

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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 1.30pm Castle Park House

Attendees:

Peter Vickery, Resident

Martin Maris, Resident

Caroline Ashton, Resident FTC

Gill Hesketh, Support and Admin, Resident

Dr Declan Ryan, Strategic Lead for active design from Active Cheshire

Apologies: Mark Warren, Liam Jones, Alan Oulton, Lynn Carmody, Steve Carmody, Andrew Rowe

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. All actions were complete.

### Presentation from Active Cheshire

Dr Declan Ryan joined the meeting and explained what “active design” is. Active design is part of a national strategy to increase physical activity across the population and is about incorporating design strategies that encourage more walking, cycling and physical activity.

DR described how making walking and cycling easy and convenient in any development encourages “health by stealth” i.e. people find it easier to walk than take the car. Increasing connectivity, for example creating a short pedestrian route to the shops or health centre, and installing dropped kerbs and easy crossing points has proved to increase walking and reduced car use in other areas. Changing signage, for example expressing distances in walking times rather than miles, has also increased walking.

DR asked if Frodsham would like to be the first to pilot the “active design assessment”, a process of assessment undertaken by touring the Town and identifying potential improvement / changes. All agreed the FNP would be delighted to pilot the assessment, a date to be agreed in the near future.

### Fields in Trust

CA passed on information on a presentation to FTC about the “Fields in Trust” organisation; [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org). In brief; any owner of a playing field, park, green space, bowling green, games pitch etc. can register their area with the Fields in Trust organisation which legally protects the site from development *in perpetuity*. FTC are considering registering the sites they own. Once registered, there is an opportunity to access funds to develop the activities on the registered site. It was agreed that this information should be included on the FNP website, and organisations should be encouraging the owners of their sites to register them.

## Call for Sites

One response to the Call for Sites has been received to date.

## Progress with policy development

MM suggested further consultation on the emerging policies by encouraging people to contribute via the website. A series of tweets will be issued with a link to each policy heading with an invitation to add comments or suggestions for the policy. All agreed this should go ahead.

## AOB

Reviewing draft policies held over to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

Next meetings;

14<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm evening meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30pm (Tuesday)

all at Castle Park House.

Action from this meeting:

ACTION	OUTCOME
1. All to suggest tweets for June & send to MM	
2. GH to send festival in the park information to Declan	Sent 23/4