

November & December 2020

Community Survey - Faringdon Town Council - 21/11/20

See www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/faringdon-community-survey/

Questions about Town Centre, parking, Buses and ideas for spending ££ from developers (£400k over 3 years expected from South of Highworth Road; potentially £230k earmarked for the now cancelled Wantage Leisure)

Plus more - South of Park Road, Hotel and shop near Aldi and I think other ££ from other developments.

No deadline given

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Thankyou - 18/11/20

Iris Haynes would like to thank all those who rushed to her aid when she suffered a fall in the Corn Market this morning. Particularly the gentleman who left his car and helped her to her feet, Silvana and Pete who took her home and Tom Blundy and many others too numerous to name who expressed sympathy and concern. Iris hopes they will be relieved to learn that apart from severe bruising she was quite unhurt and is resting quietly at home.

Thank you all very much.

Dennis Haynes

Faringdon Town Council meeting 11/11 notes - 17/11/20

New councillor David Brown, Gt Coxwell

OCC and District Council reports can be found on www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Agenda-Pack-Visitors-1.pdf

District Council report mentions:

- Mountain Bike trail
- Lights at the skate park
- Refuse bins
- Ferndale underpass

Discussion re keeping recordings of meetings online for a period of time

Town regeneration group proposal for investigation into:

- Closure of bus lane between Old Town Hall and the Crown
- Redirection of traffic in London Street, with consideration given to closure or one-way traffic.

Community survey being finalised

Provision of IT/tablets for councillors who need it

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On street parking enforcement - 17/11/20

Oxford CC are likely to take over the enforcement of on street parking (from the Police) from Nov 2021. This relies on Cherwell council, South Oxford, The Vale District Councils agreeing to the proposal and the Dept of Transport ratifying the proposal. Full information can be found from p 28

of democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/documents/b6945/supplementary%20agenda%20Monday%202023-Nov-2020%2019.00%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=9

Faringdon Tidy Team- call for places that need tidying - 13/11/20

Great job from the Tidy Team in Marlborough Street. <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/tidy-team-5/>

If you know of an area in Faringdon that is in need of a tidy please send your requests

to Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Armistice Day in Faringdon Market Sq - 13/11/20

<https://www.facebook.com/FaringdonTC/videos/1179889639074621>

Faringdon yellow pages Whats On - 13/11/20

We seem not to get the what's on yellow pages anymore. Is this because of covid 19 or is there some other reason? Certainly miss not being able to browse and get local traders details.

Name supplied

Ed: It was stopped last year sometime. The only 'paper' place now is the Faringdon Advertiser. Sadly because of

Facebook, many fewer people inform me of their events for the Whatson here (though of course at the moment there is pretty much nothing going on.

Folly video- 12/11/20

Super video made this summer by Nathan Edginton

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2Jvz2leJcU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1JUodfzs0amnVGOCeY4V-yckJvVrpJUCZ8HkleCGgogGXe0Y93VAnZ7_g

Online Council Meetings - 12/11/20

FTC council meetings can be seen online/live streamed. Find meetings- scroll down on the Home page , choose your meeting and click the Join Microsoft Teams link

FTC are considering making the recordings available after the meeting for a period of time.

VWHDC council meetings are also available online during and after the meeting.

See <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTj2pCic8vzucpzlaSWE3UQ/videos>

I have been told they will be available for a year.

Ed

Don't lose your way

The results of our search are now in, and we can announce that **we have found over 49,000 miles of paths that could be lost forever**, unless we come together to save them.

[Find out how many miles of lost paths we have discovered in your local area and help us raise £49,000 to save them before they're lost forever](#)

[Cotswold Outdoor, our recommended outdoor retailer](#), have generously kickstarted our crowdfunder with a contribution of £10,000.

[Help us raise £49,000 to save lost paths >](#)

Watch as Mary-Ann Ochota reveals the results of the search, and how we can save these paths.

Now it's a race against time. **After the UK government cut-off date of January 2026 it will no longer be possible to add paths to the definitive map** based on historic evidence, meaning our right to access them will not be protected for the future.

Together, we can save these paths for future generations.

[Donate now >](#)

If you have any questions, then please do contact us using the email address below.

Jack and Dom,

Don't Lose Your Way project team

DLYW@ramblers.zendesk.com

Faringdon Art Society. Online exhibition - 4/11/20

In this very unusual year we have been unable to hold our exhibition in its normal format and have had to go online and hold it virtually.

