

## Sally's Summary - Your Town Clerk, Sally

Thurston, summarises this month's meetings below. Full meeting minutes are available on our website.

### Planning and Highways 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Cllr. Norris was elected as **Vice Chair** for the Planning and Highways Committee.

A resident asked about **parking enforcement in Church Street** and surrounding streets after experiencing long term problems with illegal parking outside their property. FTC have no powers to enforce parking but will raise the matter with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

**Three planning applications** were considered with **no objections** registered. Full details can be found in the meeting minutes on our website.

A review of the **Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP)** will be considered after a strategic plan for FTC is developed.

It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of a small section of land for pedestrian access across a ransom strip for £1 in order to create a footpath between **Fernham Road and Fernhill Gardens**.

A **Retail Park / Folly Park** Bridge is being investigated further, in partnership with OCC, with the hope of creating safe access using available s106 funds.

It was agreed to support proposed **Traffic Orders for Parking in the Town Centre** but to request the stretches of parking along Church Street be extended from 30 mins to 1 hour.

**Data from Speed Indicator Devices (SID)** was reviewed. The data suggests that the SIDs are working in terms of reducing the speed of cars.

Cllr. Ford will represent FTC at a Vale Planning Surgery in July to discuss **pre-planning and safe crossing of A420**

### Full Council 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A presentation was given by **Faringdon Pétanque Club** who are proposing to create a Pétanque piste. They enquired about space at Tucker Park. It was advised they talk to the Tucker Recreational Trust at their meeting in September.

The successful visit for our friends from **Konigstein** was reported which included the signing of the twinning treaty, which will be available to view in the FTC office shortly. Members of the community are encouraged to get involved in the twinning partnership. The **next visit to Konigstein will be in December** to experience the Christmas markets. Please email the twinning association on [konigsteinfaringdon@gmail.com](mailto:konigsteinfaringdon@gmail.com) for more details.

County Cllr. Thomas shared the welcome news that a new regular **X35 direct bus service between Faringdon and Didcot** starts at the end of July 2023.

It was agreed that, to tackle **town centre regeneration**, the next town meeting, on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, will be a meeting of Faringdon businesses to outline their aspirations and needs.

FTC will support an application for developer funding from the district council to install **floodlights at Tucker Park**.

### Finance and Audit Committee 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Cllr. Finn was elected Vice Chair.

It was agreed that FTC employ a part-time, 10 hours per week, **Manager post for the Food Bank**, for an initial 2-year term, to be reviewed after 12 months. Funding of £6,000 per annum for the post will be provided by the charity.

### Grants Sub Committee 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Cllr. Finn was elected as Chair and Wild as Vice Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee.

The following grants were awarded:

- **£3,000** towards maintenance of the **Folly Tower woodland**.
- **£1684** towards running costs of **Bromsgrove Day Centre**
- **£500** from the Town Centre Regeneration s106 earmarked reserve towards planting in **Southampton Street Carpark**
- **£2,000** towards running costs of **Faringdon Netball Club**

If your organisation needs financial assistance, please visit our website for details of how to apply - the **next deadline is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

### Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

FTC can receive funding from developments for infrastructure. We currently have approximately £330,000 in CIL funding. Tell us what you think we should spend it on by emailing [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or coming to a full council meeting.

### 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](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

<b>Planning and Highways</b>	<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Community and Partnerships</b>	<b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Full Council</b>	<b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Planning and Highways</b>	<b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b>

Dates for upcoming council meetings are as follows:

### Bench Trail Project

A project is underway to create a trail of artistic benches. £5,000 has been released by the district council for the design phase of the project. It is hoped that 9 benches will be created through our town with history, geology, nursery rhyme and sports themes. Please watch this space for consultation events and opportunities for residents to be involved in the project. More details can be obtained by emailing [sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Strategic Plan

FTC are developing a plan for the council to follow in the next four years. Please tell us what you want the council to focus on by emailing [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



### Faringdon War Memorial Exhibiton 2023

The War Memorial Trust and the 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 please email

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



### Faringdon Play and activity Day 2023

Join us for lots of great FREE family fun on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August in Tucker Park from 11am to 3pm.

Body Zorbing, Giant bubbles, Junk modelling, DIY face painting, smoothie bike, Go Kart party, climbing wall and much more! For more information email Oxfordshire Play Association [martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk](mailto:martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk)

### August Artist of the month

Faringdon Information Centre is excited to welcome Jan Fennelly as our August Artist of the month. Jan's work explores the colours and textures of this beautiful, light-filled media. She has always loved glass; no other substance has the same ability to transmit and reflect light and colour the way glass does. Jan started working with glass by making leaded glass panels about 20 years ago. Then 10 years ago she was lucky enough to have a studio built in the garden, which enabled her to get a kiln so she could also experiment with fused glass. This opened



whole new avenues of possibilities – Jan doesn't believe that she will ever stop being excited by learning about and making glass art. No two pieces ever turn out the same, each is unique. Currently, Jan is creating decorative fused bowls using powdered and sheet glass to



explore colours, patterns and texture. Glass, like no other media, allows the reflection and transmission of light, enhancing the vibrant colours. Before retiring Jan worked as a research scientist, now she experiments in glass - the possibilities are endless.

To see Jan's glassware, visit the Faringdon Information Centre, open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1pm on Saturday.

### Faringdon Christmas Light Switch 2023

Save the date for this year's Christmas Light Switch On and join us on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December for lots of festive fun in the Market Place. If you are a local business or organisation, want to have a stall or are interested in volunteering please email [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information.





## **FARINGDON PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY**






**FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023 – 11AM TO 3PM**

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY**

\* Body Zorbing \* Muzo Akademy II \* Giant Bubbles \* Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche \* DIY Face Painting \* Smoothie Bike \* Go Kart Party \* Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles \* Tots of Mess \* Climbing Wall and more!

**FARINGDON TOWN FC, TUCKER PARK, PARK ROAD, FARINGDON, OXON. SN7 7BP**

Please be advised that **NO** childcare is provided at this event and Parents are responsible for their Children at all times / This event will be filmed and photographed / There is Disabled parking only on site / Hot Food, Ice Cream and Refreshments will be available to be purchased or please do feel free to bring a picnic

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Save the date

Faringdon  
Christmas Light  
Switch On

2nd December 2023  
Faringdon Market Place

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