

Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Friday 20th January 2017 at 2.30pm Castle Park House

Attendees:

Peter Vickery, Chair, Resident

Liam Jones, Resident, FTC

Caroline Ashton, Resident, FTC

Gill Hesketh, Support and Admin, Resident

Apologies: Mark Warren, Alex Villiers

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. The outcomes of actions were:

The website developer has been paid

CA revised FTC presentation

GH produced drafts for public event

Presentation to FTC

The revised presentation for the FTC meeting on 23rd January 2017 was discussed and minor changes made. PV will deliver the presentation.

Public event 11th February 2017

GH offered drafts of content for the public meeting which were discussed and amended. (attached)

It was agreed there would be several display boards and a seating area for presentations and questions. The Parish Hall has been booked for two hours on Friday 10th February to prepare and set up.

Other issues in relation to the public event were discussed:

Promotional items, e.g. banners, chocolates, stickers etc, GH to research.

GH has arranged for a map of green belt from CWaC Planning for display

GH suggested some audio for the event, for example any audio archive of reminiscences of Frodsham past, or other sounds relating to Frodsham.

GH requested help with the logo to send to promotion firms.

AOB:

A broad quote had been received from a company who that uses a drone to get aerial images of Frodsham, the meeting agreed this would be useful and unique evidence for the Plan. PV will contact Pam Bradley to see if she has funding to produce a fly through.

Action from this meeting:

ACTION	OUTCOME
GH to contact Richard Thresh and tell him we do not need him for 11 th Feb.	Email sent 23/1/17
PV to confirm presentation times with Helsby.	
GH to update content & layout for display boards at public event & research promotional material	
CA to purchase water, tea coffee & orange juice from Costco for the event	
PV to contact Kath Gee to see if there are any audio archives or “sounds of Frodsham”	
LJ to isolate logo & email to GH	

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Following meetings:

27th January 2017

3rd February 2017

10th February 2017 – preparation for public event at Parish Hall

17th February 2017

Note: Public event 11th February 2017

Then & Now

(Eddisbury Sq photo)

Do you want more of this?

Or more of this?

(Cottage on Rock photo)

Look how Frodsham has developed over the years.

(map of development of Frodsham)

You can influence future development in

Frodsham through the Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan.

At the last event, we asked you about your thoughts and feelings about Frodsham. Based on what you told us, you want Frodsham to;

Be thriving and sustainable

By ensuring that Frodsham has a sustainable demographic profile with services that support that profile and enable the community and town to prosper

Value its community and heritage

By generating a pride in our community and maintaining a broad range of activities that respect our cultural and physical heritage

Encourage innovation, collaboration and social cohesion

By promoting activities that encourage community cohesion and support innovation whilst working in partnership

Promote access to services

By identifying the infrastructure and access to services that support the above

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The focus of Neighbourhood Plans is on future land use. Developments and the associated changes they bring are inevitable and the Plan will give Frodsham residents a voice in influencing these. Hundreds of other Communities across the UK are engaged on this same exercise including 30 in the CWaC area alone.

It is about what makes Frodsham, Frodsham and how the community wants the town to develop.

A Neighbourhood Plan can:

Set criteria for the size, density and type of homes in any future development

Influence the type and size of shops, offices and business premises we want to encourage

Identify the buildings, open spaces or views we want to retain

Identify appropriate places for leisure and tourism activities

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot:

Influence national policy, for example on fracking, windfarms or highways

Who is doing it?

Frodsham Town Council decided the community should have a Neighbourhood Plan so volunteers came forward to create a Steering Group. Their task is to manage the process of producing the Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group's job is to review information and facts about Frodsham and collect the views of the community to inform the Plan.

The Steering Group members are independent and all live in Frodsham.

What has happened so far?

The steering group has:

Created a website: www.frodshamplan.org.uk

Built strong relationships with the Planning

Department at CWaC

Learnt about green space, flood risk (flood map?) and planning restrictions in our area

Confirmed the minimum number of houses CWaC requires

Commissioned surveys of local landowners to find out their aspirations for their land

Commissioned a survey of employers in Frodsham

Involved schools and young people to find out what they think

The Steering Group is not a decision making body, the community decides what will be in the Plan.

From the feedback we have so far the things you value about Frodsham are:

The history & culture of the town

The friendly community

The compact centre of Frodsham

The range of independent shops & local facilities

The pubs and restaurants

Nearby countryside and green spaces

Good transport links

The Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan will reflect these themes.

Map of green belt

In the Frodsham wide consultation you said you supported protecting the green belt around Frodsham.

The population of Frodsham is getting older, young people and families are needed to keep the community vibrant and sustainable. One of the reasons families and young people don't come to live in Frodsham is because they can't afford to get a home here.

The minimum housing allocation for Frodsham is almost complete. If the community wants houses to be built some of them may have to be on the green belt, but there are strict planning rules:

The criteria set to protect green belt are stringent, *but*

Outdoor leisure and recreation activities can be developed on green belt land

A "rural exception site" can be created for housing provided

there is strong evidence of a need for local affordable housing

it is a limited infill in a village or town

or

a development re uses current substantial buildings

Myth: The Neighbourhood Plan will be ignored by the planners

Once in place, the Neighbourhood Plan is legal document and it is the first to be consulted for every planning application in Frodsham

What happens next?

The Steering Group will;

Manage the review of the findings from the surveys and events

Collate evidence from a variety of sources

Draft policies on issues you have identified

Ask your opinion through events, meetings and the website.

A draft plan is produced which is then sent for external examination by and board of independent examiners

Once passed by the examiners, a local referendum takes place to allow the community to approve their Neighbourhood Plan.

When approved, the plan is “made” – it becomes a legal planning document which must be consulted for each planning decision.