

FTC Planning meeting 27/2/21- 28/2/21

Notes

Volunteer Inn. Grade 2 listed. Application to become residential 6 flats.

Comments

- Would prefer it if the ground floor was a pub or some other public space
- Over development - 6 flats, 2 parking spaces
- Insufficient parking. Developer said that 2 spaces per flat would be arranged in Gloucester St car park
- Not viable as a brewery owned pub
- Significant costly refurbishment and repair needed

Council objected 4:1

Comments can be made until 4th Feb

<https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/V3241/LB#exactline>

Builder Ede has agreed to replace the Welcome wall/sign at the entrance of Faringdon. FTC to decide what specify Style/type

It was stated that action is needed to install Faringdon signs on other roads including Twinning signs

Budgens

It was reported that there is an issue with the access on Marlborough St. The owner is discussing access from Southampton St carpark with VWHDC.

Puzzling as the application has been approved (undated decision notice)

South Of Steeds appeal. Mike Wise will represent FTC. Date not mentioned.

[Planning Application P18/V0259/O \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

FTC Council meeting 14/1/21 - 28/1/21

Notes

[Recording on Youtube](#)

State of Folly Park car park. Action being investigated.

Footpath link /bridge from Travelodge grounds to Folly Park being pursued. (VWHDC/FTC)

Strategic Planning meeting 3/2/21 to discuss results of Town survey. (270 responses). Report will be provided for Council meeting Feb 10th. This is not a public meeting, but the report will be in the public domain. I believe information from this consultation will form the basis of a plan on which to spend developer contributions to infrastructure. VWHDC and FTC are working together on how the Leisure money (£225k intended once to be spent on a Wantage Leisure Centre) will be spent- I think that's what was said

Faringdon Town Council meetings online- 27/1/21

All FTC committee meetings are streamed online now, and it is the intention to post the recordings on their Youtube channel soon after the meeting.

You can find agendas and papers on the [home page](#) - scroll down to the bottom

See [Faringdon Town Council - YouTube](#)

This has been a bit patchy, but you can now see the full council meeting of 13th Jan on youtube.

Travelodge Faringdon Oxfordshire- 27/1/21

Unit 5, Henry Blake Way,
Faringdon, SN7 7CQ

t: 08719 846572

w: <https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/680/Faringdon-Oxfordshire-hotel>

This hotel is bookable for stays from 10/05/2021

Path from Southampton St to Volunteer Way - 25/1/21

A big thankyou to John, our (Biffa) street cleaner. He always does a great job - long may he be allowed to stay working in Faringdon.

Volunteer Inn- planning request to become residential- 24/1/21

Grade II listed building

"vacant public house to create four flats (two no. two-bedroom and two no. one-bedroom units). A small single storey infill extension is proposed to the rear. A new stand-alone two storey building containing two no. one bedroom flats is proposed in part of the rear courtyard area. In addition, the area between the main building and the new building will be a shared courtyard, with parking and cycle / bin store area or spaces for two vehicles."

'Loss of historic fabric will be limited'

'There is no off-street parking associated with the existing public house, however two spaces are shown for the proposed scheme. An alternative could be zero parking, with the creation of a shared courtyard area for drop off, cycle and bin storage.

Given the town centre location there is no need to provide parking on-site. This is particularly the case given the proximity to existing public car parks, the premium bus services in the town centre and the lack of parking for the public house use

[Planning Application P20/V3241/LB \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Comments by 11th Feb 2021

More Houses in Volunteer Way - 24/1/21

Planning permission being sought for 9 house, 1*2 bed, 4*3 bed 4 *4 bed

[Planning Application P21/V0056/RM \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Comments by 18th Feb 2021

I assume this, if passed, will require the developer to pay Community Interest Levy, 25% of which will come to Faringdon Town Council to spend

Ed

Covid vaccination - 23/1/21

I have to comment on how friendly and helpful everyone is at the Covid centre from traffic monitors to everyone upstairs. And, of course, beautifully organised. Congratulations to all.

