



**Sally's Summary** - Your Town Clerk summarises this month's meetings below.

**Planning and Highways – 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023**

Emails were received from residents concerned about the **dangers of crossing the A420**, Faringdon Town Council (FTC) share the concerns. Comments will be sent to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), the highway authority. A resident and business owner spoke about frustration regarding the **lack of parking in the town centre**. FTC invite local businesses to come along to the town meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November to explain their issues. FTC can then liaise with the responsible authorities to seek a solution.

The Clerk and councillors will be visiting the **new allotments** site at Oriel Gardens, Park Rd. It is hoped FTC will adopt the allotments which will then be managed by the Faringdon Allotment Society.

Members understood the business argument behind the proposal for a **street trader's licence outside the Swan Pub**. However, after receiving local concerns, FTC resolved to object to the proposal on the grounds it would cause a nuisance from litter, noise, fumes and safety issues with the size of vehicle and parking location.

The **condition of pavements** throughout Faringdon was discussed, particularly following fibre broadband installation. A survey of pavements will be undertaken by councillors so issues can be raised with OCC, who are responsible. Residents are encouraged to complain about poor pavements via <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> and to report any falls resulting from uneven pavements and road surfaces.

It was agreed **additional bus stops** should be requested, from OCC, on Gloucester Street and closer to the Health Centre on Park Rd.

**Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023**

A presentation from the new **Faringdon Petanque Club** was received, who would like to find somewhere in Faringdon to establish new pistes. A **Working Party** was set up to consider all options relating to any available space at the top west corner of Tucker park.

**Anti-social behaviour continues at Tucker Park**. The local neighbourhood police team are carrying out various measures to address this problem. The Town Clerk met with police to discuss working together on solutions and provided a witness statement to provide costs for replacement and repair of fire damaged bins.

**Faringdon War Memorial Trust – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023**

Faringdon Branch of The Royal British Legion reported that the **Poppy Appeal 2022.23** raised **£ 24,930.17**.

FTC are obtaining quotes for new fire-resistant curtains and blinds subsequent to updated fire regulations.

It was agreed that requests to **up light the Old Town Hall** in a variety of colours for special events should be considered on case-by-case basis. Requests can be initiated by writing to the Town Clerk.



**Full Council – 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023**

Members feel that local community and sports clubs should have low-cost access to the **newly proposed 3G pitch** which is being planned at Faringdon Community College and to be run by Faringdon Leisure Centre. District Councillors will be approached with these concerns.

It was agreed to release £9,960 FTC CIL funding and apply for £19,800 s106 funding from District Council to install **accessible paths in The Wilderness**.

An application will be made to the County Councillors' priority fund to purchase **a bench at the bus stop at the retail park** following residents' requests

**Town Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November - Calling local businesses!**

FTC will hold a town meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the budget for the coming year.

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY.**

This year FTC would also like to **INVITE FARINGDON BUSINESSES** to come along to tell the council about any issues and ideas for improving the economic health of our town, including parking issues.

The meeting will be held in the Jubilee Room at the town council office and start at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held both online and in person. Please see our website or email [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) for more details.

**Town Council meetings – all are welcome!**

Residents are invited to all our meetings – you can join remotely online or attend in person. Details and links are on our website: [www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Dates for upcoming council meetings are as follows:

<b>Town Meeting</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Full Council</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Planning and Highways</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Community and Partnerships</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>

**Corn Exchange Lights Converted to LED**

Thanks to the grant from the Vale of White Horse District Council's Climate Action Fund, FTC has changed all the lighting in the Corn Exchange to LED. LED bulbs are the most cost-effective lighting. They consume less energy and reduce electricity bills. LEDs boast a lifespan of 5 to 10 times longer than halogen bulbs, reducing replacement costs and the volume of discarded bulbs in landfills. While this change was on a large scale in the Corn Exchange, it delivers the same results in your own home, reducing your electricity bill and the need to replace bulbs regularly. The grant helps Faringdon to progress toward a more eco-friendly and sustainable community.



**TOURIST BUS – A grant to continue a reduced service throughout the winter has been applied for. It is hoped that the bus will continue a route to Highworth and Lechlade on Saturday afternoons November to March – please check our website and Facebook for updates!**



# Faringdon's Remembrance Exhibition 2023



Held in the Old Town Hall  
Friday 10th November -10am to 3pm  
Saturday 11th November -10am to 3pm  
Sunday 12th November - after the Remembrance ceremony until 1pm

**Would you like to volunteer?**  
Please email  
[adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



Faringdon's Ceremony of Remembrance will take place at the war memorial in the Market Place on Sunday 12th November 2023 at 10.45am. Prior to this there will be a Remembrance parade through the Market Place, leaving the Corn Exchange at 9.30am, followed by a Remembrance service at All Saints' Church at 10am.



The Market Place and surrounding roads will be closed to all traffic from 8.30am to midday on Sunday 12th November 2023.

## Remembrance Day

11.11.23



Two minute silence and wreath laying at the War Memorial

*Eleventh hour. Eleventh Day. Eleventh month.*

*Lest we forget*

# CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP



Faringdon Information Centre  
The Pump House  
SN7 7HL

1st of October to 24th of December  
Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4 pm  
Saturday 9:30am to 1pm



## Faringdon Christmas Light Switch On



Saturday 2nd December 2023  
Faringdon Market Place

Christmas Market from 11am  
Faringdon Art Society Craft Fair in the Corn Exchange  
Music around the Christmas Tree  
Santa's Grotto in the Market Place  
Light Switch On at 5pm  
All Saints' Church historic tours at the entrance to the church at 3pm and 4pm

For enquiries please [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Market Place road closures from 10am to 7pm



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