

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 24th July 2023

Two further emails were received from local residents raising concerns about the dangers of **crossing the A420** and turning out onto it at the Great Coxwell turn. These concerns will be forwarded to the Highway Authority via the Faringdon Traffic Advisory committee. Faringdon Town Council (FTC) continue to remain concerned about A420 safety and urge members of public who are worried about this issue to contact us by email office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and we will forward your concerns. An application for a proposed **development on the Wicklesham Quarry site** has been **withdrawn**. The committee discussed and agreed several points to be made to the developer should they resubmit the application.

Planning and Highways 21st August 2023 The committee considered **6 applications** with no objections recorded. Comments can be found on our website.

It was agreed to proceed with an application to register the current **police station as an asset of community value**. If successful, this means that if the police station is sold, FTC will have an opportunity to formulate a community bid to retain the space as an asset.

An application to Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWH) to release s106 funding to VoWH Leisure Facilities Team for the provision of an **artificial turf pitch**, perimeter fencing and floodlighting at Faringdon Leisure Centre/ Faringdon Community College is supported. However, the committee wanted it noted there must be a condition that the facility is a community asset, not just for leisure centre and school use. It must be available at a concessionary and **affordable rate for local sports clubs** and community members.

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:

Community and Partnerships	September 4th
Full Council	September 11th
Facilities	September 18th
Planning and Highways	September 25th
Trusts	October 3rd

September Artist of the month



Faringdon Information Centre is delighted to have Karen Vogt as our Artist of the month for September. Karen works in stone and clay as people have done since prehistoric times,

enjoying the connection to the earth and its ancient beauty. Using simple hand building techniques and basic tools, she concentrates on form rather than colour or surface decoration and draws her inspiration from organic forms in nature, the human body and the local landscape. Her artworks can be seen around the town: bollards ('Green Faringdon' and 'Beneath our Feet'); the circular noticeboard round the tree in the Market Place, celebrating the Folly woodland and tower and the four stone gatepost finials at the entrance to Folly Park View, based on fossils for which Faringdon is world-famous. She is a long-standing member of Faringdon Art Society and currently holds the cup for 'Best in Show' at their annual exhibition. She opens her studio in Great Coxwell every May for Oxfordshire Artweeks. To see Karen's work stop by the Information Centre throughout September, we are open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays.



Faringdon Christmas Light Switch 2023

Save the date for this year's Christmas Light Switch On and join us on Saturday 2nd 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 for more information.



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.

If you would like to volunteer to please email adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



Faringdon's Three Counties Tourist Bus

In partnership with Stagecoach, FTC are piloting a tourist bus that does two circuits of surrounding attractions and towns that have previously been unreachable by public transport. The drop-off service leaves Faringdon Market Place at 12.30 and the pickup service leaves at 15.30, every Saturday until 30th September, giving you three hours to enjoy your chosen destination. Visit our website for more details of what to do. The trip costs £5 for adults and £2.50 for concessions. If the service is well used and received, funding will be sought to extend it and make it permanent. Do try it out and let us know what you think

SATURDAY (excluding Bank Holidays)

Faringdon Market Place	1230	1630
Radcot The Swan Hotel	1235	1635
Kelmscott Manor	1242	1642
Lechlade Market Place	1300	1600
Coleshill The Radnor Arms	1315	1615
Highworth Swindon Street	1320	1620
Shrivenham High Street Surgery	1330	1630
White Horse Hill Uffington Castle	1341	1641
Uffington Shotover Corner	1345	1645
Fernham Elmside Close	1353	1653
Badbury Clump	1403	1703
Buscot Weir Car Park	1418	1718
Buscot House	1420	1720
Faringdon Market Place	1428	1728

Three Counties Circular hop on hop off Tourist Bus

**FARINGDON- RADCOT- KELMSCOTT -LECHLADE
COLESHILL - HIGHWORTH - SHRIVENHAM - WHITE HORSE
UFFINGTON- FERNHAM - BADBURY CLUMP - BUSCOT**

Every Saturday afternoon from 5th August to 30th September. Leaving Faringdon Market Place at 12.30. Giving three hours at your destination.

Tickets £5 Concessions half price.



Further details
faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
stagecoachbus.com



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