

Frodsham Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of the
Community Committee
 held in Castle Park House, Castle Park Frodsham
 on Tuesday 20 February 2018, at 7pm.



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

In Attendance: Ms N Rose (CWAC Regulatory Services Officer) and 1 member of the public.

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No	Item
118	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Jones. Cllr T Reynolds was not present and had not sent his apologies. Cllr M Parker tendered her resignation from the committee, which was accepted.
119	Declaration of Interest Cllrs M Nield, A Oulton and P Williamson all declared a personal interest in Park Lane.
120	Minutes of Meeting 7 – 19.12.17 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and J Critchley.
121	Opportunity for the Public to Speak Mr J Bell has emailed to withdraw from his slot to speak.
122	Frodsham Junior Football Club – Deferred.
123	Control of Dogs Order – CWAC Consultation.
123.1	CWAC Regulatory Services Officer Ms N Rose, gave a presentation on the proposed Dog Control Order outlining why it was necessary and the key elements of the proposed Order, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excluding dogs from children’s play areas and sports fields • requiring dogs to be on a short lead at the request of an authorised officer or in sites such as cemeteries and the crematorium gardens • requiring dog walkers to carry dog poo bags • introducing a maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person at any one time in a public area • offering dog owners who don’t clear up after their dogs the option to have their dog DNA tested and registered on a DNA database, as an alternative to receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice • requiring all dogs taken onto specific areas with a serious dog-fouling problem to be DNA tested at the owner’s expense • inviting Town and Parish Councillors to become trained and authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices. If adopted the Order will apply to all public lands except those owned by the Forestry Commission. FTC could ask for specific areas to be excluded if necessary. <u>Registered</u> guide and assistance dogs are also exempt. Only authorised officers can enforce the rules but parish and town council members can become authorised following training. TC will get posters about the consultation displayed on all our lands.
123.2	It was agreed that councillors would complete the on-line consultation individually. TC will contact all councillors to encourage them to undertake the consultation especially Sections G and H. Residents should be encouraged to report dog fouling as this would move Frodsham up the priority list for authorised office resources to tackle the problem.

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	TC will check with our insurance company if members would be covered when acting as authorised officers.
123.3	It was agreed to defer the discussion about the implications for FTC's play areas until after the consultation results are known and the type and nature of the Orders are known.
124	Play Areas
124.1	<u>Park Lane</u>
124.1a	The play area is fully open and has been well-received by the community. There have been problems with young people, which have been reported to the Police. Cllr Oulton asked for it to be minuted that a councillor, not from Castle Park Ward, had spoken to the contractors about a problem with them parking fully on the pavement. TC reported that she has already started the quotation process for the repairs to the wall.
124.1b	The proposal to install commemorative planters on the park until the commemorative benches were installed alongside the adult gym was discussed. It was agreed to plant spring bulbs along the wall once it is repaired. The commemorative plaque for the Fire Fighters will be discussed at a future meeting. Cllr Neild agreed to cut down the bush in the right-hand corner of the park, which was being used as a springboard to exit the park.
124.2	<u>Churchfields</u>
124.2a	TC reported that the ground work needed to remove the existing surface in the area to be resurfaced had not been included in the original quotation and this would cost an additional £200+VAT. The total costs would therefore be £2,537+VAT – this was agreed (EP1) – proposed and seconded by Cllr A Oulton and Lord F Pennington. This remained the cheapest quotation.
124.2b	It was noted that 3 quotes had been received for the work to remove the tunnel, ranging from £450+VAT to £1350+VAT. The quotations were all similar so it was agreed to commission the work from the company offering the lowest quotation as long as the wood used is tanalised (EP2) – proposed and seconded by Cllrs L Brown and A Oulton. A press release will be issued to explain the work is necessary due to Anti-social behaviour and damage to the tunnel, which could cause a risk to children in the future.
124.3	<u>Townfield Lane</u> It was noted that TC had placed the order for the new equipment & surfaces, removal of some of the old equipment & surfaces and the refurbishment of the remaining equipment @ £35,795+VAT. The equipment colours have been chosen by the children at Manor House school and will take 2 months to make. Installation will take 1 month and should be ready for the planned launch on 19 May (Royal wedding). The contractors will be able to access the play area through the large gates so shouldn't need to block the road for deliveries.
125	Annual Play Inspection It was agreed to commission the Play Inspection Company to carry out the Annual Play Inspection at £325+VAT, following the completion of Townfield Lane (EP3) – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and A Oulton.
126	War Memorial Trust
126.1	It was agreed to recommend to council that a conservation-accredited professional advisor (WMT grant requirement) should be appointed @ £6,484+VAT (R1) – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and L Brown.
126.2	It was noted that listed building consent will be needed and that the Advisor will submit the application, which will include the work to the Memorial and the gates & railings.
126.3	It was agreed to refer organising the rededication service to the Events Committee, and that WW1 Commemoration Working Group should be invited to get involved.
126.4	The request from WW1 Commemoration Working Group to install an information board about war dead not included on the Memorials was discussed. Although the idea was agreed in principle questions were raised about why these names were not on the existing memorials, had the families been contacted and agreed, the siting of the board

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	and what type of materials would be used in the construction. It was therefore agreed to discuss this further with the Working Group at the liaison meeting (Wednesday 6 March at 6pm here at CPH) which has been arranged to plan this year's Remembrance activities.
126.5	It was noted that an estimate for the cost of putting in a hard 2m wide footpath from the car park to the War Memorial has been received (£23,400+VAT). The idea was raised after the out-line development plans for the hotel were approved, and concerns were raised about the future of the existing disabled access path from the hotel car park.
127	CWAC Community Assets Framework It was noted that the consultation is open until 25 February. It was agreed that TC should register all the land that FTC owns as community assets – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and A Oulton.
128	Christmas Tree Fence Storage & Maintenance It was agreed that TC would check to see if there was room in the cemetery building to store the fencing.
129	Best Kept Village 2018 It was agreed not to enter the competition this year as there are so many empty shop premises and there are issues around street cleaning. Cllr A Oulton thanked Cllr J Critchley and ex-cllr M Poulton for getting the renovation work on the Rock completed by CWAC. Cllr J Critchley also thanked CWAC Cllr Shaw.
130	Grit Bin – Hayes Crescent The request from CWAC Cllrs A Dawson and L Riley to pay for the annual filling of a grit bin @ £50 per annum that they will supply was discussed. It was noted that the area doesn't currently meet CWAC's criteria for a grit bin. Cllr L Brown suggested that one of the existing grit spreaders could be allocated to the area – TC will find out where they are and see if one can be re-allocated. Our existing gritting scheme provides grit to areas that don't meet CWAC criteria, but a resident has to agree to store the grit and spread it on the pavements as and when necessary.
131	Impact Day on Saltworks It was noted that CWAC will be organising an Impact Day in the Spring targeting clearing up the pond area and that volunteers will be needed. No date has been set for this yet.
132	Over 70s Vouchers – deferred to next meeting.
133	Defibrillators – deferred to next meeting.
134	Clerk's Items - None
135	Date of the next meeting: 17 April 2018

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

EP1. It was **agreed** to go with the resurfacing work at Churchfields in black @ £2,537+VAT including the groundworks.

EP2. It was **agreed** to commission the work to remove the tunnel and make good @ £450+VAT, ensuring the wood used is tanalised.

EP3. It was **agreed** to commission the Play Inspection Company to carry out the Annual Play Inspection at £325+VAT

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