

# Frodsham Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee

held in Town Council Office, Castle Park

On **Monday 4 July 2016**, at 7pm



**Present:** Cllr P Martin (Vice Chair), Cllr L Brown, Cllr F Sutton, Mr T Blundell & Mrs A Scriven (Office Manager)

### Meeting 2

No	Item	Action
20	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> were received and accepted from Cllr A Oulton, Cllr C Ashton, Cllr J Critchley, Cllr L Jones, Mr J Beswick and Mr G Bondi.	
21	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr Sutton declared an interest in matters relating to Crowmere, Footpath 17 and Marl Pits.	
22	<b>Minutes of Meeting 1 held on 6 June 2016</b> were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Vice Chair as a true and correct record.	
23	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
10.4	<i>Manor House School:</i> Mr Blundell reported that he had visited the school and provided a report to the neighbours. Mr Blundell's advice was for those concerned was for them to form a working group in order to remove some of the excess trees.	
120.1	<i>Blue Hatch Hedge:</i> Mr Blundell reported that although some of the yew trees have been damaged by strimmers, they are showing signs of re-growth. Some blackthorne and hawthorne are to be made available, free of charge, in the autumn and it is hoped that they can be planted into this hedge.	
136.3	<i>Community Orchards:</i> Mr Blundell reported that the standard procedure for all the orchards, except the one in Hob Hey Wood, is for the grass to be cut around the trees, but not near their bases. The bases are to be kept weed-free by weedkiller, to be applied by the Facilities Manager. The Hob Hey Wood orchard is just to have the bases kept weed-free. This request is to be forwarded to the Community Committee also.	
24	<b>Opportunity for the Public to Speak:</b> no requests received. Cllr Martin had reported on Social Media that members of the public were most welcome and was disappointed that no one had attended. It was agreed for Cllr Martin to write an article for the website to encourage members.	
25	<b>Marshlands</b>	
25.1	<i>Inspection of the pools of water within Marshlands:</i> no update.	
25.2	<i>Manhole cover in Greenfield Lane:</i> the displacement with the recent very heavy rains has been reported to CWC.	
26	<b>Tree Matters</b>	
26.1	<i>Condition Survey – Manley Road Copse:</i> it was noted that the report to be supplied via the Community Committee has not yet been received. This is to be chased urgently as quotes for any work to be carried out need to be obtained as soon as possible. It is hoped that any tree removal can take place in the autumn.	
26.2	<i>Top Road Play area:</i> Letter of instruction is to be signed and returned.	<b>AO</b>
27	<b>Rights of Way Maintenance</b>	
27.1	It was noted that reported problems have been forwarded to CWC.	
27.2	<i>Upgrade of footpath 8 to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT):</i> no update at this time.	
27.3	<i>Grant applications for improvements at Hob Hey Wood and Marshlands:</i> Cllr Jones has invited Mr Saul Burton, the Saltscape Project Officer, to attend the next committee meeting in order to discuss the possibility of obtaining a grant.	
28	<b>Hob Hey Wood</b>	
28.1	Boardwalks – the Facilities Manager is to report on current condition at the next meeting.	<b>PM</b>
29	<b>Memorial Field</b>	
29.1	<i>Overgrown trees on the cliff blocking the view of the monument from Frodsham:</i> contact with the Woodland Trust is awaited.	<b>OM</b>

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30	<b>Marl Pits</b>	
30.1	No update on tree to be felled.	<b>AO/FS</b>
31	<b>St Laurence Churchyard</b> – <i>CWC request for FTC to take over maintenance</i> : after some discussion the committee agreed that it would not be possible for FTC to take over the maintenance of St Laurence Churchyard as we have no resource available. The committee agreed that this matter should not be considered under any circumstance and this decision was supported by letters from the Church Warden and the Facilities Manager.	
32	<b>Parish Paths</b> - the update of the Parish Paths Monitor List is to be done when all members are present.	
33	<b>Pond Trail</b> : it was agreed to remove this from the agenda.	
34	<b>Festival of Walks</b> : no update at this time	
35	<b>Any other matters considered to be urgent for discussion, or item for next agenda</b>	
36	<b>Suggested dates of next meetings</b> : 1 August, 5 Sept, 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec, 3 Jan (Tuesday due to Bank Holiday), 6 Feb, 6 Mar & 3 April.	

**Meeting closed 8.05pm**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated** \_\_\_\_\_

Committee: Cllr C Ashton, Cllr L Brown, Cllr J Critchley, Cllr L Jones, Cllr A Oulton, Cllr P Martin & Cllr F Sutton

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