

Frodsham Town Council



**Minutes of the Budget Setting Meeting of
Frodsham Town Council
held on Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30pm
At Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham.**

Nicola Mikoleizik & Simon Taylor from Frodsham Youth Association gave a presentation outlining their current activities and thanked FTC for its grant support. FYA are moving towards becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation following Charity Commission Guidelines. The budget for 15-16 is £43k with 22% coming from FYA members, 14% from CWAC for targeted services, 14% from donation and 19% from FTC. Fund-raising by the young people themselves & Room hire contribute the balance. They are looking to develop new initiatives including a Teenage Market. They have asked if FTC could consider a 3 year package from next year to help them with budgeting. TC will circulate the audited accounts for 2014-15 which were submitted with their grant application in September 2015.

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

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

Meeting 14 - Cllr Sutton opened the meeting.

No	Item	Note/Decision/Action
157	Apologies	Cllrs Ashton and Collins-Doyle.
158	Election of Chairman	The proposal to elect Mike Pusey as Chair was agreed with two abstentions. Cllr Pusey took the Chair. He declared his intention to propose to a future meeting that the roles of Chair and Mayor should be amalgamated again.
159	Declarations of Interest	Jon Wild as Town Clerk issued a Dispensation under s.33 of the Localism Act in December 2012 to allow Cllrs to take part in Council Business, including setting the budget and precept, where they have a Disposable Pecuniary Interest (ie owning or renting land in Frodsham). This is still in force (until December 2016) and is extended to any Cllrs elected since that date.
160	Agreement on budget requirements for 2016-17	The Chair thanked P&P and the other committees for their hard work in preparing the budget for 2016-17. Every effort had been made to keep the request for precept down to the same level but a small increase was necessary to pay for increases forced by Government including increased minimum wage and changes to pension rules.
161	Consider and set precept for 2016-17	The Chair expressed concern that all the cash reserves were being included in the calculation for precept. The Clerk had a pre-arranged meeting with the Internal Auditor on Friday and would ask for clarification about the level of reserves that should be included. After discussion it was agreed to suspend the meeting and reconvene at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council next week following further discussions with the Internal Auditor.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____