

Frodsham Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the
Environment Committee
held in Town Council Office, Castle Park
On **Monday 7 November 2016**, at **7pm**



Present: Cllr A Oulton (Chair), C Ashton, L Brown, P Martin and F Sutton.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk) and Mr P Morris (Facilities Manager)

In Attendance: Mr T Blundell and Cllr V Kirk.

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No	Item	Action
91	Apologies for Absence	Cllr J Critchley and Mr J Beswick. Cllr L Jones apologies were received late. He had also tendered his resignation from the committee.
92	Declarations of Interest	Cllr V Kirk – Member of Frack Free.
93	Terms of Reference	TC will check the Terms of Reference to see if they need to be amended to allow for additional members of the committee as Cllr V Kirk had asked to join. Any changes will be considered at the next meeting.
94	Minutes of Meeting 5 held on 3 October 2016	These were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chair.
95	Matters Arising	53.1 <i>Ship Street Orchard</i> : There has been no progress. TC to contact the contractor and give a 2 week deadline for the planting of the new trees or for them to provide the money for the new trees and FTI will plant them.
96	Opportunity for the Public to Speak	None
97	Marshlands	Cllr Oulton reported that he had been approached again by Network Rail to run training courses for their staff and would like to use Marshlands and other sites for the exercise. It is fully insured and Cllr Oulton will provide TC with a copy of the Risk Assessment. It was agreed that Cllr Oulton would liaise with FM about potential sites and to set up a work plan.
98	Tree Matters	CWAC have replaced the Tulip Tree and Willow Tree at Castle Park. Community Orchards – the new signs acknowledging FTI, Rotary and Round Table involvement have been erected everywhere except Hob Hey Wood.
99	Rights of Way Maintenance	
99.1	CWAC Liaison	Cllr Sutton reported back on a meeting she had with CWAC Officers about better co-operation over footpath maintenance. There is limited funding available for this work across the whole of Cheshire West so CWAC prioritise a few footpaths, which are deemed to be the most popular. Many footpaths are on private land. CWAC have agreed to provide a full list of footpath before the next meeting and suggest we encourage the development of more 'Friends of' type volunteer groups, which should be able to attract other funding. They acknowledge that there are groups of people who already look after footpaths but don't know which ones – it was agreed that FTC would collate this information and feed it into a future meeting. Cllr Ashton will check with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to see if they are responsible for any footpaths and to see if there is any funding available. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group want information about the types of footpaths especially where cycling is allowed. The Volunteers Part on 16 December will be a good opportunity to promote the 'Friends of Footpaths' Group. Footpath 74 – TC to contact CWAC to check on the ownership of

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		the land on either side. A visit for those interested will be organized at a weekend to consider upgrading the path.
99.2	Footpaths	Deferred.
99.3	<i>Upgrade of footpath 8 to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT)</i>	No update.
99.4	Saltscape Project	Deferred.
99.5	Hob Hey Wood & Marshlands	Deferred.
100	Hob Hey Wood	
100.1	Boardwalks	FM is in the process of cutting the materials to size before transporting them to Hob Hey Wood. Access remains an issue.
100.2	5 Year Development Plan	Repairs to the Board walks remains a priority. Cllr Oulton will try and access a Landscape Spec Book. TC will review the costs of previous work to try and calculate an approximate linear cost for the repairs to the footpaths. TC will also try and find a copy of Cllr Bondi's original report on the Wood to assist with the development of the new 5 year plan.
101	Memorial Field	The area has been cut again and the area raked.
102	Marl Pits	No update on the tree to be felled.
103	Unconventional Extraction of Gas & Oil (UEOG) Working Group	It had been agreed that another meeting would be called after the survey was completed. The survey results are currently being examined and analysed by the statistician. TC will liaise with Cllr V Kirk to arrange a future meeting. It is hoped that the Working Group will operate independently of FTC but that FTC Councillors will take an active role.
104	Scouts Bulb Planting	There have been two weekend working parties and another one is planned for 27 November.
105	Tulip Tree	CWAC have replaced the tree.
106	Pond Trail	No update
107	Festival of Walks	Minutes of the meeting held on 13.10.16 and 10.11.16 will be circulated for the next meeting.
108	CPRE Membership	It was agreed to pay the membership subscription of £36.
109	Urgent Matters	There were no urgent matters.
110	Budget	The spend against budget for the first half of the year was noted. The overspend on maintenance was due to the late payment of the final quarter SLA.
111	Item for next agenda	Forward Planning. Budget for 2017-18
112	Dates of next meetings:	5 Dec, 3 Jan (Tuesday), 6 Feb, 6 Mar & 3 April.

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