Frodsham Town Council



Minutes of a Meeting of Frodsham Town Council held on Monday 25 January 2016 at 7.30pm At Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham.

Present: Cllrs Pusey (Chair), Ashton, Critchley, Collins-Doyle, Jones, Oulton, Pennington, Poulton,

Reynolds, Sutton, Wakefield, and Hazel Catt (Town Clerk).

In Attendance: Cllr L Riley and 5 members of the public.

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Cllr Pusey welcomed Cllr Critchley to her first meeting.

No	Item	Note/Decision/Action	
182	Apologies	Cllrs Brown, Knowles & Martin	
183	Declarations of Interest	None	
184	Minutes of Budget Meeting No 14 – 11 January 2016	The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record	
185	Minutes of Meeting No 15 – 11 January 2016	The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record	
186	Minutes of Meeting No 16 – 20 January 2016	Concern was raised about the minute taking being biased and not recording the full details of the discussion around the precept. No amendments were proposed but the Chair asked TC to take this on board for future meetings. The Chair explained that the £17.35 increase discussed was on top of the original £2 increase recommended by P&P and that the crucial figure was the inclusion of £63,000 from reserves. The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.	
187	Right for the public to speak		
187.1	Cllr Oulton: Mr R Gleave, who has been a very active support of Park Lane, had died at the weekend. It was agreed that FTC should send condolences to the family.		
187.2	Neil Flanagan, PCSO: There have been a large number of shed break ins, targeting high value bikes. The police have increased their patrols. There have been 5 reported cases of criminal damage. There is new Sergeant – Ian Wilson, who ran Operation Shield and new Beat Manager PC Michelle Flanagan. Neil is visiting school to deliver the school campaign around road safety – Let's Walk. A driver engagement day was held targeting mobile phone and seat belt use, and speeding. Smiley has also been deployed in several locations including Kingsley Road. Neil has also been checking speed outside the gates of Castle Park. There will be surgeries at Castle Park House, Costa Coffee, Gleaves Garden Centre and the Library during February (dates on FTC website).		
187.3	Cllr L Riley, CWAC: Local Plan Part 2 – Cllr Dawson sent his apologies as he was attending a meeting about this. Enforcement conditions for bringing forward temporary Gypsy & traveler Sites and how to deal with Fracking applications need to be considered. More information on the Blog. CWAC budget setting will be on 25 February (webcast) but is likely to be 3.99% including 2% for Adult and Social Care. There is no progress with Highways on the Newlands Close issue. The future of Frodsham Tip will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting in April. The lease to the Goods Shed, which was subject to securing funding, will lapse. There are no immediate plans for the development of the derelict land by the Health Centre. Neighbourhood Plan is an important document for local people to set planning priorities. There are several Parishes that have completed the process throughout the County that could be brought in to share their experiences & to help revitalise the process.		

188	Finance Management: 01.12.15 - 31.12.15		
188.1	Paid Expenditure	It was noted that the total payments in December was £14,578.44	
188.2	Received Income	It was noted that the total receipts in December were £30,528.27 includes £27.952 NHB.	
188.3	Bank Reconciliation	It was noted that, after all considerations total cash balances at the end of December 2015, were £202,589.14	
189	Committee Minutes/Working Group Records		
189.1	Community Committee – 12.01.16 (Cllr M J Pusey)	The need for a new gas beacon was discussed and agreed. The minutes were noted.	
189.2	Communications Committee – 18.01.16 (Cllr R Knowles)	The minutes were noted.	
189.3	WW1 Commemoration Working Group – 13.01.16 (Cllr S Wakefield)	The working group asked for more representation from FTC. It was agreed that anyone interested would let TC know. The minutes were noted.	
190	Review of sanctions – Cllr Reynolds	The discussion about reviewing the sanctions was not undertaken at the last meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Reynolds could rejoin any committee if he wished to as it was important that he should be able to represent his electorate.	
191	Car Parking	It was agreed to establish a working group. Cllrs Wakefield and Pennington were keen to join with Cllr Poulton who will call an open meeting.	
		CWAC are undertaking a review of parking across the borough looking at supply, enforcement and charging at the moment. CWAC should be holding stakeholder meetings. Concern was expressed that many commuters and shoppers going to Liverpool and Manchester use the Station Car Park but bring nothing to Frodsham. The opening up of the Halton Curve can only make things worse. The need to think outside the box for solutions was discussed with ideas such as park and ride and moving the station being raised. The Neighbourhood Plan would be a way of bringing these ideas forward. TC read out an email from CWAC saying that CWAC had	
		appointed consultants to produce travel plans for several areas including Frodsham which would specifically look at ways of encouraging people to get to the station by methods of travel other than cars. It will involve interviewing a sample of passengers over a 3 day period. TC will write to ask that FTC be directly involved in the study. It was agreed this should be standing item on FTC agenda and articles should be included in the newsletter	
192	Freedom of Frodsham (Cllr Poulton)	Cllr Poulton proposed that Cllr Pennington should be given the Freedom of Frodsham in recognition of his 40 years' service to the town. This was agreed.	
193	Councillor Memorial (Cllr Poulton)	Cllr Poulton suggested placing a memorial to Cllr Maureen Turner on High Street opposite Turner's Funeral Directors. It was agreed to refer this to Community Committee for further discussion.	
194	Parish & Town Councils' meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner	The Memorial Book should be on display in the office. It was agreed that Cllr Poulton would represent the council.	
195	Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee	It was agreed that Cllr Ashton would be the representative.	
196	Licensing Policy for Taxis & Private Hire	It was agreed that Cllrs Pennington, Poulton and Wakefield would attend to represent the council when the meeting is	

		called.
197	ACAS settlement	The final settlement figure of £2447.94 was noted. The only other payment around this issue was for the legal advice we received before we agreed to settle.
198	Clerk's Report	
198.1	Wind Farm Liaison Committee: It was agreed that Cllrs Ashton, Jones and Poulton would attend depending on the date and their availability. TC to inform Peel's representative.	
198.2	Chester & Vale Royal Joint Area Meeting: Usually the Mayor would attend but it is not the same night as P&P. Cllr Jones agreed to attend.	
199	Date of next meeting	Monday 8 February 2016

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