



Frodsham Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the
Community Committee

held in Castle Park House, Castle Park Frodsham
On Tuesday 17 April 2018, at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L Brown (Chair), C Ashton, J Critchley, L Jones, M Nield, A Oulton, Lord F Pennington and P Williamson
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk)

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No	Item
136	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Critchley
137	Declaration of Interest Cllrs M Nield, A Oulton & P Williamson declared a personal interest in Park Lane Play Area.
138	Minutes of Meeting 8 – 20.02.18 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record – proposed and seconded by Cllr Lord F Pennington and J Critchley.
139	Green Spaces for Good A presentation was given by Mr J Leeson, Development Manager North, Fields in Trust. He how FiT were working with local councils to preserve local green space for future generations as 'once its lost its gone forever'. They use contract law between the land owner and FiT to protect the land from the current pressure for building land. They currently have 3 projects – Centenary Fields, Active Spaces and Green Spaces for Good. The only cost is £80 to register the Deed with the Land Registry. Membership of FiT would be £50 but is not compulsory. Woodlands and lakeside areas can also be protected. Cllr Lord F Pennington thanked Mr Leeson for his presentation.
140	Opportunity for the Public to Speak None.
141	Actual spend against budget 2017/18 The final outturn figures were noted . TC will present the figures without the Mayor's Fund to ensure the actual Community Committee spend against budget was clear.
142	Play Areas
142.1	<u>Green Spaces for Good</u> It was agreed that this would be a good way to protect FTC's lands. TC was delegated to start to prepare the applications to register our land assets. The immediate priority would be Park Lane as the deadline for the Active Spaces was 8 June 2018 – she will work with Cllr M Nield. She will also look at other areas including Hob Hey Wood and liaise with the appropriate councillor and the Chair of Community. TC will liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinator as this links well with the work around Assets of Community Value.
142.2	<u>Park Lane</u>
142.2a	Two quotes for the repairs to the wall had been received but there was a large difference between the two, so it was agreed that TC should continue to find at least one more quote. She should also ascertain the length of the guarantee on the work.
142.2b	It was agreed to defer the decision about placing commemorative planters on the park until the adult gym situation is resolved. Picnic tables for the area will be on the next agenda.
142.3	<u>Churchfields</u> The work to remove the tunnel has been completed. The work on the resurfacing will be starting either 23 or 30 April depending on the weather.
142.4	<u>Townfield Lane</u> The installation work is due to start on 23 April and should be completed by 11 May. Letters will be circulated to local residents about this.

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143	War Memorial
143.1	It was noted that the conservation-accredited professional advisor has now been appoint. He is hoping to carry out a site visit and TC will ensure all councillors are aware and can attend if available. It was agreed that TC should invite representatives from WW1 Commemoration Group to attend too.
143.2	It was agreed to suggest Friday 27 April at 6pm to carry out the site visit with WW1 Commemoration Group about the siting of their proposed sign. It is also an opportunity to suggest alternative sites.
143.3	TC had asked a specialist lighting company about illumination of the Memorial and they have carried out a site visit. They suggest that solar power alone will be insufficient and would recommend a small wind turbine. Costs would be approximately £12-14,000. It was agreed that this was impractical but could be reconsidered if the path was ever to be constructed when mains power could be included. Cllr M Nield offered to research potential grants.
145	Bench Plaques It was noted that the commemorative plaques are now ready to be attached to benches. TC will identify suitable benches in the wards that the councillors represented and get them fixed, using the special security screws, after the redecoration work has been completed. TC will contact the decorator to get a date when work will commence.
146	Impact Day on Saltworks There seems to be a misunderstanding about who is organising the Impact Day. TC will contact CWAC officers and Cllr Shore to discuss further.
147	Over 70s Vouchers The report for 2017/18 was noted . The complaint from a resident and request for a cash alternative was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that we should stick to the rules which were printed on the back of the voucher. It was agreed that next year all the vouchers within a ward, including care homes, caravan parks etc, should be distributed by councillors in that wards. – proposed and seconded by Cllrs C Ashton and A Oulton. Cllr J Critchley suggested that business should be asked to agree to contact the office and agree a joint statement if they wish to withdraw from the scheme. Several businesses had commented on how quickly they had been repaid this year. It was agreed that the Admin Officer had done an excellent job managing the Voucher Scheme this year. Any suggestions for further improvement should be discussed with AO by end of July so that they can be reported to the August meeting.
148	Defibrillators
148.1	New site of the defibrillator currently at the Police Station were discussed and TC will contact the Army Cadet, vets and the Parish Hall to discuss the possibility further. TC will check that the new owner of Gates Garage is willing to continue to host a defibrillator at the garage. An up to date list of defibrillators will be added to our website in due course. Cllr A Oulton has arranged to hold Defibrillator Training Sessions at the Community Centre.
148.2	The proposal from Love Frodsham and District Taxis for a defibrillator service for rural areas was discussed and it was agreed to be an excellent idea. The Heartbeat Trust are also interested in the scheme as it has potential for other areas.
149	Bus Shelters The asset transfer of the bus shelters to CWAC is almost complete. Only the one opposite Gates Garage needs formal transfer. It was agreed that, in accordance with Standing Orders, TC would sign the Transfer Deed witnessed by 2 councillors.
150	Planters & Watering
150.1	Negotiations with CWAC have been delayed by the recent reorganisation and rebranding of Street Safe and therefore it was agreed to defer any further discussion on taking over the planter until next year. It was agreed to ask the supplier of the hanging baskets to carry out the watering this year @ £122+VAT per visit (£3920+VAT approximately) (EP1) to ensure improved displays – Proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and C Ashton. The baskets are expected to go up at the end of May – weather permitting.

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150.2	This matter was not required.
151	Christmas Tree Fence Storage & Maintenance It was noted that the fencing is now stored at the cemetery.
152	Clerk's Items <u>Enforceable Speed Camera</u> – Helsby Parish Council have confirmed that their enforceable speed camera can be used by PSCO N Flanagan in Frodsham. <u>Bin at Top Road Play Area</u> – which is used for dog poo and general rubbish, needs replacing on Health & Safety grounds as it doesn't have a lid and gets flooded, making removing the bag unhygienic. It was agreed that TC should ask CWAC for a replacement.
153	Date of the next meeting: 5 June 2018.

Meeting ended 9.10pm

EP1: To ask the supplier of the hanging baskets to carry out the watering this year @ £122+VAT per visit (£3920+VAT approximately).

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