

**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of
Frodsham Town Council
Held on Thursday 24 September 2015 at 7pm
Castle Park House**



Meeting 8

Present: Cllrs Warren (Chair), Ashton, Collins-Doyle, Jones, Knowles, Martin, Oulton, Pennington, Pusey, Reynolds, Sutton, Wakefield, Hazel Catt (Town Clerk).

Part A		
No	Item	Note/Decision/Action
86	Apologies for Absence	Cllrs Brown, Poulton, Clarke, Knowles and Fraser
87	Declarations of Interest	Cllr Wakefield declared in the course of the meeting that she had previously worked for the appointed solicitors 16 years hence.
88A	Legal Advice	<p>Cllr Warren explained that a member of the Council had taken out a civic claim out against FTC and another party. It would only be the matter of the FTC response to the legal action that would be discussed at the meeting, there were no other agenda items. With respect to declarations of interest, any member who felt they were compromised and could not vote strictly on behalf of FTC should excuse themselves from the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Reynolds questioned how FTC's regular solicitors had been appointed to act for FTC without it being brought before Council for agreement. Cllr Reynolds declared item 88 therefore 'didn't exist'. Cllr Reynolds then left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Warren also explained that the summons was jointly against FTC and another party but that the legal advice was only on behalf of FTC.</p>
Part B		
88B	Legal Advice	<p>Initial advice was sought from FTC's usual solicitors, using the Town Clerk's budget for emergency matters. The advice was acted on, and an Acknowledgement of Service on FTC's behalf was filed. The decision to settle or defend was still open for FTC to decide based on more detailed legal advice. FTC's indemnification was outlined.</p> <p>Cllr Warren read out the advice provided by the appointed solicitors.</p> <p>It was proposed that the advice received by the appointed solicitors be acted on, subject to clarification that proper procedure had been followed by FTC at every stage.</p> <p>Cllr Warren asked for a named vote: For: Cllrs Warren (Chair), Ashton, Collins-Doyle, Jones, Knowles, Martin, Oulton, Pusey, Sutton and Wakefield. Against: None Abstentions: Cllr Pennington</p> <p>The proposal was carried.</p>

Meeting ended at 7.50

Signed _____

Dated _____

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