

**Frodsham Town Council**  
 Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the  
**Environment Committee**  
 held in Town Council Office, Castle Park  
 On **Tuesday 6 February 2018**, at **7pm**



**Present:** Cllrs A Oulton (Chair), C Ashton, L Brown (part) and L Jones.

**In Attendance:** Mr B Greenaway (Mersey Forest), Mr T Blundell (resident), Ms L Kenny (Administrative Officer) and Mr P Morris (Facilities Manager)

**Meeting 7**

No	Item
104	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b>            Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Martin and Mr Joe Beswick.            Absent: Cllrs F Sutton and P Williamson.            Cllr Liam Jones was welcomed as a new member of the Committee.</p>
105	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>            None.</p>
106	<p><b>Opportunity for the Public to Speak</b>            No members of the public were present.</p>
107	<p><b>Hob Hey Wood Management Plan</b>            The Administrative Officer briefly recapped the work done to date by Mersey Forest in preparing a 5-year management plan for the wood. At its last meeting, the Committee had agreed to place notices in the wood and on the Council's website and social media channels seeking volunteers to get involved in delivering the management plan. Nine local people had responded, with a range of experience and skill. The types of tasks that had generated most interest were participating in work parties, hedge planting &amp; laying, and ecological surveys.</p> <p>Cllr Linda Brown joined the meeting at 7.20pm.</p> <p>Ben Greenaway explained that Mersey Forest did not have the resources to organise events or activities in the wood unless they are paid. After discussion, it was <b>agreed</b> to invite these people to a meeting at Castle Park on Saturday 10 March at 10am. Ben Greenaway will attend. The general public would also be invited to the meeting, which would be publicised as widely as possible (including a press release, contacts with local schools and Townfield Lane allotment holders). Cllr Brown offered to contact the residents group who had been working with the Town Council over Townfield Lane play area.</p> <p>Ben Greenaway advised the Committee to check the constitution of the existing Friends of Hob Hey Wood charity to ensure that it is in line with the standard constitution for a woodland group (which Mersey Forest could provide). This would ensure that volunteers have a framework in which to operate and understand the financial resources available to them to do work or buy materials. Bodies such as the Tree Council have grants that a properly constituted group could apply for. It was <b>agreed</b> to discuss the issue of the existing charity at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Committee <b>noted</b> that one of the boardwalks in the wood had been damaged by a horse and <b>agreed</b> to seek a quote from The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) who carried out the repairs to the boardwalk last summer. The Facilities Manager was asked to identify any additional works needed that could be included to give a full day's work for TCV.</p>

Committee: Cllr C Ashton, Cllr L Brown, Cllr L Jones, Cllr P Martin, Cllr A Oulton, Cllr F Sutton & Cllr P Williamson  
 Town Clerk: Mrs H Catt

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<b>108</b>	<b>Urgent Items</b>
108.1	<p data-bbox="225 143 1495 414"><u>Manley Copse</u> It was noted the application for free tree and hedge packs from the Woodland Trust had been successful and they would be delivered in March. It was <b>agreed</b> to arrange a community planting event on Saturday 17 March at 10am and to hire a tracked wood chipper for use on brash and holly cleared from the wood. Cllr A Oulton will supervise residents using the chipper and supply tools, helmets and gloves – people will be advised to wear sturdy footwear and outdoor clothing. Invitations will be restricted to local residents in the first instance, due to the restricted nature of the site.</p> <p data-bbox="225 450 1495 555">While the Manley Road site is too small for additional tree planting, Mersey Forest had access to DEFRA funding for tree planting by schoolchildren under the “Trees for Learning” programme if the Town Council has other land on which it would like to plant trees.</p>
108.2	<p data-bbox="225 555 1495 790"><u>Great British Spring Clean</u> The Committee noted that the “Great British Spring Clean” will take place nationally on Friday 2 March to Sunday 4 March 2018. Cllr Liam Jones will be co-ordinating the effort in Frodsham. He will supervise an event on Saturday 3 March 10am-1pm, and Cllr Adam Wordsworth will supervise the event on Sunday 4 March 10am-12 noon. He reported that 4<sup>th</sup> Frodsham Scouts, Frodsham Youth Association and the WI had all expressed interest in getting involved. The office will arrange publicity in conjunction with Cllr Jones.</p>
109	<p data-bbox="225 790 1495 929"><b>Clerk’s items</b> The Facilities Manager reported that he had removed a barbed wire strand that Cllr J Critchley had mentioned at a previous meeting had been fixed to the Memorial Railings. He had installed a free-standing straining post for the wire.</p> <p data-bbox="225 958 1495 1064">The Administrative Officer reported that Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council are consulting on a new Dog Control Policy and asked if Environment Committee wished to discuss it at their next meeting. It was agreed that this should be left to Community Committee to deal with.</p> <p data-bbox="225 1093 1495 1198">The Environment Committee noted that the Facilities Manager Paul Morris will be leaving the Council’s employment on 23 February and moving out of the area. On behalf of the Committee Cllr Oulton thanked Paul for his hard work and said his experience would be missed.</p>
<b>109</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting:</b> Tuesday 6 March at 7pm at Castle Park House.

Meeting ended 8.35pm.