

Frodsham Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of
The Community Committee
held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7pm
In the Town Council Office, Castle Park, Frodsham



Present: Cllrs L Brown (Chair), C Ashton, D Critchley, J Critchley, V Kirk, M Nield, F Pennington, M Poulton, F Sutton and P Williamson

In Attendance: Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk) and Mr N Blair (NWAS)

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No	Item	Note/Decision/ Action
134	Apologies for absence	Cllrs A Oulton & L Jones
135	Declarations of Interest	Cllr M Nield – Red Lion Bowling Club & Park Lane. Cllr F Pennington – London Road Allotments. Cllr P Williamson – Park Lane.
136	Minutes of Meeting 6 – 13 December 2016	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
137	Opportunity for Public to Speak	The Chair welcomed Nick Blair from NW Ambulance Service. Nick, who is NWAS Community Resuscitation Officer, congratulated FTC on the new 24/7 defibrillators. His role is to improve survivability and encourage more availability of defibrillators and training for the community. He and his colleague will be organising training in Frodsham in partnership with FTC and will liaise with the Fire Service. He recommended that FTC should apply for the Cardiac Smart Award later this year when the application process opens. The Chair thank Nick for attending and he left the meeting.
138	Aqua Park	Unfortunately Vivien Shaw was unable to attend so the item was deferred.
139	Hanging Baskets & Watering	No progress on developing the hanging basket paperwork so deferred to the next meeting.
140	Ship Street	No proposals had been received from Weaver Vale Housing Trust so TC will follow up. TC will also contact CWAC Planning Department to check whether planning permission is required.
141	Grass & Soil bunkers	Quotations for the renewal of the soil and grass bunkers had been received. It was agreed to go with the lowest quotation of £1588.79+VAT – R1 . It was further agreed that an additional £200+VAT could be spent to provide a soak away in that area as it floods – R2 .
142	War Memorial	TC had received a letter from Historic England reporting than someone (Cllr Nield) had submitted a recommendation that the gates should be listed for protection. TC will confirm our ownership then the application can be considered further.
143	Children's Community Garden	The Children's' Community Garden has been neglected for some time. The person who ran the Greenfinger's Group is struggling to get volunteers to maintain the garden. It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs J Critchley and F Pennington that the garden should be converted into an extension of the Community Orchard to make it easier to maintain – this was agreed. This will be referred to Environment Committee. TC will get quotes for the removal of the existing fencing.
144	Play Area Inspections	TC had received quotations and it was agreed to go with company 2, which provided the better quality quotation @ £325+VAT – R3 .

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145	Townfield Lane Play Area	<p>There was a long discussion about the options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take out the lease and replace all the equipment at TFL. 2. Take away the equipment and return the area to the Feofees and leave the area without a play area. 3. Develop a new play area at the Community Centre on land we own. <p>It was agreed that public consultation should be undertaken before any decisions are taken. TC to get quotations for carrying out public consultation.</p> <p>A Working Group will be set up with Cllrs L Brown, J Critchley, M Nield, M Poulton and P Williamson to organise the public consultation and to bring the results to a future Community meeting.</p> <p>The decision to remove the play equipment was deferred but the Facilities Manager must tape off any hazardous equipment and remove the swings if, in his opinion, the equipment is unsafe. It was agreed that the Working Group would meet on Monday 23 January at 6pm to agree a press release and the process for carrying out the consultation.</p>
146	Bus Shelters	There is no update on the seats. The hedges around the bus shelters have been cleared. TC has reported the problem to the bus company and requested they ask the drivers to be more aware of people sheltering out of sight.
146	Noticeboard at GPs	No update. TC will speak to the Centre Manager about putting information about the defibrillators on the information screen.
147	New Year's Eve Fireworks	The Firework Company have informed their insurance company and there is full investigation underway. A report will be produced in due course. It was agreed that lessons needed to be learnt from this experience and an Action Plan and Risk Assessment will be brought to the October Community meeting for approval.
148	London Road Allotments	No update. TC to arrange a meeting with D Stephenson and Cllr Sutton as soon as possible.
149	Bench on Church Street	The insurance excess is £100 so it would be worth making an application once it has been agreed which bench we should go for. Cllr Pennington and TC will liaise with the family.
150	Noticeboard on Church Street	No progress.
151	Defibrillators	It was noted that the final defibrillator has been fitted at the Community Centre. The final report has been sent to Awards for All but they have not confirmed they are happy with it yet. TC will liaise with Cllr Oulton and NWS about the Defibrillator training.
152	Telephone boxes	Deferred.
153	Rotunda	It was agreed that Cheshire Police could have sole use of one panel in the rotunda.
154	Street Lighting	Deferred.
155	Great British High Street	A paper was circulated at the meeting by Cllr J Critchley explaining what GBHS is all about and recommending that we work towards applying in 2018 for the Award. It was recognised that Cllr L Jones had been doing some work on this already. It was agreed that a Working Group should be established, including Cllr Jones, to take this forward – to be discussed further at the next meeting.
156	Clerk's updates	None
157	Next meeting	Tuesday 14 February 2016

Meeting closed

R1. Renewal of the soil and grass bunkers at £1588.79+VAT.

R2. To provide a soak away in that area of these bunkers at £200+VAT

R3. To carry out the annual Play Area Inspections at £325+VAT.

Committee Members: Cllrs L Brown, C Ashton, D Critchley, J Critchley, L Jones, V Kirk, M Nield, A Oulton, F Pennington, M Poulton, F Sutton and P Williamson

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