Mary Beck

Trees cut down along Park Road- 22/1/21

I asked the VWHDC PLanning Officer why the trees were removed (when the arboricultural report deemed them to be healthy)

- The trees removed are inside another row of trees that are left standing(and nearer the carriageway) Why were were these removed?
- Trees removed nearer the carriageway. Please let me know what carriageway works will be carried out that required these trees to be removed

Here is the reply

The tree removal works were considered with the outline planning application, and at that stage the applicant provided surveys to justify which trees would need to be removed to facilitate the development. This was reviewed and established at that stage. The applicant was also required to provide tree an arboricultural method statement as a conditions application, which has since been approved. For clarification I have attached the arboricultural report , and the tree retention plan, associated with the outline application: P17/V1082/O.

With reference to the trees shown to be removed along the front, this was proposed so the carriageway could be widened (bringing the road much closer to the trees) to allow space for the access into the site, visibility splays, the cycle / footway and to accommodate the bus stop – shown on attached access strategy plans. The Tree Officer reviewed the surveys and concluded there was justification for certain trees to be removed to allow the access to be created. This approach was presented to the Planning Committee in March 2018 and felt to be acceptable, based on replacement trees and planting being provided elsewhere on the development. The applicant has provided this detail in the form of a landscaping scheme to help integrate the development into the local area, which includes additional trees to offset the loss of the trees along the front, and screening along the eastern edge. The landscaping scheme has since been formally approved as a conditions application.

*In terms of the recent tree removal, the trees closest to the road tally with those shown on the tree retention plan [T8, G7, T5, T4, and ash adj. crossing island]. However, we have been alerted to the removal of three further trees (marked as G3 – Ash) on the retention plan. These are the three set back behind the run of beech trees, as indicated on your photos. **Discussions have already started between the Tree Officer and the developer to secure replacement trees, and to address the loss of the three ash trees. Given the proximity of the ash and beech trees, it would not be beneficial to the growth of the beech trees to provide replacement trees in exactly the same location. The Tree Officer will clarify the requirements to the developer in due course, and will continue to liaise with their Tree consultant, who is regularly monitoring the tree protection as the development progresses.***

Ed

Covid Vaccination Programme Wave.3. Update: 21-01-21 - 21/1/21

We will commence our **Third Covid Clinic** from Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th January 2021
Clinic **NOT** at WHMP Practice building. Please see detail below of where you will be vaccinated.
The groups of Patients to be vaccinated are:

- 1) All those aged between 70 – 75 plus any from 76 or older, not yet vaccinated.
- 2) All those aged between 18 - 79 who are officially Shielding

APPOINTMENT BOOKING: We will text patients in these groups, for whom we have a mobile phone number. The text message has a link to book your appointment via 'AccuBook,' a simple three step process. Please help us by using this service if at all possible. Please contact the Practice direct if you have no mobile phone, and/or we will call you.

- 3) Health and Social Care staff; qualifying details below.

The clinic will take place at Unit.1, RAC Trading Estate, Faringdon SN7 7BP (behind Esso fuel station on Parks Road, Faringdon). Look for Marshals and signage on the day. Map on [website](#).

Other eligible for vaccination: Health and Social Care staff. All employed and/or paid Carers, plus any frontline NHS staff are entitled to a Covid Vaccination. To register for your vaccination please apply to: occg.carerseligibleforcovidvaccine@nhs.net

Contact us today or 22/01/21 for vaccination this weekend; you do not need to be a Practice patient.

We will update this message as necessary, and our Facebook Page, so please check regularly for updates. We will advise on the next groups to be vaccinated and when, as soon as we know.

In closing, a huge Thank you to all who have visited for the vaccination, some 2500 as of now, since last Friday. Your kind words of support for our efforts are hugely appreciated by all at WHMP.

WHMP

Thankyou WHMP - 20/1/21

Just wanted to say well done everyone involved in the Covid Vaccination clinic, very well organised and all very friendly, despite the volunteers standing out in the rain, they were all very helpful.

Sue Crook

Report from our VWHDC councillors - 20/1/21

This report was written by David Grant and Bethia Thomas for the monthly Faringdon Town Council meeting. It has some interesting information.

- Leisure s106 c£230k
- Support for residents
- Gloucester St Car park
- Planning enforcement
- Volunteer Inn

It can be found in the Agenda pack for the [13/1/21 meeting](#).

