



Clerk's Corner – Your Town Clerk, Katherine Doughty, summarises recent meetings below. Please see our website for detailed minutes.

Town Council Meeting – 9th December 2024
Fair Access Faringdon

Members received a presentation from a local resident on accessibility issues in the town the key objectives of which are:

1. Positively to support businesses, organisations and events to provide reasonable adjustments that improve accessibility for disabled members of our community.
2. To increase participation of disabled members of our community to ensure they can make a full contribution to the life of the town, including an economic contribution by improving access to retail and hospitality outlets.
3. To increase awareness of the barriers to participation in the town over the year and across all sectors.

Members thanked the resident for their very helpful presentation and discussed the issues raised, agreeing to support its aims and objectives. In the first instance, the resident will conduct an accessibility survey of the town centre and will report back to the Town Council in early 2025. Members also agreed to add the consideration of accessibility to the agendas of all committees as something to consider when making decisions. The issues raised by the presentation were also agreed to be fed into the current pavement survey being undertaken by Councillors.

Community facilities at Folly Sports Park - As part of our ongoing efforts to improve community facilities in Faringdon, we are reaching out to local clubs to understand their needs and how we can support them in the future. If you haven't already been contacted, please email office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk so that we can understand any specific requirements your club may have for facilities such as a hall, multi-use games areas and additional changing rooms.

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting – 25th November 2024

Marlborough Gardens - The Town Council has received correspondence from residents concerned about speeding vehicles in Marlborough Gardens. The Councillors resolved to organise a vehicle survey to capture data to inform appropriate actions such as installation of a Speed Indicator Device.

Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) - The Planning Committee considered application P24/V2177/NM - Land South of Park Road - Minor amendments to P21/V0984/RM to vary the equipment proposed within the NEAP. The committee felt that the amended play equipment scheme for the new development was inferior to the scheme previously approved and objected to the application. It is pleasing to note that the District Council Planning Department have since rejected the application.

Consultations

An informal consultation for new parking schemes for central Faringdon were unveiled at the recent Town Meeting. These can be found on our website www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and comments are welcome to office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk before **9th January 2025**. Thereafter, the Council will consider feedback and make amendments before Oxfordshire County Council undertake a formal consultation.

Residents may also wish to take part in these other consultations:-

Canada Lane (Faringdon) proposed parking restrictions & traffic calming - To extend the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions on the southern side of Canada Lane and a 'build-out' feature on the southern side of Canada Lane adjacent to 'Devon House.' Full information is online at https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/faringdon_canada_lane_parkingcalming2024 Closing date for representations is **Friday 24th January 2025**.

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Countywide proposed Traffic Restriction ANPR

Camera Enforcement – Oxfordshire County Council is seeking your views on the proposal to install ‘Automatic Number Plate Recognition’ (ANPR) cameras at various locations across the County to help enforce the current restrictions in place. One of the twenty locations proposed is the Market Place (bus lane), Faringdon - No Motor Vehicles - Except buses, taxis, and HGVs for loading. Under the proposed enforcement, motorists who contravene the restriction may be subject to a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) payable at a rate of £70, discounted to £35 if paid within 21 days. An appeals process is in place for motorists who believe a PCN has been issued unfairly. Full information is available online at https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/countywide_anpr_2024 Closing date for representations is **Friday 31st January 2025**.

Upcoming Council Meetings

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

Finance & Audit	13th January 2025
Full Council	20th January 2025
Planning & Highways	27th January 2025

Christmas Lights Switch On event – Saturday 30th November 2024

On Saturday 30th November, we were fortunate to have a mainly dry day for the town Christmas Lights Switch On event. It was wonderful to see the fairground rides and Thomas the Tank Engine as popular as ever and Father Christmas was kept busy all afternoon. We are thankful to Cllr. David Norris for organising the fire engine visit which added to the light display and children’s enjoyment. I hope you will agree that the musical entertainment was also fantastic - a huge thank you to Rachel and the various choirs/artists who took part. Lastly, a thank you to the Rotary Club and the Council team for making it such a successful and enjoyable event for Faringdon.



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