

Frodsham Town Council
 Minutes from the
Environment Committee Meeting
 held in Town Council Office, Castle Park
 On **Tuesday 5th March**, at 7pm



Present: Cllrs A Oulton (Chair), C Ashton and L Jones. Ms J O'Donoghue (Locum Clerk) and Mr L Rimmer (Estates Manager).

In Attendance: 3 members of the Hob Hey Wood Friends, Ruth Dickinson from Frodsham WI and a member of the public.

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No	Item
56	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Martin. Cllr Brown, Martin and Sutton did not attend the meeting and did not send apologies.
57	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest
58	Minutes of Meeting 3 held on 6 November 2018: Acceptance & Signing Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Ashton, seconded by Cllr Oulton and unanimously agreed to approve and sign the minutes.
59	Opportunity for the Public to Speak Ruth Dickinson attended the meeting to discuss the forthcoming Cheshire WI Federation Centenary year in 2020. The organization are liaising with the Woodland Trust and wish to plant a tree in Manley Road Copse, an area gifted to the "Ladies of Frodsham". It was noted that a British native tree with either berries or blossom would be appropriate together with a plaque at a location to be agreed towards the end of 2019. A member of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding footpath 52 and the narrow distance between the track used by large Hoverforce vehicles and the public path. Cllr Jones agreed to check the approved planning application for Hoverforce and the TC will write to CWAC expressing safety concerns.
59.1	Hob Hey Wood Friends It was reported that volunteers days have taken place and work has been carried out felling sycamore trees, hedge planting, path clearing and litter picking. There are currently 48 Facebook members and the website has had 500 hits to date. It is anticipated that between £1000 and £4000 will be raised through the Tesco Bags for Help scheme. Membership has recently reduced and some work needs to take place to encourage members to attend meeting and increase the number of volunteers. The next volunteer day will be held on 17 th March.
60	Hob Hey Wood It was agreed to advertise the volunteer day to be held on 17 th March on FTC website.
61	Manley Road Copse To discuss the redevelopment of the Copse following the site visit on 2 December and agree actions. It was noted that this visit did not take place.

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62	<p>Howey Lane To note the work to trim back of the trees and hedges was carried out on 10 December and to consider a report from the CWAC Tree Officer about additional work. It was noted that the works had been carried out and one resident was unhappy with the work. Cllr Oulton also expressed concern in relation to the equipment used to carry out the work. It was noted that a report has been received regarding an Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Oulton, seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed that there should be a written statement in the procurement document to ensure that certificates are requested prior to contract being awarded.</p>
63	<p>Litter Picking Events</p>
63.1	<p>To note the litter-picking carried out by Frodsham firefighters and police at Saltworks on 18 November. The event was noted. There is a litter pick on Saturday 9th March which Cllr Martin is unable to attend and Cllr Jones agreed to attend. This will take place from 10am to 1pm and volunteers will meet in the car park.</p>
63.2	<p>To note that Keep Britain Tidy's annual Great British Spring Clean will take place 22 March - 23 April 2019 and to agree any actions. Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr Jones and Martin will organize a litter pick for Saturday 23rd March and that Frodsham WI will also be involved. Cllr Jones to confirm arrangements and the event will then be advertised on FTC website. ACTION: LJ/PM</p>
64	<p>Tree Matters To discuss any issues and agree actions. None reported</p>
65	<p>Community Orchards</p>
65.1	<p>To receive a report on unauthorised parking on the Ship Street Community orchard and agree actions. Mr Rimmer provided a report regarding parking on the community orchard during the Christmas Festival and suggested pollinators be planted with stakes to prevent access to the orchard. Discussion took place and it was agreed to take no action at the present time and refer the issue to the PCSO at the next event and speak to the organisers of the event with a view to erecting Heras fencing during the festival.</p>
65.2	<p>To discuss any issues and agree actions. It was noted that a report has been received from Mr Blundell and that weed killing around trees in the community orchards will be carried out by the Estates Manager when the weather improves.</p>
66	<p>Rights of Way To discuss any other issues and agree actions. It was agreed to refer footpath 52 to CWAC for action as per item 59 above. ACTION: JO</p>
67	<p>River Weaver Navigation Society To receive feedback and agree any actions. Cllr Oulton reported that he was unable to attend due to short notice of the meeting and it was agreed that the TC will request the Society let the TC office know when meetings will be held.</p>
68	<p>Clerk's Items Any other matters considered to be urgent for discussion, or items for next agenda It was noted that residents are allowing their dogs to foul the Town Field and are not picking it up and agreed that signage would be installed reminding residents of their responsibilities.</p>

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69	<p>Hawthorne Road Allotment To discuss and agree actions Mr Rimmer provided a report and it was noted that dog owners are allowing dogs to run off lead in the area which has led to erosion of the grassed area. Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Oulton, seconded by Cllr Ashton and unanimously agreed to chain the gate to this area shut and reseed. Notice to be erected as to this effect. ACTION:LR/JO</p>
70	<p>Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 16th April at 7pm</p>

The meeting closed at 8.05pm