[It is also here](#)

Ed

Help if you're shielding - 21/1/21

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/coronavirus-community-support/support-for-people-who-need-help/>

[Help for individuals and families - Vale of White Horse District Council](#)

Help is available if you're struggling because of COVID-19 and you have nobody around to help you. Call our Community Hub on 01235 422600 if you need support or complete the online form.

The Community Support team is available from: 8.30am-5pm Monday to Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm on Fridays The team will put you in touch with a network

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

White Horse Covid vaccinations - 19/1/21

We went earlier and nothing could have been more straightforward.

Congratulations to the teams from WHMP, the Military personnel, volunteers and absolutely everyone involved for your friendly approach, sound organisation and superb planning.

If there are any over-70s who might be worrying about attending, please be re-assured. You will be in very safe hands.

Name supplied

Covid Vaccinations- Location - 18/1/21

Rac Unit 1, off Park Road

[See map](#)

and on Home page of this site

VWHDC Waste and Recycling - 15/1/21

Nearly 100 members of Faringdon U3A listened to a presentation by a VWHDC Recycling and Education Officer.

Here are my notes:

VWHDC recycle 62% (3rd in England 2018)) (c12% is rejected through contamination)

You can recycle -CLEAN pots/tubs/trays/bottles/cans/paper/card Lids on. Loose in the bin. If in doubt put in black bin
Food residue in recycle bin will contaminate the whole bin

Waste- Black bin

Compostable bags and cups, Bubble wrap, cling films, crisps, biscuit wrappers, polystyrene, flower pots, hard plastic (eg toys), Tissues, Kitchen roll, disposable coffee cups, blister packs, crisp tubes

Loose in the Bin. If in doubt put in black bin

Food waste - Green caddy- Food only in lined (paper, plastic bag) or unlined bin. Corn starch bags unsuitable

Garden waste- Brown Bin - Weeds, plants, cuttings, grass. No plastic pots, containers, bags

This is how the waste and recycling is processed and used:

Recycling (Green)	Hand sorted at Culham, processed, sold (mostly abroad) for reuse
Waste (Black)	Incinerated at Ardley to produce electricity
Garden (Brown)	Composted in outdoor heaps and sold to farmers
Food (Green caddy)	Processed at Wallingford, to produce methane which becomes electricity (for 4.8k homes) and residue sold as fertiliser

Covid jabs - 15/1/21

White Horse Practice are calling 70-79 year olds for their vaccination. I believe you'll either get a text, or be phoned
Ed

Mobile Banking- 13/1/21

Just found out today that the hours of the bank visits to Faringdon have been changed .

They are now 12.15 to 1.15 every other Wednesday during the current lockdown.

It would have been helpful for Lloyds to inform this town of the changes so that the residents were not inconvenienced by making a fruitless visit as I did today. Not at all impressed by the lack of information from Lloyds,,!!

See dates on www.lloydsbank.com/banking-with-us/mobile-branch/south-east.html#Faringdon

Help if you're shielding - 13/1/21

I wonder if there are local volunteers in Faringdon who can help people who are shielding. For example with shopping and prescriptions.

If there is such a service I would be grateful if could let me have contact details.

hazelbagwell9@gmail.com

ED: Faringdon Viral Kindness I think has closed now as I think the service is now provided from elsewhere. But sorry- I don't know the details

I have found

- [Faringdon Community Support \(google.com\)](#)
- [Shielding our most vulnerable | Abingdon-on-Thames](#) (includes White Horse area)
- [Get support if you're clinically extremely vulnerable to coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Town Centre 20mph Speed Restriction - 13/1/21

Have just read the proposal for a 20 mph Speed Restriction in the Town Center which will be funded by the Council .. For years many in this town have been asking for something to be done about the constant illegal parking along London Street where people park on the paths blocking peoples access to there own front doors showing no consideration or regard for anyone or the law . . Only to be told time and time again that there is no money in the pot to fund a parking warden and the Police aren't interested .. Suddenly money is available and abundant for other newly thought up traffic schemes .. Its about time the Council listened and acted ...

Dean Suckling

Ed: Oxford CC and VWHDC, Cherwell and South Oxford councils have agreed to take over responsibility of on street parking enforcement from the police (as has been done in other parts of England) Their submission needs to be agreed to by Governement (Dept Transport?). Target date to take over enforcement is November 2021

Reference social gathering at the Folly and the skate park this past weekend 9/10 January. - 13/1/21

I find it very hurtful and shameful of Families and friends meeting up at the folly/Skate park picnicking and social gathering, We are in a national lockdown I can't believe the council have not closed both sites down.

