

Frodsham Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the
Environment Committee

held in Town Council Office, Castle Park
on **Tuesday 6 November 2018**, at **7pm**



Present: Cllrs A Oulton (Chair), C Ashton, L Jones and P Martin.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk) and Mr L Rimmer (Estates Manager)

In Attendance: Mr J Beswick, T Blundell, Mrs J O'Sullivan, Mr M O'Sullivan and Mr B Webber

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No	Item
35	Apologies for Absence No apologies had been received but Cllrs L Brown and F Sutton were not present.
36	Declarations of Interest None.
37	Minutes of Meeting 1 held on 3 July 2018 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record – proposed and seconded by Cllrs C Ashton and P Martin.
38	Minutes of Meeting 2 held on 4 September 2018 Item 25: Mr Blundell pointed out that you lay hedges, so the minutes were amended to say 'to lay it'. The amended minutes were then approved and signed as a true record – proposed and seconded by Cllrs C Ashton and L Jones.
39	Opportunity for the Public to Speak
39.1	Hob Hey Wood Friends – a written report was circulated outlining the work that has been carried out and the value of the volunteer hours. The impact on the Wood is clearly visible. This has been possible due to the support being given by Mersey Forest, but they are concern that without further support the momentum will be lost. They are having difficulties getting a bank account for the group so are unable to apply for grants to support their future work. They asked FTC to consider further funding support to enable Mersey Forest to continue supporting the group.
40	Hob Hey Wood
41.1	The Friends Group was thanked for all its hard work. Everyone agreed it would be a shame is the momentum was lost. Cllr C Ashton was concerned that the footpaths would deteriorate during the winter weather, so it is important that the maintenance work continues. She also suggested a dog poo bin for the Wood to avoid bags being left hanging in the trees. There was concern that a bin might attract more litter, so it was agreed to monitor the situation and reconsider the matter at a future meeting.
41.2	Cllr A Oulton was keen to support the Group and therefore proposed the additional funding to enable Mersey Forest to continue to support the Group @ £1050+VAT – EP1 . This was seconded by Cllr P Martin and agreed . The Group would be free to ask for further support once their bank account has been opened and they are able to operate more independently. Cllr A Oulton asked that FTC's thanks to the Group be recorded. It was also noted that Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan would be the official representatives on this Committee.
43	Action Plan 2019-20 An Action Plan for 2019-20 was discussed and it was agreed that Rights of Way, Hob Hey Wood and Manley Road Copse were the priority areas for inclusion in the Plan. A draft plan will be considered at the next meeting.
44	Budget 2019-20
44.1	The end of year forecast for 2018-19 was noted .

Committee: Cllrs C Ashton, L Brown, L Jones, P Martin, A Oulton & F Sutton
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44.2	It was agreed to maintain the current level of budget at £10,000.
45	Manley Road Copse The proposed site visit had been cancelled. It was agreed to meet at the Copse on Sunday 2 December at 10am – TC will email round all Councillors and the local residents.
46	Howey Lane It was noted that the work to trim back of the trees and hedges will be carried out on 10 December. Local residents have been informed.
47	Litter Picking Events Cllr P Martin has been liaising with CWAC about holding an Impact Day on Salt Works but nothing final has been agreed. Frodsham Fire Service are very keen to get involved.
48	Tree Matters It was noted that EM is to undertake a basic Tree Inspection Course on 30 November.
49	Community Orchards
49.1	It was agreed that Mr T Blundell will move a tree from near the electricity box on Ship Street to the site of a tree that has died. It was also agreed that a new litter bin would be purchased @£154+deliver+VAT for the site – EP2 - proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and P Martin.
50	Rights of Way CWAC have agreed that Mr J Beswick can reinstall the Marker Post at Straight Mile – EM will assist. Mr J Beswick also reported a problem hedge on the A56 near Milbank Court – TC will report this to CWAC.
51	Eddisbury Square Litter Complaint A complaint made by a resident about litter on Eddisbury Square was discussed and it was agreed that TC would write to the owners of the Square about the problem.
52	River Weaver Navigation Society Cllr A Oulton hasn't been able to attend any meeting to date.
53	Sandstone Ridge Signage The 3 new signs to add to the boundary signs have been ordered but the manufacturer is waiting for branding guidance from the Sandstone Ridge Trust. It was agreed to order an additional 2 signs to be installed at the railway station @ £700+delivery+VAT – proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and L Jones – EP3 .
54	Clerk's Items It was noted that TC will be leaving FTC at the end of November.
55	Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 8 January at 7pm at Castle Park House. Cllr A Oulton encouraged members of the public to attend FTC Council and Committee meetings.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm.

EP1. To agree the additional funding to enable Mersey Forest to continue to support the Hob Hey Wood Friends Group @ £1050+VAT – proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and P Martin.

EP2. To agreed that a new litter bin would be purchased @£154+deliver+VAT for the site – proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and P Martin.

EP3. To order an additional 2 signs to be installed at the railway station @ £700+delivery+VAT – proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and L Jones.