

# Frodsham Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee

held in Town Council Office, Castle Park  
On **Tuesday 22 September 2015**, at **7pm**



**Present:** Cllr A Oulton (Chair) Cllr C Ashton (Vice Chair) Cllr L Jones Cllr M Poulton  
Mr T Blundell Mr P Morris (Facilities Manager) Mrs A Scriven (Office Manager)

### Meeting 4

No	Item	Action
59	<b>Apologies</b> were received and accepted from Cllr Brown, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Sutton, Mr Beswick, Mr Bondi and Mrs Shaw	
60	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> none received	
61	<b>Minutes of Meeting 3 held on 25 August:</b> it was noted that the Minutes from meeting 3 have not yet been to FTC but were approved by the committee and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.	
62	<b>To Correct any Discrepancies of Last Minutes:</b> none raised.	
63	<b>Opportunity for the Public to Speak:</b> no requests received.	
64	<b>Marshlands</b>	
64.1	It was noted that the Neighbourhood Planning Group do not meet until 23 September and they have been asked to investigate alternative uses for Marshlands. Cllrs Oulton & Jones agreed to attend this meeting with a listening brief, to observe.	<b>AO/LJ</b>
65	<b>Tree Matters</b>	
65.1	The Frodsham Transition Initiative request for permission to plant 15 fruit trees (provided by the Rotary Club) along the field edge bordering London Road was considered. Concerns were raised that the existing orchards are not being fully maintained, especially with regard to the overgrown grass areas between the trees. It was noted that the base of each tree has been treated with weed killer and is fully clear, but the long grass alongside is making the area look untidy. The maintenance people are to be asked to trim the area and an alternative treatment of an annual weed killer is to be investigated. It was agreed that providing St Lukes school have no objection, permission would be given to plant the fruit trees as requested.	
65.2	It was noted that the FTI have received money from the Frodsham & Helsby Rotary Club for planting of the 15 fruit trees (as above) and to fund replacement trees in existing orchards in the event of any damages.	
65.3	It was noted that Mr Prince's widow has confirmed that the family does not want any form of commemoration in memory of Geoff, at this time.	
65.4	It was noted that 2 additional yews, for the Community Centre hedge, have not yet been purchased.	
65.5	<i>Missing trees and signs from the Castle Park Tree Trail:</i> CWC have reported that they will be replacing the missing tulip tree and the weeping willow (near the car park).	
65.6	<i>Coppicing and thinning work at Hob Hey Wood:</i> no update at this time.	
66	<b>Rights of Way Maintenance</b>	
66.1	<i>Off footpath 8:</i> a gap in the fence has been created and barbed wire has been placed around trees to allow cows to access the stream. Cllr Oulton agreed to contact the relevant CWC officer. It was noted that Hob Hey Lane is very overgrown, but also that all the paths in Frodsham are at this time of year. CWC's lack of maintenance in the last 24 months was noted. Cllr Poulton thanked the members of his volunteer group that have worked hard to maintain the paths around the Ashton Drive area.	<b>AO</b>
66.2	<i>Upgrade of footpath 8 to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT):</i> no update at this time.	
67	<b>Hob Hey Wood</b>	
67.1	<i>Purchase of piece of track leading up to new land:</i> currently with solicitors and is ongoing.	

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67.2	<i>Plans for the grant aided planted trees north of HHW towards Ellis Lane: no update (see item 65.6). It was agreed that this could be a possible location for future chainsaw training days.</i>	
<b>68</b>	<b>Memorial Field</b>	
68.1	<i>Wildflower meadow: the annual cut is to be organised.</i>	
68.2	<i>It was noted that the rotavating of the poppy seed bay has been postponed until the spring and that the weeds may need to be resprayed.</i>	
<b>69</b>	<b>Marl Pits</b>	
69.1	<i>The bulbs have now been delivered and planting is to take place on Thursday 1 October at 10am.</i>	
<b>70</b>	<b>Facilities Manager – Van:</b> the recommendation for the purchase/lease of van for Facilities Manager will be considered at the FTC meeting on 28 September 2015.	
<b>71</b>	<b>Parish Paths:</b> no update	
<b>72</b>	<b>Pond Trail</b>	
72.1	<i>No update at this time.</i>	
<b>73</b>	<b>Festival of Walks</b>	
73.1	<i>There is to be a meeting of the working group on Wednesday 30 September at 9.30am.</i>	
<b>74</b>	<b>Any other matters considered to be urgent for discussion, or item for next agenda</b>	
74.1	<i>An update on the issue of squirrels in Castle Park is to be discussed at the next meeting.</i>	
74.2	<i>Simon Kimber, CWC Tree Officer, is to be invited to the next meeting.</i>	
<b>75</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 20 October 2015	

**Meeting closed 8.35pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Committee: Cllr C Ashton, Cllr L Brown, Cllr L Jones, Cllr R Knowles, Cllr A Oulton, Cllr M Poulton & Cllr F Sutton

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