

Frodsham Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Frodsham Town Council

held on Monday 27 March 2017 at 7pm
At Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham.



Unconventional Extraction of Oil and Gas

There was a presentation by Colin Watson about Unconventional Extraction of Oil and Gas – the video and slides will be available on FTC's website in due course

Present: Cllr J Critchley (Chair), C Ashton, L Brown, D Critchley, R Holt, L Jones, V Kirk, P Martin, M Neild, A Oulton, F Pennington, M Poulton and P Williamson

In Attendance: CWAC Cllr L Riley, 15 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

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No	Item	Note/Decision/Action
207	Apologies	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs M Parker & T Reynolds. Late apologies were received after the meeting from Cllr F Sutton due to a family emergency.
208	Declarations of Interest	Cllr F Pennington – London Rd Allotments and Ineos. Cllr M Neild – Park Lane, Red Lion Bowling Club and Fracking. Cllr P Williamson – Park Lane. Cllr V Kirk – Fracking. Cllr A Oulton – personal interest in Park Lane. Cllr L Jones – Frodsham Youth Association
209	Minutes of the Meeting No15 – 27 February 2017	Cllr V Kirk proposed an amendment to the minutes that the following should be added to minute 198.2: Cllr V Kirk stated that several councils, including Clitheroe, Gloucester and Forest of Dean, have already declared their area 'Frack-free'. This was seconded by Cllr Oulton and agreed by majority. The amended minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
210	Right for the public to speak	
210.1	PCSO	It was noted that PCSO Flanagan had sent his apologies and a written report. Key points included: Speed watch event took place on 18 March, with 3 cars being booked for speeding on Kingsley Road, and another one is planned for 15 April. He has been developing a Parents Parking Charter at St Luke's to help alleviate parking problems outside the school gates. Residents Meeting reminder – Castle Park Ward is being held on Thursday 4 May 6.30pm at Castle Park House – all welcome. Bike Marking took place at Helsby High School on 5 March – unfortunately the weather was very bad. Another event is planned for Sunday 25 June at HHS. Panna Cage Football – event planned for Easter holidays at Salt Works Farm on Wednesday 12 April (1-3pm) and 21 April at HHS. Police Surgeries – Tuesday 11 April 10-11am and Monday 24 April 6-7pm, both at CPH. Cllr Poulton expressed his gratitude, on behalf of FTC, for the work of the emergency services, and their bravery, in keeping us all safe.
210.2	Others	Mrs C Collins-Doyle – Townfield Lane Play Area Mrs Collins had been speaking to residents in the Lakes Ward about the play area and wanted council to be aware that this is the only open space in this part of Frodsham. Children can access it independently as there are no roads to

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		<p>cross. A new play area at the Community Centre would mean that children would need to cross Fluin Lane and the air quality in that area is poor. The park is also used by other members of the community. It represents good value at £1,100 per year for the lease. She asked council to consider the consultation results carefully.</p> <p>Mr Amit Thakkar – Townfield Lane Play Area Mr Thakkar echoed the above and added that it was very safe, had low ASB, was traffic free and most people walk there. The lack of equipment had stimulated more creative unstructured play with children getting closer to nature. It was part of the culture of the area and was a very tranquil place. It is the only accessible play space in Lakes Ward.</p> <p>This item will be discussed at the next Community meeting on 11 April at 7pm and anyone is welcome to attend. Cllr Oulton asked that people should attend the meetings rather than get information, often incorrect, from Facebook.</p>
211	Finance Management: 01.02.17 – 31.02.17	The finance report was noted.
211.1	Paid Expenditure	The total expenditure in February 2017 was noted as £16,254.93 .
211.2	Received Income	The total receipts in February 2017 were noted as £3,463.59 .
211.3	Bank Reconciliation	It was noted that, after all considerations, total cash balances at the end of February 2017 were £243,932.23 .
212	Committee Minutes	
212.1	Environment Committee – 7.03.17	The minutes of the meeting and the decisions taken were noted.
212.2	Community Committee – 14.03.17	<p>The minutes and the decisions taken were noted. The following recommendation was discussed:</p> <p>R1: to agree that the hanging baskets, lamppost planters and planters should be supplied and installed by company 4 at a cost of £4430+VAT and alternative methods of watering should be researched and recommendations brought back to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously – proposed and seconded by Cllrs F Pennington and M Poulton:</p> <p>The following was discussed as it had been called-in:</p> <p>EP1: to order a noticeboard which will take 6 A4 sheets at £850+VAT. This noticeboard would be disabled friendly, as required by the Equalities Act, made of vandalism resistant plastic and be in keeping with the heritage of the town. It was agreed to order a noticeboard – proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and A Oulton and agreed by majority.</p>
212.3	P&P Committee – 15.03.17	<p>The minutes and the decisions taken were noted. The following recommendations were discussed:</p> <p>R1: to commission the company providing the lowest quotation for payroll services at £147 per annum for a 5-year period. This was proposed and seconded by Cllrs F Pennington and P Martin and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>R2: to appoint a temporary receptionist to cover the other half of the job share (20 hours) on reception @ £150 per week. This was proposed and seconded by Cllrs F Pennington and M Poulton and agreed unanimously.</p>
213	Working Group Records	
213.1	WW1 Commemorative Working Group	The minutes of the Steering Group meetings held on 17.02.17 were noted.
213.2	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	<p>The minutes of the Steering Group meetings held on 3.03.17 and 17.03.17 were noted.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Chair has retired from office, but not the steering group, and it had been agreed that the chair will rotate among the members</p>