The Exhibition will be online for the whole of November and you can reach it through the following link. <http://www.faringdonartsociety.co.uk/2020-virtual-exhibition.html>

Please do take a browse and vote for your favourite 3 pieces. Most of the pieces are for sale and we have started to sell so don't leave it too long to take a look.

Please do spread the word and let your family and friends know that they can visit the exhibition from the comfort of their own home.

Karen Spence

Land South of Highworth Road - 2/11/20

I asked VWHDC how much developer ££ Faringdon would get.

I was told *'the total of £1,584,578.92 to be paid over 3 instalments of 20%, 40% and 40%.*

The first instalment is due at the end of December and for each instalment 25% goes to the parish if there is a neighbourhood plan in place.

Payments are made to parishes twice a year, in April and October.'

Therefore Faringdon will get 25%- nearly £400k

I understand there is no agreement detailing how the money will be spent as there is for s106 agreements.

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Rule of 6 exceeded- 1/11/20

I see that the rain has encouraged some of the local shops to exceed the rule of 6. I know its not pleasant to que outside but I thought the barber shops had booking systems for appointments now so if there are ques it must question the booking system if they have one:

Please think about what your allowing to happen.

Alison Hedges

Double yellow lines - 1/11/20

Dear editor.

I live in the vale and have lived in london, blackpool, manchester and abingdon, and worked in oxford for several years driving 3 ton waste trucks.

Regarding single and double yellow line parking restrictions. I have held a car driver licence for nearly 40 years and have some knowledge of yellow line enforcement.

Law is only good if someone is present to enforce it. As far as I know yellow lines also require timing plates, sometimes called enforcement plates, fixed at the roadside nearby on a building or post, and a termination bar at both ends of the line. A termination bar is a short line across the end of a single and double yellow line indicating the end of the line.

On london street, faringdon outside a charity shop the double yellow has a large gap between the lines. In other words the lines are not continuous nor terminated on either side of that road hump. Thus not enforceable in my experience. You simply need to inform the appropriate authority that the lines are not complete or terminated and if needed install timing plates.

I live at wantage which is a parking eyesore, and I hate the sight of vehicles parked on roads. We need much better public transport. And fewer supermarkets. Lets have less cars and hgvs on the the highways.

Faringdon and wantage are charming, beautiful market towns. Built for horse and cart.

I am an old fashioned gent. Concerned about air pollution. Bring back the horse and cart.

I hope this history is useful to readers.

Many thanks. John Winch

Planning permission given P20/V0658/RM. Land South of Highworth Road - 1/11/20

This planning application has taken a long time to get through the system, but now permission has been given for 190 houses. I found a doc that indicates that c £1.5m Community Levy is due to be paid over 3 years. I haven't found the legal agreement showing how this will be spent. I'm pretty sure Faringdon Town Council will get a chunk.

<https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/V0658/RM>

Gene Webb

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Wantage Mummers - 26/12/20

The recording will be **available from 10 am Boxing Day until Twelfth Night**. In the event you have difficulty getting access owing to the level of interest, please try later. Download speeds of 7Mbps or greater are required.

<https://www.wantagemummers.org.uk/covid19-edition>

Boxes of Joy - 24/12/20

I have also today received one of the boxes after being nominated by a very dear friend. What a lovely idea, thank you to all those involved bought tears of joy to me.

Faringdon is such a wonderful place to live and the community spirit is amazing.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Sue Crook

Temporary traffic lights on Park Road - 22/12/20

From 4 January 2021 for a period of 4 weeks.

Utilities and carriage way works

Boxes of Joy - 2/12/20

My husband and I received one of the wonderful 'Boxes of Joy' yesterday and we were overwhelmed with people's generosity at such an awful time. So many people have been involved in giving, wrapping & delivering the boxes, along with messages from local school children. It was in fact a joy to receive and we look forward to opening the numerous gifts over the coming days - the hyacinth is already on the windowsill.

We would like to say a special 'Thank You' to the person who nominated us, they know who they are! And we wish everyone involved a very Happy Christmas.

