will be officially signed on Sunday 2nd July in the Corn Exchange. Several initial visits have already taken place, including the first student exchange which was a great success with two young people swapping homes over three weeks in April. Sally Thurston, our Town Clerk, also spent a week in Königstein on a self-funded trip in April. Sally was hosted by Herr Leonhard Helm, Mayor of our twin town, and was shown around the wonderful facilities and spent time working in the town hall. There is much to learn from each other that will benefit both towns.



A twinning association is being launched and Faringdon residents of all ages are warmly invited to join and be involved in this exciting opportunity. An inaugural meeting of the new group will be held on May 23rd at 7pm in the Council Offices. All welcome.

Please visit our website for further information or email: königsteinfaringdon@gmail.com



Coronation of King Charles III 6th May 2023

All residents are invited to join us for a celebration of the coronation of King Charles III in the Market Place from 4pm on Saturday May 6th. 300 picnic bags will be available for children on a first come first served basis.

Children up to school year 6 will be given a commemorative bookmark through the Faringdon schools. If your child lives in the town but does not attend the schools, please get in touch to claim their bookmark.



Faringdon Information Centre

We have a wide range of souvenirs, gifts, maps, cycle and walk trails, local publications, bus timetables, Faringdon History booklets, and a range of stock handmade by local Artists. Pick up your Regent Cinema tickets or Faringdon Community Bus trip tickets.

Drop in and talk to one of our friendly staff members, we are always happy to answer any questions about Faringdon and the surrounding areas. We are open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm, Saturdays 9:30am to 1pm.