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		of the group. Cllr Ashton reminded council that the Neighborhood Plan is focused on land use. The steering group would welcome new members.
214	UEOG – proposal (Cllr V Kirk)	Cllr V Kirk proposed deferring this item until councillors had time to digest new guidance from RTPI, which had been circulated by TC. It was agreed that a copy of Colin Watson’s presentation would be added to our website. TC to contact RTPI to see if they would like to make a presentation.
215	Frodsham Youth Association	Cllr L Jones reported that FYA had just recruited a LGBT worker. The Teen Market is going very well and generating funds which will be used to support staff salaries. The roof of the Youth Centre had been damaged in Storm Doris. They will provide a finance report for the next meeting.
216	Memorial Field	It was agreed to defer this to Part B as it included legal advice from our solicitors.
217	Cllr email	It was agreed unanimously, proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and F Pennington, to offer frodsham.gov.uk email addresses to any councillor that wants one as the new email service is working well for the 4 councillors who are already using it.
218	Meeting Schedule	It was agreed by majority that P&P should consider the frequency of council and committee meetings, and report back to the next meeting – proposed and seconded by Cllrs F Pennington and D Critchley.
219	Mayor & Deputy Mayor	The seniority list had been circulated previously. Cllr Pennington has 24 years’ service since he was last mayor and Cllr Oulton has been Deputy mayor this year. It was agreed by majority (Cllrs Pennington & Oulton abstained) that Cllrs Oulton and Pennington should be confirmed as Mayor & Deputy Mayor for 2017-18.
220	CWAC Cllrs’ Report	<p>Cllr A Dawson had sent his apologies.</p> <p>Cllr L Riley gave a verbal report including:</p> <p>CWAC has approved the supplementary planning guidance on UEOG but it has been called in and will be going to Scrutiny Committee – this will be webcast.</p> <p>Planning applications – Hover Force has been given temporary consent and a request to call-in the Bridge Lane development has been submitted.</p> <p>Consultation on funding for schools is underway to try and find an equitable formula nationally.</p> <p>Public Health consultation is underway.</p> <p>Air Quality Action Plans are still not available.</p> <p>Schools have created willow beehives on Castle Park last week.</p> <p>Nominations for Awards for Community & Voluntary Arts are open until 10 April.</p> <p>Nat West Bank is closing in Frodsham. Training will be available at the library to help people learn how to use on-line banking.</p> <p>Cllr Poulton congratulated Cllr Riley on the way she fought her corner at cabinet on behalf of Frodsham. He was concerned about cuts to Weaver Vale school impacting on staffing levels. He thanked her for her support for the St George’s Day parade.</p>
221	Chair’s Report	Nothing to add.
222	Mayor’s Report	<p>A written report had been circulated. Key points include:</p> <p>The Ceilidh is sold out and sponsorship is still coming in.</p> <p>Plans for the St George’s Day weekend are going well:</p> <p>Thursday 20 April – World Book Day</p> <p>Friday 21 April – Junior Mayor’s disco – Mrs Poulton has bought the Junior Mayors’ robes for civic duties. They will open the fun fair at the Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Saturday 22 April – Jamboree, fun fair and car boot sale at the Leisure Centre and there will be a fundraiser at Kash22 in the evening.</p>

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		Sunday 23 April – St George’s Day parade starting at the Community Centre at 2pm to St Laurence’s Church for a civic service at 3pm. The costs are being covered through sponsorship so no funding required from FTC’s purse.
221	Clerk’s Report	Nat West Bank closure – TC reported that she had received a letter from the bank confirming its closure. Frodsham Festival of Walks leaflets are available. Cllr Poulton said that this is an excellent programme of walks and the Working Group, chaired by Cllr Ashton supported by Liz Kenny, and the community volunteers should be congratulated for all their hard work.
222	Date of next meeting	Monday 24 April 2017
PART B		
223	Memorial Field	Cllrs J Critchley, M Nield and F Pennington had met with the Property solicitor and gave a brief report on the advice he provided. As due consideration, it was agreed to try informal negotiation to resolve the land/covenant issues before seeking any further legal remedy.