

# Frodsham Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of  
The Community Committee  
held on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at 7pm  
In the Town Council Office, Castle Park, Frodsham



**Present:** Cllrs L Brown (Chair), C Ashton, J Critchley, M Neild, Lord F Pennington & P Williamson  
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Cllr D Critchley and 1 member of the public.

## Meeting 1

No	Item
1	<b>Appointment of Chair</b> Nominations were received for: Cllr L Brown – proposed Cllrs A Oulton and C Ashton. Cllr F Pennington – proposed and seconded by Cllrs M Neild and J Critchley. As the vote was tied the Chair used her casting vote - Cllr L Brown was <b>appointed</b> .
2	<b>Appointment of Deputy Chair</b> Cllr Lord F Pennington was <b>appointed</b> as Deputy Chair – proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and J Critchley.
3	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received and <b>accepted</b> from Cllrs L Jones (Deputy Mayoral duties), F Sutton and L Wilson.
Cllr P Williamson arrived at 7.05.	
4	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – None.
5	<b>Minutes of Meeting 9</b> – 17.04.18 The minutes were <b>approved and signed</b> as a true record – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and L Brown.
6	<b>Opportunity for Public to Speak</b> No requests have been received by the Clerk.
7	<b>Royal British Legion Thank You Campaign</b> Mrs D Hooper gave a short presentation about the Thank You Campaign which will be launched at the end of June. The campaign recognises that everyone is touched in some way by the First World War and the generation who lived through it. It is not a fund-raising campaign but provides opportunities for local groups to get involved and maybe raise funds for their local community. There will be a national creative competition to say Thank You and children aged 9-14 will be eligible to enter. There will be the opportunity to purchase 5ft high silhouettes of various characters representing the different people involved including suffragettes, munitions worker, nurse, commonwealth soldier. Costs are expected to be around £250 each. Mrs Hooper is attending a special ceremony at the Menin Gate on 8 August together with 3000 people, 1500 standards and 1500 wreath layer as it is 100 days before Remembrance Day. Councillors felt this would be a good idea and discussed potential sites as security might be a problem. The silhouettes should be in situ by end of October. It was suggested that the choice of which silhouette could be discussed at the Town Meeting on 7 July. To be discussed again at the next meeting. It was also suggested that TC should pass the information onto the WW1 Commemoration Working Group.
8	<b>Allotments</b>
8.1	The request from a neighbour of London Road Allotments for assistance with hedge maintenance was discussed and it was <b>agreed to defer</b> any decision until after the Annual Inspection.
8.2	The date of the annual inspection was <b>agreed</b> as Sunday 19 August at 2.30pm. Cllrs C Ashton, J Critchley and L Brown will attend but anyone is welcome to join them.
9	<b>Play Area Annual Inspection</b> It was <b>noted</b> that the Annual ROSPA Inspection is due to take place in June.
10	<b>Park Lane Play Areas</b>

**Committee Members:** Cllrs C Ashton, L Brown, J Critchley, L Jones, M Neild, A Oulton, Lord F Pennington, F Sutton, P Williamson & L Wilson

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10.1	It was <b>noted</b> that the Community Group has received an Awards for All Grant of £9795 for the costs of installing an adult gym and money has arrived in FTC's bank account. Cllr P Williamson reported that the Community Group had decided to use a different supplier as the new one makes the equipment in the UK but the quotation is higher than the funds currently available. They will be submitting further applications to grant givers including CWAC Members Budget.
10.2	No further quotations for the repairs to the walls had been received even though the quotation requested had been published. Cllr Oulton reported that his wife had been in touch with several building firms who hopefully will provide quotations.
10.2	It was <b>noted</b> that the Fields In Trust Application has been submitted. If successful it would add £5000 to the money available for the adult gym.
<b>11</b>	<b>Townfield Lane Play Area</b>
11.1	It was <b>noted</b> the installation of the new equipment and refurbishment of the old equipment has been complete.
11.2	The Launch event held on Saturday 19 May was a great success with over 100 people attending including many councilors. One of the residents from the Action Group had expressed concern about the standard of the painting of the existing equipment and it was <b>agreed</b> that the Estate Manager would carry out an inspection and TC would contact the contractors.
11.3	TC had received a request for improvements to disabled access. It was <b>agreed</b> to offer a site visit with the resident to discuss the issues. Cllrs L Brown, D Critchley and J Critchley will attend and report back.
11.4	The Estate Manager had reported that horses were being ridden through the play area. Cllr Ashton suggested that Mersey Forest could offer advice on this problem.
Cllr D Critchley left the meeting.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Land Assets</b> The ways to protect FTC land assets was discussed. Registering with CWAC as Assets of Community Value gives local communities 6 months to find the funds to buy the land whereas registering with Fields In Trust provides contractual protection. Cllr J Critchley was concerned that registering with FIT would tie future Council's to long term maintenance costs. Cllrs M Neild and A Oulton felt it was the Council's duty to protect as much land as possible. It was <b>agreed</b> to recommend to council that all land owned by FTC, except Ship Street, would be registered with both CWAC and FIT ( <b>R1</b> ) – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and C Ashton. Cllr J Critchley moved progress.
<b>13</b>	<b>War Memorial</b>
13.1	It was <b>noted</b> that an application to CWAC for Listed Building Consent for the renovations had been approved.
13.2	It was <b>noted</b> that the site visit with the conservation accredited professional advisor is planned for Thursday 21 June at 11am. TC will invite all councillors.
<b>14</b>	<b>Transport Strategy</b>
14.1	The draft Strategy was discussed. It was <b>agreed</b> that TC should respond to say we are unhappy with the limited attention to rural transport issues and the lack of connectivity within and between rural communities. Cllr Ashton reported that Active Cheshire are trying to encourage more people to be active and want to see more cycle paths and improved footpaths. It was <b>noted</b> that the timetable for Halton Curve starts on 8 December.
14.2	It was <b>noted</b> that there is a consultation event on Tuesday 12 June 9.30am to 1.30pm at Cedar Room, Canalside Conference Centre, Brooks Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire, CW10 0JG
<b>15</b>	<b>Clerk's updates</b> <u>Hanging Baskets</u> – These will be installed tomorrow night. <u>Planters</u> – to be discussed at the next meeting. <u>Town clock</u> – to be discussed at the next meeting.
<b>16</b>	<b>Next meeting - 14 August 2018.</b> Cllr A Oulton gave his apologies.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

**R1.** To agree that all land owned by FTC, except Ship Street, would be registered with both CWAC and FIT – proposed and seconded by Cllrs Lord F Pennington and C Ashton.