We counted at least twenty people around the folly tower gathering and more than forty five people at the skate park watching there children with no social distancing..

I have lived on tuckers road for fifteen years and only work are dogs for one hour during day as advised by the government rules of the national lockdown and we wear are masks when walking, But we are afraid to walk are dog around both the folly hill and folly sports ground now..

Am sorry but we have no alternative to write to all our local MPs with photos of the gathering are skate park and folly hill.

Just a foot note the fields around the folly tower are Private land owned by the farmer and am very sure he doesn't want people trespassing on his land.as they have been.

Stay safe and save lives.

Jane French

White Horse Council Consultations - 12/1/21

The council is asking the public and local businesses and organisations to comment on the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and the draft Developer Contributions ...

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-we-want-your-views-2/

The consultations on both draft documents run from Monday 11 January until midnight on Monday 8 February.

Bosom Friends Breast Cancer Support - 12/1/21

This time last year, nobody had any idea what 2020 would have in store for us. The coronavirus pandemic has meant that the last few months have been challenging and difficult for just about everyone.

Hearing the news that you have cancer is devastating; receiving such a diagnosis during these uncertain covid times can be even more frightening. As well as the obvious physical effects, such a diagnosis is emotionally overwhelming and ultimately life-changing; it's common to feel alone, fearful and anxious.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK, with one in eight women being diagnosed in their lifetime. Men can also be diagnosed with breast cancer. Each year around 12,000 people will die from the disease. Although survival rates have improved dramatically – with more people now surviving breast cancer than ever before – there is still a long way to go.

Bosom Friends is a small, Oxfordshire support group run entirely by volunteers and offers a listening ear as well as practical, confidential support to those who have been affected by breast cancer. The group was formed several years ago by two women who wanted to ensure that others in Oxfordshire would not feel the same isolation that they had experienced following their diagnosis.

Members of Bosom Friends would usually meet once a month, often in the home of one of the members with a chat, cuppa and cake. Although currently unable to hold normal group meetings due to coronavirus Bosom Friends continue to hold monthly meetings online via Zoom.

Whether you have just been diagnosed, are currently undergoing treatment or completed your active treatment a while ago, the group offers emotional support and practical, up-to-date information. Above all, we can offer an understanding voice at the end of the phone should you ever need it.

If you or someone you care about has been affected by breast cancer, please do take a look at the Bosom Friends website - www.bosomfriends.org.uk; alternatively if you prefer, please call Jan in confidence on 01844 290362 for more information.

Ring found. - 11/1/21

Hello. We have found a ring today (11/01/21) whilst walking on Humpty Hill.

If you think it belongs to you, then please email me with a description and I will let you know if it matches yours.

regards Mark

marklunnon219@btinternet.com

Online Town Council Meeting Wed 13th 7.15 - 10/1/21

Agenda, reports and link to view proceedings can be found on

[Full Council to be held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.15pm.](#)

The 2021. 22 budget will be considered at this meeting. - Faringdon Town Council

If you would like to submit a question for the meeting please email: sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Vaccination starts in Faringdon - 9/1/21

Covid Vaccination Programme Launch at White Horse Medical Practice: 08-01-21

We have today received notification that our first supply of the Covid Vaccine should arrive with us at a time to be confirmed, on Thursday 14th January, 2021.

The groups of patients to be vaccinated are:

- **All those over 80 years of age, all care home residents and care home staff:** WE WILL CALL YOU TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE PRACTICE.
- All Health and Social Care staff.
- **Covid Vaccination Eligibility for Carers and NHS Staff:** All employed and/or paid Carers and all frontline NHS staff are entitled to a Covid Vaccination at our first Covid clinic.

To register your intention to be vaccinated please apply to: occg.carerseligibleforcovidvaccine@nhs.net

Our initial batch of vaccines will be the Pfizer BioNtech, which has to be used within 3 days of delivery. Accordingly we will start to make bookings for the above stated groups immediately, with a view to vaccinating in the period 15th – 17th January.

We will update this message as necessary, and our Facebook Page, so please check regularly for updates. We will advise on the next groups to be vaccinated as soon as we know.

