

Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Monday 5th February 2018 at 6.30pm Castle Park House

Attendees:

Peter Vickery, Resident

Martin Maris, Resident

Caroline Ashton, Resident, FTC

Martin Sadler, Resident

Liam Jones, Resident FTC

Caroline Dillon, Resident

Alan Oulton, Resident, FTC, Mayor

Hazel Catt Town Clerk

Gill Hesketh, Support and Admin, Resident

Apologies: Steve & Lynn Carmody, Mark Warren

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

Review of Consultation on Green Spaces

The green space consultation was generally considered a success; 34 written responses were received and 10 general comments. The public engaged in broad ranging conversations about their concerns and issues about Frodsham and the many easily accessible green spaces in and around Frodsham were highly valued by all. On-the-day Tweets has brought in several contributors. The locations for the consultation were deemed successful, additional locations were suggested for future consultations i.e. the post office and the courtyard at the Arts Centre. A further 16 email contacts were collected which will be added to the circulation list.

MM had produced an analysis of responses which provides useful evidence, see below.

February twitter Schedule

MM had finalised the schedule for February to include feedback from the green space consultation, information on the clean-up in March and establishing a “friends of Hob Hey wood” group, and the upcoming festival of walks. Ideas for March tweets to MM.

Grants:

GH explained what grants and support was available for NPs. No further “general” funding (for advertising, events etc) was available until April this year. Support is available from

consultancy firm AECOM, which is free; more details are available at:<https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/>. On completion of the application form, a telephone analysis is undertaken to identify what support would be appropriate for us. The support can take several forms, for example: help writing policies, site options and assessment, health check prior to examination etc. It was agreed that GH should apply for support.

Assessment of potential sites:

The group identified potential sites for assessment on the assumption we would get support from AECOM to have the sites independently assessed; the sites are:

Brook Works

Adjacent to the Health Centre

Ship Street Play area

Area behind Fairways

Riverside area

Land to the north of Ellis Lane

Land between Wayford Close and bridge onto the marshes

Land between Dig Lane and the railway bridge.

Forward plan

The next priority for the group is to develop the draft policies. PV suggested two lead authors were identified for each of the four policy headings. The lead authors gather all the relevant data and evidence and draft a policy for comment from the rest of the SG. He suggested weekly meetings for lead authors may be appropriate. There was general agreement for this plan: the format, authors and timescales to be agreed as a priority at the next meeting. GH had previously circulated by email a note on suggested structure for a NP.

Meeting developers

It was agreed that the following will be made clear to any developer requesting a meeting with the SG:

- The Steering Group is a group independent of the Frodsham Town Council and CWaC
- Our remit is to gather information to support the communities needs and wishes
- We have no power or influence to make any planning recommendations or decisions
- We will not comment on any proposed plans or ideas that you may present

- We cannot support specific developments
- All our meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend

It was agreed GH should contact the developer who has requested a meeting to offer a 15minute presentation at a future meeting based on the constraints above. CA asked that her opposition to meeting any developers was noted.

AOB:

The group had received a communication and booklet from the Canal & Rivers Trust with information on how waterways could be included in Neighbourhood Plans. The group agreed it was a good idea to engage with other organisations who may have an interest in the draft Plan such as Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Mersey Forest, Weaver Valley Partnership and the Woodland Trust. Active Cheshire will attend our meeting on 5th March to give their input.

GH will attend the FTC Community Committee meeting on 20th March to remind attendees about registering assets of community value.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting; MONDAY 19th February 1.30pm,

5th March 6.30pm, **evening meeting**

19th March 1.30pm

all at Castle Park House.

Action from this meeting:

ACTION	OUTCOME
1. All to review technical support options (web link above)	
2. All to suggest tweets for March & send to MM	
3. GH to apply for technical funding support	Application sent 7/2/18
4. GH to contact developer with criteria	Email sent 6/2/18

FRODSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Graphic Realisation of Usage/Popularity of Green Spaces in Frodsham – Consultation - Feb 2018

