

## **Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 1.30pm Arts Centre

Attendees:

Peter Vickery, Resident

Steve Carmody, Resident

Martin Maris, Resident

Gill Hesketh, Support and Admin, Resident

Apologies: Liam Jones, Lynn Carmody, Caroline Ashton, Mark Warren

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Actions 1, 2 & 3 were complete, action 4 is ongoing.

### Helsby planning permission on green belt

Cllr Judith Critchley had contacted the group re planning permission applied for on green belt in Helsby. The meeting acknowledged the community's concerns about potential building on Frodsham's green belt, and it had been discussed at length several times in meetings. It was agreed to draft a response to Judith explaining the group's current thinking about criteria to be included in the housing policy.

### Website

MM offered a proposed schedule of tweets for October, which were discussed and amended; traffic has increased to the website as a result of the tweets. MM was once again thanked for all his hard work.

MM suggested an additional page to the website titled "Spirit of Frodsham" which would be fronted by the poem Spirit of Frodsham, and be a place where everyone could contribute their ideas and images of Frodsham's spirit. All agreed this would be a great addition to the site.

### Employer visits

Employer surveys are ongoing, MM & SC were thanked for continuing to gather data from local businesses. Parking was an issue that was raised regularly, it was suggested that we direct people to the draft parking strategy on CWaC's website as parking is mostly outside the remit of the NP.

### Green space and Assets of Community Value

GH explained the difference between registering green space for inclusion in the NP and registering an asset of community value with CWaC. The definition of a green / open space is:

“all open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water such as rivers, canals, lakes & reservoirs which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can also act as a visual amenity”

(from Cheshire West & Chester open space report 2011)

Open space can take many forms e.g. parks, natural green space, sports & play areas. allotments, cemeteries & churchyards, green corridors such as cycleways and towpaths.

The meeting agreed to consult the community about their favourite green / open spaces. Having maps of the NP area on which people could identify the open spaces they want listed and what they use them for was deemed the best way to do this. Displaying the maps in public places e.g the Medical Centre, library, community centre and possibly Morrisons was agreed.

Registering Assets of Community Value is a more complex process and requires the community group to gather evidence of use and value. Registering an ACV means if the asset comes onto the market, the community group had six months in which to raise funds to buy the asset.

GH asked Cheshire Community Action and CWaC planning dept. if an area could be both an ACV and a registered green space and the consensus was it can be registered as both.

### Writing policies

PV had completed a further draft of the housing policy based on Woodcotes NP format which was discussed. The meeting agreed some parts were relevant and others not, but more housing data evidence was needed.

NOTE; since the meeting Cheshire Community Action have offered to present a collation of housing data to the group which will inform the drafting of policies for the plan. John Heselwood from CCC will join our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October to explain his findings.

### AOB:

PV offered to draft an update on our progress for Frodsham Life, the meeting agreed it was a good idea.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm

Next meeting; **MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 1.30pm at the ARTS CENTRE.**

Subsequent meeting; Monday, 16th October, 1.30pm Arts Centre

Action from this meeting:

ACTION	OUTCOME
1. GH to draft response to Cllr JC	Completed & emailed to JC 19/9/17
2. MM to manage a the Spirit of Frodsham page on website	
3. GH to request maps from CWaC planning	Email sent 19/9/17
4. GH, PV & SC to source list of clubs etc	ongoing
5. PV to draft update for Frodsham Life	