For more info on the Covid vaccine please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme>

Return of NHS equipment- 8/1/21

We're asking people to help their local NHS by returning any equipment they've been loaned and no longer use, as much of this equipment could be recycled and reused.

Please have a look around your house, or the house of the people you care for to see if you have any chairs, beds, wheeled commodes, mattresses, electrical items, bed rails, walking and toilet frames, telecare items and slings that are no longer needed and have an NRS Healthcare sticker attached

[URGENT: Help your NHS and hand it back - Equipment required due to COVID-19 \(oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk\)](https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk)

Robert Pye and descendants - 7/2/21

There has long since been information about [Henry James Pye](#) (the infamous poet Laureate to George III) on this site. I have now added further information about his forebears starting with his GGG grandfather [Robert Pye](#). I've gleaned all this from the internet so if there is anyone out there who knows more or can correct anything please get in touch genewebb@rocketmail.com

Ed

Grants available fro Oxford Community Foundation - 7/1/21

We are delighted to inform you that we have opened a new grants round, from our Community Resilience Fund. These grants aim to give organisations vital funding as they continue to respond to the pandemic or enter the recovery phase.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available on a rolling basis, **until all the funds are allocated**. Applications will be assessed on a weekly basis. Priority will be given to projects that are responding to the latest lockdown.

There is just a short online application form to complete.

Find out more about what we are looking for oxfordshire.org/grants/2021-covid-19-grants/?dm_i=1OSY,76T5A,LUB5YT,T4JRR,1

ocf@oxfordshire.org

Oxford County Council Budget Consultation- 7/1/21

Please take the time to read the consultation booklet which provides helpful information (it can be [downloaded here](#) or see below under 'documents') and have your say. Our [news package](#) provides additional useful information. You may also wish to review the [council's full budget proposals](#) and supporting information that will be considered by the [Performance Scrutiny Committee on 18th December](#), to help inform your consultation response.

Please take the time to respond to our Budget Proposals

The public consultation on the budget closes on 13th January 2021 and feedback will be considered when councillors set the budget on 9th February 2021.

consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/budget2021/consultationHome

Planning Application 'Las Chicas' - 6/1/21

The proposal is part of works to convert the vacant premises (formerly a bar, BGI building) into a new vibrant restaurant. As part of this a sufficient extract system is required from a modified kitchen

<https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/V3138/LB>

Planning application for the Volunteer Pub - 5/1/21

Alterations, extension to and change of use of ground floor of former public house from Class A4 use to Class C3 residential use (2 No apartments), alterations to first and second floor apartment to create 2 No apartments, construction of detached two-storey building to the rear comprising 2 no apartments with associated car-parking, cycle and refuse/recycling storage

<https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/V3239/FUL#exactline>

Open for comments until 4/2/21

The Folly and the Skate Park - 5/1/21

Why are people gathering at the folly and skate park, The Stanford road has been blocked with cars by so many people meeting up with friends and family's from not from the Faringdon area, due to checking the car registrations some had travelled sixty miles away, Some were even having picnics and No social distancing what so ever in groups hugging and kissing. Please respect Faringdon original residents And keep away!!! Photos of cars parked up will now be photographed. As we the residents have had enough. Follow the rules.

Stay at home

If you live in Tier 4 you must not leave or be outside of your home or garden except where you have a 'reasonable excuse'. A reasonable excuse includes:

Exercise and recreation

People can also exercise outdoors or visit some public outdoor places, such as parks, the countryside accessible to the public, public gardens or outdoor sports facilities. You can continue to do unlimited exercise alone, or in a public outdoor place with your household, support bubble, or with one other person if you maintain social distancing. You should follow the guidance on meeting others

Name supplied

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING - 3/1/21

Because of Tier 4 Restrictions stopping Rotary from collecting Trees in The Market Place next Sat 9th, Trees can be Recycled at Steeds Farm 10am to 3pm instead, Drive in, drop off and leave.

Donations for Helen House Hospice will be able to be made.

Andrew Liddiard

Christmas tree recycling cancelled - 1/1/21

Because of the Tier 4 restrictions the Rotary Christmas Tree Recycling on Saturday 9th January has been cancelled. We look forward to better times in 2021 and wish you a Happy New Year.

Faringdon Rotary