

Frodsham Town Council



Minutes of a Meeting of Frodsham Town Council

held on Monday 11 January 2016 after the budget setting meeting
At Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham.

Present: Cllrs Pusey (Chair), Brown, Knowles, Jones, Martin, Oulton, Pennington, Poulton, Reynolds, Sutton, Wakefield, and Hazel Catt (Town Clerk).

In Attendance: Cllr A Dawson and 8 members of the public.

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No	Item	Note/Decision/Action
162	Apologies	Cllrs Ashton and Collins-Doyle.
163	Declarations of Interest	Cllr Poulton – Frodsham Stroke Association
164	Minutes of Meeting No 13 - 14 December 2015	The minutes were amended: Item 141: The meeting closed when the Chair left the meeting and no other member was appointed to chair the meeting. Item 155: In the final recorded vote Cllr Collins-Doyle was an abstention. The amended minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
165	Review of sanctions	Cllr Reynolds voluntarily resigned from all committees.
166	Minutes of Meeting No 14 – 11 January 2016	The meeting had met and been suspended until next week to allow for advice to be sought from the Internal Auditor.
167	Right for the public to speak	<p>Mr M Collins expressed concern about how FTC had handled complaints about bullying. He made couple of positive suggestions: Log incidents of unacceptable behaviour. All incidents should dealt with immediately rather being left to fester. There would be a need to specify what constitutes unacceptable behaviour. TC said that a Working Group is being set up to review all FTC's policies and that the Code of Conduct, Discipline and Grievance Policies etc. would be priority. These suggestions would be considered during the review process. <i>Cllr Sutton left the meeting unwell.</i></p> <p>Cllr A Dawson <i>Precept setting</i> – he suggested that Council's shouldn't hold on to too great a reserve. He outlined that CWAC, Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire Service would be increasing their Council Tax elements by 2% and that CWAC has been given by Government the power to rise another 2% for Adult Social Care if it chooses to. He recommended that Cllr L Riley should be invited to contribute to the discussions at the EGM next week – this was agreed. <i>20 mile an hour road scheme</i> – a map was circulated showing CWAC suggested 20 miles an hour zones for Frodsham. He felt that is funding was available there were bigger priorities including Manley Road/Langdale Way and air-pollution. <i>Fracking Event on 22 January</i> with Graham Evans – people need to book to attend.</p>
168	Policy & Process Committee – 8.12.15	It was noted that this meeting was inquorate.
169	Planning Committee – 14.12.15	The minutes were noted and the revised Terms of Reference were agreed. The ability to visit neighbouring properties had been included – Cllr Poulton asked that it be minuted that he did not agree with this.
170	Communications Committee – 15.12.15	Cllr Poulton had chaired the meeting. There had been positive feedback on the Newsletter which would be 12 pages next time. Current IT issues were being discussed with the supplier. Councillors should contact TC with any specific questions to put to the Internal Auditor.

171	Planning Committee – 4.01.16	These were noted.																		
172	Policy & Process Committee – 6.01.16	These were noted. The recommendations were related to budget and precept setting as at the previous budget setting meeting.																		
173	CWAC Standards Panel	<p>The original invitation from CHALC to Councillors (via the Clerk) was forwarded to FTC members on 17 November. Individual Councillors were to nominate themselves and did not need the support of the Council. The second communication from CHALC on the closing date confirmed there were sufficient nominees for an election. It was agreed that the following votes should be cast on behalf of the Council:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Parish/Town</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fiona Crane</td> <td>Kingsley PC</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Duffy</td> <td>Helsby PC</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Howard Timothy Jennings</td> <td>Saughall PC</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Edward James Lush</td> <td>Tarvin PC</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Stuart McAndrew</td> <td>Great Budworth PC</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Clerk agreed to red flag any emails that required action in future so opportunities like this wouldn't be missed.</p>	Name	Parish/Town	TOTAL	Fiona Crane	Kingsley PC	5	Peter Duffy	Helsby PC	4	Howard Timothy Jennings	Saughall PC	1	Edward James Lush	Tarvin PC	3	Peter Stuart McAndrew	Great Budworth PC	2
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174	Fracking License	<p>Cllr R Knowles gave an update on the license that have been issued which now cover most of Frodsham. He recommended people to attend the Graham Evan's Fracking meeting to gain a better understanding of the issues involved.</p> <p>Cllr A Dawson explained that Exploratory Licenses had been issued and further details were available on his blog.</p> <p>There may be a call for a local Referendum on the matter and CWAC & FTC would be expected to pay for this. It was important that CWAC got on with Part 2 of the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan should focus on these issues.</p> <p>It was agreed that there should be further discussion at the first meeting in February.</p>																		
175	Election in Lakes Ward	The election notices have been displayed on the noticeboards. The deadline for application is 22 January and the election will be held on 18 February.																		
176	Appeal on behalf of flood victims – National Stroke Association	It was agreed to make a donation of £250 from the Chairman's Allowance to the Frodsham Stroke Association, to enable them to purchase household commodities to help flood victims, who had suffered strokes and their carers, in Cumbria, Lancashire and Scotland.																		
177	Date of next meeting	Extraordinary (Budget & Precept Setting) Meeting – Wednesday 20 January, 7pm and Monday 25 January 2016, 7.30pm.																		

Signed _____

Dated _____

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