

Frodsham Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of
The Community Committee
held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at 7pm
In the Town Council Office, Castle Park, Frodsham



Present: Cllr L Brown (Chair), D Critchley, J Critchley, L Jones (part), M Nield, A Oulton, F Pennington, M Poulton and F Sutton.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk)

In Attendance: Eight members of the public.

Meeting 2

No	Item
21	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs C Ashton and V Kirk.
22	Declarations of Interest Cllr M Nield – Red Lion Bowling Club Cllr M Poulton - Member of St Laurence's PCC and Diocesan President for the Children's Society for Chester Diocese.
23	Minutes of Meeting 1 – 20.06.17 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
24	Opportunity for Public to Speak Mrs D Hooper, Membership Council Member (Cheshire/Merseyside), Royal British Legion expressed concern that council had listened to hearsay about the Frodsham Branch closing down, rather than finding out the facts. It had never ceased to exist although it had been about to fold in 2009 when County office stepped in to support the Branch until new local people could be found. Members of the current committee were also present. She also expressed concerned about the proposal to hold the Remembrance service at the gates. She formally requested that Council apologise at its next meeting for things that were said about Frodsham Branch. Cllr Oulton gave a personal apology. He had been approached at the Festival in the Park about the situation and had contacted TC to add this item to today's agenda to discuss moving the service back to the War Memorial itself. He was relieved to hear that the Frodsham Branch is still in operation. Cllr Poulton also gave his personal apologies. One of the highlights of his year as Mayor was placing the wreath on the War Memorial last year with the Junior Mayors. Mrs Hooper explained that one of her roles was involving all schools in future Remembrance Services. Mrs D McNamara, Branch Treasurer, explained that they were in the process of drawing up the list of organisations that wished to lay wreaths at the Remembrance Services.
It was agreed to bring forward Item 29.	
29	War Memorial Access Cllr F Sutton explained that council had been told that the hotel had withdrawn the disabled access to the War Memorial. TC, following the discussion with Cllr Oulton, had a meeting with Mr McCabe, Hotel Manager, who confirmed that they had never closed the path; the gate was to prevent vehicular access only. He will ensure that the hedge is cut back to show more clearly the footpath and will provide refreshments after the Service on 11 November as usual. It was agreed that TC will get quotes for making a path suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters from the gates to the Memorial. A proposal will be made to council to reconsider holding the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial – proposed & seconded by Cllrs M Poulton & A Oulton and agreed unanimously – R1 . Mrs Hooper felt that Mr Abnett, who was also present, should receive an apology for some of the things that had been said about him. He had left the Branch by personal choice.
25	Play Areas
25.1	Funding TC outlined the funding that is available for implementation of the Play Strategy. At the end of 2016-17 cash balances stood at £288,026.31. £66,676 has been allocated to balance the current year's budget. £56,000 is an Ear-marked reserve, which includes £36,000 specifically for

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	<p>Townfield Lane. £46,000 is allocated as a Risk Budget to be available in times of unexpected events. This leaves £119,350.31 as free reserves.</p> <p>Also within the current year's capital budget is £36,000 for play areas.</p> <p>There was therefore the potential to start both projects as they would not be competing for resources. Quotations are in the process of being sought for both areas.</p> <p>Cllr Oulton explained that the Adult Gym would be a secondary phase of the Park Lane project and the play area would focus on equipment for disabled children and toddlers. There had been a community event on Saturday with 60 adults and over 30 children. Cllr Pennington asked that consideration be given to making alterations to the fencing to allow for seats to be placed in a recess, off the pavement, around the park for people to use as rest points on their way to the Doctors. Cllr Poulton felt this should be progressed more quickly.</p>
25.2	<p><u>Maintenance Programme</u></p> <p>The maintenance programme following the Annual Inspection, was discussed and it was agreed that TC should get quotations for the work that had been identified as needing doing now. Cllr Poulton felt the report showed that the equipment in all the play areas was not too bad, just basic wear and tear. The full copy of the report with photographs is available in the office.</p>
25.3	<p><u>Churchfields</u></p> <p>TC is also contacting the contractor who fitted the equipment and the flooring to discuss the issues identified in the report and will request a site visit.</p>
25.4	<p><u>Townfield Lane</u></p> <p>The notes from the Working Group meeting held 11 July were noted.</p>
26	<p>Red Lion Bowling Green Lease</p> <p>It was noted that the Tenancy Agreement has now been signed and this year's rental paid.</p>
27	<p>Memorial Field Railings</p>
27.1	<p>The railings have been given Grade II listing (List Entry Number 1442701). TC will find out whether we can add a plaque to the railings about the listing.</p>
27.2	<p>No quotations have been received to date. As they are now listed it is likely that planning permission will be needed before any repairs can be carried out and a specialist firm will be needed – TC to check the regulations.</p>
28	<p>Field Rental Applications</p> <p>Applications have been received:</p> <p>Orienteering event – 20 August – request to use Churchfields – agreed.</p> <p>Family Fun-day – 2 September – request to use the community field – agreed with the usual conditions about parking. TC to mention the event to PCSO.</p> <p>Zumba sessions – weekly. This had previously been discussed when Mrs Collins-Doyle attend a meeting. There were issues as the lease is still under discussion and concern about disturbance to the neighbours. TC to check with the Trust that they are OK for the sessions to go ahead before giving permission.</p>
29	<p>War Memorial Access</p> <p>Previously discussed after public speaking time.</p>
30	<p>Benches</p> <p>The report was discussed and it was agreed that TC would get a quotation for the programme of works identified. Cllr Pennington pointed out that one or two of the benches are owned and maintained by local families – he will give details to TC.</p>
7.50pm Cllr L Jones arrived.	
31	<p>Clerk's updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bench near the bridge at Church Street – CWAC have agreed to supply the bench but are unable to say when it will be ordered. TC to write and apologise to the family and explain the situation. It was noted that TC had commissioned repairs to the footpaths following the removal of the telephone boxes on health & safety grounds @ £170+VAT. Hedge-cutting at the Community Centre on Saturday. Cllr Sutton was asking for volunteers and it was agreed that the field could be used for car parking if needed. PCSO Ward Walks – Overton & Five Crosses and Waterside will be taking place on Saturday.
32	<p>Next meeting - 15 August 2017</p>

Meeting ended 8pm.

R1. It is formally proposed that council reconsiders holding the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial – proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Poulton and A Oulton.