

Frodsham Town Council
Environment Committee

held in Town Council Office, Castle Park
 On **Tuesday 3 May 2016**, at 7pm



Present: Cllr A Oulton (Chair), Cllr C Ashton (Vice Chair), Cllr L Brown, Cllr L Jones, Cllr F Sutton, Mr T Blundell, Mr G M Bondi, Mr H Smallman, Mr P Morris (Facilities Manager) & Mrs A Scriven (Office Manager)

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No	Item	Action
130	Apologies were received and accepted from Mr J Beswick & Mrs A Shaw	
131	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Sutton declared an interest in matters relating to Crowmere and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.	
132	Minutes of Meeting 8 held on 5 April 2016 were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.	
133	Discrepancies of last minutes: <i>Item 120.1:</i> it was noted that 13 hawthorn have now died in the hedge at Blue Hatch. <i>Item 128.2</i> – all orchards have had the grass cut between the trees except for Hob Hey Wood.	
134	Opportunity for the Public to Speak	
135	Marshlands	
135.1	<i>Request for visual inspection of the pools of water within Marshlands:</i> although there is no update at this time, the committee agreed to keep this on the agenda and to monitor the situation.	
136	Tree Matters	
136.1	<i>Wheeled brush cutter for use by members of the public during working parties:</i> it was confirmed that members of the public would be covered by the FTC insurance if they have completed a training course. Cllrs Oulton & Sutton agreed to look into a better quality machine. AO/FS	
136.2	<i>Condition Survey:</i> a report has been requested from the contractor and will be presented to the next Community Committee meeting. If anything urgent is raised, the Community Committee will deal with it in the first instance, but if not, this matter will be dealt with by the Environment Committee. It was agreed that the scope of the survey would cover Manley Road Copse only at this time.	
136.3	<i>Community Orchard at Top Road play area:</i> the Community Committee suggestion that a Community Orchard is planted around the Top Road play area, within the land owned by FTC was discussed and it was agreed that the boundary of the land owned by FTC needs to be accurately marked out. Cllr Sutton agreed to speak to the farmer currently renting the land adjacent to the FTC land. It was agreed to get quotes from 3 land surveyors, in order for the correct area of land to be marked out. Mr Morris is to speak to the current contractor regarding flailing a 1m swath around the perimeter of the land when it is confirmed. Mr Blundell thanked the Community Committee for considering his proposal and noted that it would not be possible to plant the orchard at Top Road for at least the next year.	
136.4	The Frodsham Transition Initiative request to extend the Ship Street Community Orchard was agreed and 14 apple and pear trees are to be planted in the area as shown on their diagram. It was agreed that the new trees should be well clear of the road and that no future growth would encroach on neighbours.	
137	Rights of Way Maintenance	
137.1	<i>Matters which may have arisen on allocated paths:</i> no update	
137.2	<i>Update on upgrade of footpath 8 to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT):</i> the CWaC officer has again confirmed that there is no update available at the moment.	
137.3	To note Cllr Jones reported on his progress with the grant applications for improvements at Hob Hey Wood and Marshlands. He confirmed the required specification for any paths to be made and that his discussions are continuing. Mr Morris agreed to look into the possibility of improving the drainage on the main path into Hob Hey Wood and will report back to the next meeting. LJ/PM	

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138	Hob Hey Wood	
138.1	Boardwalks – the weld mesh has now arrived and Mr Morris will repair the most worn areas, along with replacing some worn boards. Mr Blundell agreed to assist with this.	PM/TB
138.2	Mr Morris agreed to contact the grass cutting contractors to arrange the next cut at the orchard.	PM
139	Memorial Field	
139.1	<i>New poppy area:</i> the area has now been rotavated and the poppy seeds have been planted. It was noted that in future it will be more difficult to obtain a rotavator and so if one is needed, more notice may be required.	
140	Marl Pits	
140.1	<i>Tree to be felled:</i> Cllr Oulton and Cllr Sutton are to carry out this work as soon as is mutually convenient.	
141	Parish Paths - the Parish Paths Monitor List is to be updated at the next meeting.	
142	Pond Trail: no update	
143	Festival of Walks	
143.1	The 2016 Festival of Walks has gone well considering the bad weather. The debrief meeting is to be held on 5 May.	
144	Any other matters considered to be urgent for discussion, or item for next agenda: none	
145	Suggested dates of next meetings: 6 June, 4 July, 1 August, 5 Sept, 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec, 3 Jan (Tuesday due to Bank Holiday), 6 Feb, 6 Mar & 3 April. To consider bi-monthly meetings during the winter.	

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed _____

Dated _____

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

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