

Frodsham Town Council



**Minutes of a Meeting of
Frodsham Town Council
held on Monday 9 January 2017 at 7pm
At Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham.**

Present: Cllrs J Critchley (Chair), L Brown, D Critchley, R Holt, L Jones, P Martin, M Parker, F Pennington, M Poulton, T Reynolds and F Sutton.

In Attendance: Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk), CWAC Cllr A Dawson and Peter Crowcroft and Paul Loughlin from Cheshire Police

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No	Item	Note/Decision/Action
165	Apologies	Cllrs C Ashton, V Kirk, M Nield and A Oulton.
166	Declarations of Interest	None. CWAC Cllr A Dawson declared he was a member of the Police & Crime Panel.
167	PCSO SLA	<p>Peter Crowcroft, Superintendent of Neighbourhood Policing, explained the context around the funding of PCSOs and the current review which is underway. Currently several Town & Parish Councils across the county contribute 1/3rd towards the costs of providing PCSO in their area. From 2018 it is hoped that this contribution will increase to 100%. A standard service will be provided to any area that doesn't contribute but those that do will get an enhanced service, which will be negotiated over the coming financial year. He couldn't offer any guarantees that we would keep our current PCSO even if we continue to fund as there might be other service priorities or the current post holder might leave. Following questions Peter agreed to take several question back to the PCC for further discussion including whether there was the potential to negotiate the level of funding as well as the level of enhancement.</p> <p>Peter & Paul were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.</p> <p>CWAC Cllr A Dawson outlined the current expectations around Council Tax for 2017-18 which included projected increases of 4.99% by CWAC (including 3% specifically for Adult Services), Police 2% and Fire 2% totaling £70.86 increase for a Band D property. IF FTc decided not to fund the PCSO then CWAC would add Special Expenses.</p> <p>Cllr A Dawson left the meeting at 8.08pm.</p> <p>It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and L Jones that we should continue to contribute to PCSO costs in 2017-18.</p> <p>Recorded vote: For - Cllrs J Critchley (Chair), L Brown, D Critchley, R Holt, L Jones, P Martin, M Parker, F Pennington, M Poulton, T Reynolds and F Sutton. Against – None Abstentions – None</p> <p>Carried unanimously.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we should take part in negotiations over partnership funding and Service Level Agreements for future years.</p>
168	Budget 2016-17	It was noted that as this was a full Council meeting there would be no need to make recommendation to the next meeting. The proposed revised budget at been discussed by all the

		<p>committees previously and represented their requirements for the rest of 2016-17. It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and D Critchley that the revised budget for 2016-17 should be approved. Recorded vote:</p> <p>For - Cllrs J Critchley (Chair), L Brown, D Critchley, R Holt, L Jones, P Martin, M Parker, F Pennington, M Poulton and F Sutton.</p> <p>Against – Cllr T Reynolds</p> <p>Abstentions – None</p> <p>Carried by majority.</p>
169	Agreement on budget requirements for 2017-18	<p>It was noted that as this was a full Council meeting there would be no need to make recommendation to the next meeting. It was noted that the committees had discussed their requirements for 2017-18 and this had been fed into the proposals. The chart showed the actual spend in years 2014-15 & 2015-16 and the project outturn figures for 2016-17 for comparison. The WW1 Commemorative Group had requested an additional £600. It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs F Pennington and M Poulton and agreed by majority not to allow the increase. The Christmas Festival budget may be reviewed once the full coats of this year's festival are known.</p> <p>It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and D Critchley that the budget for 2017-18 should be approved. Recorded vote:</p> <p>For - Cllrs J Critchley (Chair), L Brown, D Critchley, R Holt, L Jones, P Martin, M Parker, F Pennington, M Poulton and F Sutton.</p> <p>Against – Cllr T Reynolds</p> <p>Abstentions – None</p> <p>Carried by majority.</p>
170	Consider and set precept for 2017-18	<p>It was discussed and agreed that FTC's cash balances should be used to keep the request for precept for a Band D property to the same as last year.</p> <p>It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and P Martin that the precept request for £211,397 should be approved. Recorded vote:</p> <p>For - Cllrs J Critchley (Chair), L Brown, D Critchley, R Holt, L Jones, P Martin, M Parker, F Pennington, M Poulton and F Sutton.</p> <p>Against – Cllr T Reynolds</p> <p>Abstentions – None</p> <p>Carried by majority.</p>
171	Memorial Field	<p>The solicitor's advice had been circulated, which suggested meeting with his colleague before progressing further. It was agreed to find out the costs of meeting with the Property Litigation Solicitor. TC will report back to the next FTC meeting.</p>
172	Clerk's Items	<p>No urgent items were received.</p>
173	Date of next meeting	<p>Monday 23 January at 7pm.</p>

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Signed _____ Dated _____