



Sally's Summary - Your Town Clerk, Sally Thurston, Summarises recent meetings below. Please see our website for detailed minutes:

Full Council 10th June 2024

The Council **resolved to accept the Faringdon Town Council (FTC) Annual Accounts** and the Town Clerk was congratulated on facilitating an excellent internal audit. A Planning Application by De Montalt Life Sciences at the former Wicklesham Quarry site for : Outline flexible planning for up to 42,286 sq m GIA of commercial floorspace was supported with the following adjustments that are required to mitigate the impact on the town, including:

- 1. Vehicle access arrangements to the site, specifically:**
 - a) Access to the site should include an exit on the existing roundabout to ensure traffic flow is not adversely affected.
 - b) All traffic mitigations should be installed before construction work begins.
- 2. Safe crossing arrangements over the A420 and safe access for pedestrians/cyclists to site:**
 - a) FTC consider a pedestrian and cycle bridge essential to safely cross the A420.
 - b) FTC strongly supports the recommendation for a second crossing at Sands Hill.
- 3. Scale of development and its effect on the local landscape:**
 - a) Reducing height of building to a maximum of 15 meters would lessen impact on the surrounding landscape.
 - b) And buildings without solar panels should have a living roof installed to increase biodiversity.

Members supported an application of restoration work at Sands Hill Quarry, Faringdon.

Members resolved to sell or donate the Lenovo tablets which are no longer used. Any community groups who are interested in the tablets should contact the Town Clerk for more information.

Facilities Committee 17th June 2024

A new working party was nominated for this year's **Christmas Light installations** and approved the purchase of new 'icicle' lights.

Corn Exchange: Members agreed to continue assessing the feasibility of a refurbishment programme, using the quinquennial report to guide the first phase.

Town Park: a quote for an initial design for the refurbishment of the Town Park will be recommended to the Finance and Audit Committee

Telephone Box on Canada Lane: a quote for the refurbishment of the phone box on Canada Lane to include the installation of a defibrillator will be recommended to the Finance and Audit Committee.

Oakwood Park: Members agreed that quotes should be obtained for new equipment and updating current apparatus in Oakwood Park which will include equipment for younger children.

All Saints' Church Bicycle Rack: All Saints' request to install bicycle racks was agreed.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Links to join remotely are available on our website: www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and on FTC's Facebook page. At each meeting, there is always an opportunity for the public to speak - come along and have your say.

Community and Partnerships	1st July 2024
Full Council	8th July 2024
Grants Sub	15th July 2024
Trusts	15th July 2024
Planning and Highways	22nd July 2024

Faringdon's Big Green Day

There was an excellent turnout at Faringdon's Big Green Day despite the rain. Visitors received free vegetable 'bags for life', wildflower seeds, and could shop for eco-friendly gifts. Practical information on green living practices was offered whilst the Scouts treated everyone to delicious cakes and refreshments. Thank you to all who entered the garden centre voucher competition; the winner will be announced soon. A special thanks goes to the stallholders and speakers who generously shared their time to promote one of FTC's core goals: environmental awareness in our town.



Town Park Orchard

We were thrilled to be awarded a Green Community grant by the Bupa Foundation, enabling us to plant an orchard as part of the first phase of the Town Park development. We hope you will enjoy the beautifully transformed space, now filled with dappled sunlight and the promise of new growth. In the future, the orchard will provide a peaceful spot to sit and relax, as well as a harvest of quince, apples, pears, and plums. This quiet park can be found behind Faringdon Library, close to Gloucester Street car park.





Upcoming Councillor Surgery: 6th August 2024

The third surgery of 2024 will take place on **Tuesday 6th August**, Market Place as part of Faringdon’s bustling Farmers’ Market. Do come along and chat to your Town Councillors, all feedback is welcome, and they will do their best to assist.

2025 Faringdon Calendar: Photos Needed!

We are looking for seasonal photos of Faringdon for 2025’s Faringdon calendar which will feature twelve shortlisted images. Photos must be landscape and high resolution (at least 1MB in size). Please email your photos to Kathryn at tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk. Entries close on **Friday 16th August at 4pm**. All photographers will be credited and receive a free calendar.

Artist of the Month

Faringdon Information Centre welcomes Ann Strowger as July’s Artist of the Month. Ann has always liked sewing and making things it was after she retired that ‘Quirky Bags’ was born. After making several bags she started selling them at craft fairs. Ann has extended her makes to bunting, festive table runners and table mats but making bags is her first love! To see Ann’s Quirky Bags visit the Information Centre which is open **Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays**.



New footpath

FTC have used community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding money to fund a much-improved pathway at the top of Canada Lane. This funding comes to the town council when a qualifying new development is built, to make improvements in or town. FTC received several requests from local resident to improve this path, although the path is not owned by FTC it agreed that work was urgent. The once uneven and hazardous pathway for walkers is now much easier to tread. We hope walkers and runners alike can now enjoy a more pleasant experience.



Faringdon’s Open Air Cinema

We are excited to announce FTC’s End of Summer Open Air Cinema, a **free event on Saturday 31 August** for our community. Bring picnics and blankets for a **children’s film at 3pm and a family film at 7pm**, titles to be revealed soon!



Restoration Work on the Portwell Pump

You may have noticed scaffolding around the Portwell Pump in the town centre. The iconic structure has had a few bumps from buses and lorries in the past so was looking tired and in need of restoration. FTC agreed to use some CIL funding to return the pump to its former glory. The pump was given to the town in the 1590s by Sir Henry Unton, during the construction of the original Faringdon House. Water was pumped, from under the Pump House, to provide a piped supply to the market place for both animals and humans. It is no longer a pump but is used as a street lamp after electricity was installed in the 1950s. Work will take approximately three weeks and the Portwell should be looking smart in time for Folly Fest on the 12th of July!



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