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Permission sought for 14 houses in Canada Lane to go ahead- 19/12/20

The former Tetronics site

See <https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/V3193/DIS>

Discharge of conditions re contamination

Lloyds Mobile Banking . Faringdon - 19/12/20

Wednesdays 12.45- 15.00

w/c 14th December 2020

w/c 28th December 2020

w/c 11th January 2021

w/c 25th January 2021
w/c 8th February 2021
w/c 22nd February 2021
w/c 8th March 2021
w/c 22nd March 2021
w/c 5th April 2021

United Church carpark SN7 7HA
[Lloyds Bank | Banking with us | Mobile Branch | South East](#)

Paths and Roads in Faringdon- 14/12/20

At the December Traffic Advisory meeting I asked what was happening about:-

- the re surfacing of the pavements in the Market Square
- The resurfacing of Park Road
- Traffic lights at Great Coxwell junction

This is what has been reported in the minutes

- *It was NOTED that the Great Coxwell project is not progressing as it is now short of funding of £ 500.000, due to the Steeds South development being refused.*
- *It was NOTED that the resurfacing of Park Road is scheduled for the next financial year.*
- *It was NOTED that C/Cllr. Heathcoat has written to the Cabinet members enquiring about the works needed in Market Square, these being highly needed. It was also NOTED that for this reason 2 officers were brought up to Faringdon and 1 officer attended the Full Council to speak to members regarding the matter.*

D/Cllr. Grant specified that despite the latest development of South Steeds being refused, a contribution was available from the first application of The Steeds and Fernham Fields development for the allocated 400 houses that has been approved by the Vale.

Cllr/Heathcoat further informed members that the Highways Authority had put forward to the District the request that any decision being made regarding Steeds south Development should not affect the S106 Money contribution towards the works at Great Coxwell junction. However, this comment was not put before the Vale Committee, the only comment presented to the Vale Committee was the 2018 comment.

Other matters

Surveys have confirmed that 20mph limit in parts of the Town Centre is allowed. If FTC wish to proceed. a Consultation will take place in the New Year. The work will be funded by Oxford CC.

Cycle path from Southampton St Volunteer way. First section to be delivered in January 2021

More information in the minutes to be found on [FTC website](#)

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Christmas Dinner for those who will be alone - 14/12/20

A wonderful local initiative. See the poster on the Home page

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'Illegal onstreet parking - 14/12/20

The 3 District Council - VWHDC, South Oxfordshire, Cherwell have now agreed

Following approval by their respective Cabinets, the proposals will now move forward and the district councils will ask Oxfordshire County Council to submit a joint CPE application to the government for approval.

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/parking/measures-to-tackle-illegal-parking-could-be-introduced-in-the-vale-next-year-following-cabinet-approval/>

Thankyou Credit Card returned.- 11/12/20

Many thanks to whoever found the credit card I carelessly dropped to the ground in Faringdon and then took the trouble to hand it in to my bank in Witney. I greatly appreciate the kindness.

Name Supplied.

Town Council meetings on Youtube- 11/12/20

You can now see the recordings of FTC meetings for a time after the streamed meeting on the Faringdon Town Council Youtube account.

See https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQLRIqAOQ7KnWd3_LEoH2EA

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Online Faringdon Town Council Meeting Wed 9th. 7.15pm- 7/12/20

The link to the meeting of the Full Council is on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/full-council-to-be-held-on-wednesday-9th-december-2020-at-7-15pm/>

Scroll down a few lines to find the Agenda Pack - agenda, relevant minutes, County Council report,
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Traffic Advisory Meeting Notes- 4/12/20

Key points

- 20mph in town centre. Surveys have been done. Assuming FTC want to do this, next stage will be a consultation. I assume local residents will be included
- Cycle path from Southampton St to Medical centre . Being priced now. Should be done in January 2021
- 5 sets of cycle racks have been installed around the town
- Civil Parking Enforcement. VWHDC to vote at cabinet today. South Oxford and Cherwell before Christmas. Implementation target is November 2021
- Bloor have agreed to wash the mud off Park Road every day
- Faringdon Gateway on Park Road needs to be moved. FTC to decide where.
- Great Coxwell junction. Cncllr Heathcoat is seeking the final £500k that is needed
- Park Road will be resurfaced in 2021
- Town Centre pavements will be resurfaced. Cncllr Heathcoat has written to the relevant cabinet member for the timescale

Minutes will be available on [Joint Committees and Outside Bodies - Faringdon Town Council](#) Scroll down to find them
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Faringdon Town Council Newsletters - 4/12/20

The December one has just been published. You can find this and previous ones on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/council/news/newsletters/>

Vitamin D - 1/12/20

I've just learned that someone shielding from Covid can apply online for Vitamin D now - 4 months supply will be delivered in January

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/get-vitamin-d-supplements/>>

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Thankyou - 1/12/20

May I send my grateful thanks to the kind people who helped me yesterday when I had a blackout outside McColls in Faringdon. And also to the poor people who were queuing outside and couldn't get in as I was sitting in the doorway. I spent the day at the JR and they found a heart complaint, which they are dealing with - so thanks again for the help and kindness!

Mary Beck