

Frodsham Town Council
Minutes of the meeting of
Frodsham Town Council



held on Monday 14 December 2015 at 7.30pm
In Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham

Present: Cllrs Sutton (Town Mayor), Ashton, Brown, Clarke, Collins-Doyle, Jones, Knowles, Martin (arrived late), Oulton, Pennington, Poulton, Pusey, Reynolds & Wakefield.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk) and Mrs A Scriven (Office Manager)

Meeting 13 – It was agreed that Cllr Sutton should chair the meeting as the Vice-chair and that the Chair vacancy should be discussed next meeting.

Item		Action/Decision/Notes/ Recommendations	
138	Apologies for Absence	None.	
139	Declaration of Interests	None	
140	Minutes of Meeting No 11 held on 26 November 2015		
A	Acceptance & Signing	Accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record	
B	Matters Arising	None.	
141	Minutes of Meeting No 12 held on 8 December 2015	The meeting was declared null & void when Cllr Reynolds failed to declare and interest and leave the meeting.	
142	Public Speaking Time/Reports from Public Bodies (inc FTC response)		
a	PCSO	Neil Flanagan reported on the current criminal activities, which included theft from vehicle, shop lifting, Anti-social behaviour and properties being egged. Community Speedwatch will have a couple of weeks off and will start recruiting more volunteers in the new year.	
b	CWac	The Lets Talk consultation is still underway and responses are needed. Due to budget difficulties CWAC are considering making fundamental changes which will affect FTC including withdrawal of New Homes Bonus and no dispensation for the provision of own services. Fracking – CWAC still doesn't have a formal policy and there is an event planned at Frodsham Community Centre in January. British Heart Foundation are offering free defibrillators. Cllrs Dawson & Riley have gone back to Officers to discuss other options for Newlands Drive. Signage – there is the potential for joint work on signage around the Town and on the new cyclepath.	
143	Chair/Mayor Report	Nothing to report.	
144	Finance Management: 01.10.15 – 31.10.15		
	A	Paid Expenditure	Noted.
	B	Received Income	Noted.
	C	Bank Reconciliation	Noted.
145	Finance Management: 01.11.15 – 30.11.15		
	A	Paid Expenditure	Noted.
	B	Received Income	Noted.

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	C Bank Reconciliation	Noted.
146	Staff hours	It was agreed this should be dealt with at P&P.
147	Constitutional & Ceremonial	It was agreed to delegate this to Community Committee
148	Car Parking	It was agreed this should be an agenda item on the FTC meeting on 25 January. TC will contact Frodsham Foundation and CWAC about research they have already carried out into car parking.
149	Organisational Review	It was agreed this should be dealt with at P&P.
150	Cheshire Pension	It was agreed this should be dealt with at P&P.
151	Committees	
1	Planning Committee – 26.10.15	Noted.
2	Planning Committee – 23.11.15	Noted.
3	Planning Committee – 9.12.15	This meeting was deferred until 14 December.
4	Policy & Process Committee – 28.10.15	The revised Terms of Reference were agreed.
5	Communications Committee – 09.11.15	Noted.
6	Community Committee – 10.11.15	Deferred.
7	Community Committee – 8.12.15	Noted.
8	Environment Committee – 7.12.15	Cllr Pennington has called in EP1. After discussion it was agreed that the invoice for the additional work around the conveyance could be paid once TC is confident it hasn't already been paid.
152	Working Groups Meetings	
1	WW1 Commemoration Group - 21.10.15	Noted.
2	WW1 Commemoration Group - 18.11.15	Noted.
3	Christmas Festival Group – 28.10.15	Noted. There will be a debriefing meeting in January.
153	Clerk's Items	Office closure – TC reported that the office will be closed from close of play on 23 December and re-opens on 4 January.
154	Claim - ACAS	It was agreed that TC and the Chair will carry out the negotiation and get the best deal possible.
Cllr P Martin arrived.		
155	Mark Warren/ Bullying/ Complaints	Cllr Sutton read out a statement outlining the background to recent events including the resignations of both the previous Town Clerk and Mark Warren. It was proposed and that several outstanding complaints against Cllr Reynolds should be dealt with at this meeting – carried . Recorded vote: For – Cllrs Sutton, Ashton, Wakefield, Reynolds, Martin, Jones,

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	<p>Brown, Collins-Doyle, Oulton, Clarke, Poulton and Knowles. Against – Cllr Pennington Abstentions – Cllr Pusey It was proposed that Cllr Reynolds should be suspended from committees for the rest of his term of office. There was a lengthy discussion about breaches in the Code of Conduct and the impact of cyber bullying on Cllrs and staff alike. Most members had experienced anxiety and/or felt threatened by the tone of email exchanges and facebook articles. Cllr Sutton left the meeting and Cllr Pusey took the chair. Cllr Wakefield also left the meeting. An amendment was proposed to review the suspension at the next FTC meeting in January to allow for a cooling off period – carried. Recorded vote: For – Cllrs Ashton, Martin, Brown, Collins-Doyle, Poulton and Knowles. Against – Cllr Clarke Abstentions – Cllr Pusey, Oulton, Jones and Pennington. The proposal as amended that Cllr Reynold be suspended from all committees and this would be reviewed at the next FTC meeting was carried. Recorded vote: For – Cllrs Ashton, Martin, Brown, Collins-Doyle, Poulton and Knowles. Against – None. Abstentions – Cllr Pusey, Clarke, Oulton, Jones and Pennington.</p>
130	Date of Next Meeting
	11 January 2015 – Budget setting meeting.

Meeting ended 9.25pm.

Signed: _____

Hazel Catt, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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