

Frodsham Town Council



Minutes of a Meeting of
Frodsham Town Council
held on Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.30pm
at Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham.

Park Lane Play Area

Residents gave a presentation about the future of Park Lane Play Area and their proposal to create an outdoor adult gym. They gave each member a pack of information including a sketch and costed budget. They had been talking to potential funding bodies who all seemed interested as long as the threat of sale of the land was removed.

Present: Cllrs M Pusey (Chair), F Sutton (Mayor), J Critchley, L Jones, R Knowles, P Martin, A Oulton, F Pennington, M Poulton, T Reynolds and S Wakefield.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk) and Mrs A Scriven (Office Manager).

In attendance: 1 member of the press and around 30 members of the public.

No	Item	Note/Decision/Action
200	Apologies	Cllrs C Ashton, L Brown and C Collins-Doyle
201	Declarations of Interest	None
202	Minutes of Meeting No 17 – 25 January 2016	Agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
206	Park Lane Play Area	It was agreed to bring forward this item. It was agreed that FTC should officially declare that the Park Lane play area is not up for sale until the end of 2016. This would allow time for Park Lane Group to apply for funding. The Group would also need to consider funding for on-going costs such as maintenance and public liability insurance. There will be a review of progress in six months. It was also agreed to set up a Working Group involving a least 1 Cllr from each ward and local residents to review all play areas in Frodsham.
203	Freedom of Frodsham	Cllr Pennington left the room for this item. There will be a special meeting to officially bestow the Freedom of Frodsham on Cllr Pennington. Frodsham Stroke Club have offered to provide the buffet for the civic reception. It was agreed to hold the reception at the Community Centre and to add a bar to the badge denoting that Cllr Pennington was the First Mayor of Frodsham. TC and Cllr Poulton will arrange the reception.
204	Right for the public to speak	PCSO – Neill was unable to attend this meeting due to his work pattern. He will usually only attend the meeting at the end of each month. Email – Cllr Pusey had spoken to the gentleman and agreed it would be presented to Council. TC read out an email from a resident who was unable to attend. His concerns related to grants and how they are allocated and how these are considered during the budget making process. He was also raising concerns about the condition of the pavements in Fairways, Bradley Lane, Townfield Lane, and Doric Avenue and the problem with overgrown hedges. Ian Parkin – raised concerns about: 1. The increase in burglaries may be linked to the police being

		<p>retrenched back to Blacon.</p> <p>2. Overspends on FTC's current budget.</p> <p>3. The poor engagement in the recent election process and maybe we should reduce the number of Cllrs.</p> <p>CWAC Cllrs A Dawson & L Riley – They had been at Call-in Committee regarding the proposed introduction of 20 mph limits in Frodsham.</p> <p>The Police & Crime Commissioners have agreed a 3.2% increase in their precept. There has been a significant reduction in crime and they are still pressing the Police to consider the potential for sharing bases with the Fire Service.</p> <p>Cllr Dawson is Chair of Castle Park Trust and outlined his understanding of the situation facing FTC's tenancy of CPH. The tenancy is with CWAC who manage the House on behalf of the Trust and take a management fee. He acknowledged that FTC had set up a Working Group to look into this further and had requested a meeting with CWAC and CPT. Castle Park Trust is in the process of reviewing its structure and there is potential for FTC to take up a place.</p>
205	Co-option of Councillors	There were 2 candidates for co-option – Donna Critchley and Ian Parkin. After a ballot Donna Critchley was co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Pusey pointed out that there will probably be another vacancy in Waterside Ward and co-option will be discussed at the next FTC meeting.
206	Park Lane Play Area	This item was taken before 203.
207	Committee Minutes/Working Group Records	
207.1	Planning Committee – 25.01.16 (Cllr S Wakefield)	Noted.
207.2	P&P Committee – 27.01.16 (Cllr Sutton)	<p>R1: It was agreed that the rates of £8504.66 should be paid.</p> <p>R2: It was agreed that the solicitor's outstanding invoices totalling £2096+VAT should be paid. Cllr Sutton advised that care should be taken when seeking legal advice for every little thing as it is very costly.</p>
207.3	Environment Committee – 02.02.16 (Cllr A Oulton)	Noted.
208	Frequency of Council Meetings (Cllr J Critchley)	<p>As this would potentially change a decision made less than 6 months ago 4 Cllrs had signed the proposal in line with Standing Orders.</p> <p>It was proposed to revert back to one meeting per month as, since the new Chair had been appointed, the meetings were being run more effectively and not lasting as long.</p> <p>The Committees were also taking on more responsibility and working more effectively too. The minutes of Committee meetings are circulated before the FTC meetings and anyone with queries should contact the relevant chair to address their concerns. Only if they are not happy with the response should they ask TC to add an item to FTC agenda for further debate.</p> <p>Cllr Pusey announced his intention to resign following the next meeting due to pressure from his new business venture. He further proposed that Cllr Poulton be appointed Deputy Mayor in his stead and to be the Mayor in 2016-17.</p> <p>It was agreed that both the frequency of meetings and the future Mayor should be discussed further and be items on the agenda of the next meeting.</p>
209	Car Parking	Letters were being sent out to businesses inviting them to a meeting to discuss issues around car parking. It is also planned to

		hold a similar meeting for residents. The Working Group has offered to be part of CWAC Car Park Strategy Development.
210	Wind Farm Liaison Committee	Cllrs Ashton & Poulton are the official FTC representatives. Cllr McKie from Helsby PC has been appointed Chair. Work is about to start on the installation of the wind turbines but there is still a lot of work needed around health & safety, signage etc.
211	Clerk's Report	BBC Request for Interview about the Precept Increase – It was agreed that Cllr Pusey should represent FTC and give an interview explaining our rationale for the increase.
212	Date of next meeting	Monday 22 February 2016

Meeting ended: 9pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____

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