

Frodsham Town Council
 Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of
Frodsham Town Council
 Held on Thursday 30 July 2015 at 7pm
 In the Main House, Castle Park, Frodsham



Present: Cllrs Sutton (Chair), Ashton, Brown, Clarke, Collins-Doyle, Jones, Martin, Poulton, Reynolds, Jon Wild (Town Clerk). Hazel Catt (Service Manager) and 10 members of the public.

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Part A		
Item		Action/Decision/Notes/ Recommendations
62	Apologies for Absence	Cllrs Fraser, Knowles, Oulton, Pennington, Pusey, Wakefield & Warren
63	Declaration of Interests	None
64	Decision on Additional Spending on London Road Allotments	<p>The Chairman agreed with Councillors that, while it was not routine at Extraordinary Meetings, members of the public who had attended, mainly allotment holders, be allowed to speak as the issue was one of great importance for them.</p> <p>The Clerk and Councillors provided some background:</p> <p>The work under discussion tonight was that required to finish the work started some time ago. The contractor had found adverse conditions on the top of the cliff, and the revised solution – involving construction of gabions - was favoured by Natural England, who had an interest in the site as a this SSSI.</p> <p>The work would be more expensive, and the quotes produced had been vetted and found reasonable by our independent project manager. A third contractor had decided not to bid.</p> <p>There was some good news: this solution would minimise land lost on the cliff top.</p> <p>The work being paid for jointly by ourselves and another interested party was without prejudice to any eventual legal action that might follow to recover costs. But it was now three years since the landslip, and it was important to get the work finished. Indeed the Chair of the Allotment Association had already written to Graham Evans MP, in support of FTC efforts, and to ask him to intercede with the national bodies involved to resolve the problem. It was expected that contractors could potentially be on site very soon to start the works.</p> <p>It was confirmed that no FTC Councillor or staff member has any connection with either company that has provided quotes. Quotes were considered on an anonymous basis.</p> <p>Contractor B was chosen, on the basis of lower costs. The Town Clerk was asked to do what he could to reduce some areas of the quote – topsoil being one.</p>
Part B		
65	Decision on Additional Spending on London Road Allotments	Part B discussion not required.

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____