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**Minutes of
THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
held on
Monday 26 March 2018
In Castle Park House, Castle Park, Frodsham**

Present: Cllrs J Critchley (Chair), C Ashton, L Brown, D Critchley, L Jones, P Martin, M Nield, A Oulton, Lord F Pennington, F Sutton, T Reynolds, P Williamson and L Wilson.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk) and Ms L Kenny (Admin Assistant)
PCSOs N Flanagan and J Kopczyk
CWAC Cllr L Riley (part only)
Sixteen residents and 1 member of the press.

No	Item
1	Apologies for Absence Cllr M Parker
2	To note the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 1 July 2017 The minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 1 July 2017 were noted.
3	Public speaking time
3.1	<u>Ship Street Land Sale</u> Mr P Dean outlined his objection to the intended sale of the land on Ship Street for housing. He had carried out research – looking at minutes of meetings going back to 2010 but had found little evidence of any serious local consultation on the proposed sale. He asked council to review their proposal to sell and consider the long term consequences of losing this green, recreational space on future generations, and the additional burden that would be placed on already over stretched medical services & schools, and the increased traffic congestion. Cllr J Critchley stated that council planned to hold a Town meeting in July (or maybe September/October) to discuss the matter further with residents and that no decisions had been made on the matter. The timing of the Town Meeting was referred to the Events Committee for consideration.
3.2	<u>Sandfields</u> Residents from Sandfields were concerned about parking, which is already a problem, after the introduction of charges on the Station Car Park and the opening of the Halton Curve. They had approached CWAC about introducing Resident Only Parking but had had no response. CWAC Cllr L Riley has agreed to take up the matter with CWAC Officer. Cllr J Critchley has also spoken to CWAC Officers about the problem of displaced parking here and in other parts of Frodsham.
4	To consider resolutions of which written notice has been given No written proposals had been received.
5	Reports from other organisations
5.1	<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> Mr P Vickery, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave a presentation outlining the progress that has been made to date and the timetable for the completion of the Plan – see attached slides. He explained that it is a Plan

	<p>about future land use, up to 2030, and gives developers additional planning instructions. Once the plan has been drafted, following consultation with residents, it will be subject to CWAC Independent Review. It is hoped to hold the referendum in March 2019.</p> <p>Cllr Reynolds suggested it might be better to hold the referendum at the same time as the local elections in May 2019.</p>
5.2	<p><u>Frodsham Youth Association</u></p> <p>Ms S Day, Trustee of FYA, gave a presentation about the work of Frodsham Youth Association and thanked FTC for its continued support, which was the only core funding they receive. Numbers have grown significantly with up to 150 young people attending each week. On Tuesday night there is a boys' group, Duke of Edinburgh and music group on Wednesdays and Fridays is the general youth club with 3 separate age group sessions. The first cohort have passed their Gold DoE and will be going to the Palace. There is a monthly Teen Market and LGBT group session. They will be starting a girls' group and are looking to encourage young people to try new things going forward. They also need new Trustees. They were fortunate to get a Wind Farm grant which enable them to repair the roof and install a new ceiling.</p>
5.3	<p><u>Frodsham Community Association</u></p> <p>Mr P Dean gave a report on the Community Association, which is an independent charity that runs the Community Centre. Over 50 groups regularly use the centre from belly-dancing to calligraphy. The average attendance is 500-1000 people per week. Funding is mainly from room hire, bar sales and volunteer fund-raising. They suffered badly from Storm Doris, when the roof was badly damaged, with the costs of repairs and the loss of room hire but they now have a new main hall roof. It is a very busy facility and needs more volunteers to get actively involved and take on responsible jobs. He thanked FTC for sponsoring the Singathon and the Downhill Run.</p> <p>The centre opened in 1969 so next year they will be celebrating 50 years. They are concerned about the impact on their car park of the introduction of the parking charges.</p>
5.4	<p><u>Cycle North Cheshire</u></p> <p>Dr P Milroy explained that CNC aims to improve cycling opportunities for people and to encourage them to cycle and improve health. They aim to provide safe cycle paths on A56 between Sutton Weaver bridge and Mickle Trafford. He thanked FTC for the grant and present the Cycle Maps to Cllr J Critchley. A resident expressed concern about cars parking in the cycle lane outside the high school – unfortunately this is not an offence, so the Police cannot deal with it.</p>
6	<p>Issues from members of the public to consider.</p> <p><u>Planters</u></p> <p>Mrs P Scott expressed concern about the state of the planters in the town as she felt they were very poor in 2017. TC explained that the planters are the responsibility of CWAC and the hanging baskets are provided by FTC. The matter will be referred to the Community Committee.</p>
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None.</p>

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.