

**Frodsham Town Council
Environment Committee**

held in Town Council Office, Castle Park
On **Tuesday 3rd September** at 7pm



MINUTES

Meeting 2

Attended by: Cllr Oulton (Chair), Cllr Ashton, Cllr Jones, Cllr Mostyn-Jones, Cllr Wade, J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk) & L Rimmer (Estates Manager)

Also attended by: A Arthur and S Day (Frodsham Transition), T Blundel (resident), J & M O'Sullivan & B Webber (Friends of Hob Hey Wood).

No	Item
14	Apologies for absence <i>Noted:</i> There were no apologies for absence.
15	Declarations of interest <i>Noted:</i> There were no declarations of interest.
16	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 10th July 2019 RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Oulton, seconded by Cllr Ashton and unanimously agreed to approve and sign the minutes.
17	Opportunity for the public to speak
17.1	A member of the public will be attending to discuss the Mersey Forest Environmental Strategy <i>Noted:</i> 2 members of Frodsham Transition Initiative attended the meeting and requested support for the Incredible Edible Project to install 2 planters 150cm x 90cm height with herbs, edible plants and flowers at the Ship Street orchard picnic area and this was supported. It was further noted that FTC supports the work of the Mersey Forest Environmental Strategy through the work it does with Hob Hey Wood. The next event planned by the Initiative is in regards to sustainable palm oil on 11 th September with a further event planned for November. RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Oulton, seconded by Cllr Mostyn-Jones and agreed to support the Incredible Edible Project providing Frodsham Transition Initiative maintained the planters going forward and to use the Environment Committee as a conduit to bring interested groups together in support of climate change.
17.2	A member of Frodsham WI will be attending to discuss tree planting in Manley Road Copse <i>Noted:</i> This item was deferred to enable a site meeting to take place with Cllr Oulton and a member of the WI.
18	Hob Hey Wood To receive a report from Hob Hey Wood Friends <i>Noted:</i> Mark O'Sullivan provided a thorough report and it was noted: that more work has taken place to improve the paths; it is not possible to add public liability insurance (£95/year) for the wood to the Town Council's existing insurance; golden grit is required to repair some potholes at an estimated cost of £150; further materials for on-going regular path maintenance (pegs/wood) at an estimated cost of £250.
18.1	To agree any action to be taken RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Mostyn-Jones, seconded by Cllr Wade and unanimously agreed to refund the cost of insurance on production of an invoice. It was proposed by Cllr Oulton, seconded by Cllr Wade and unanimously agreed to refund the cost of the golden grit on production of an invoice and to refund a maximum of £250 for materials on production of invoices. ACTION: JO

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19	To receive a report from L Rimmer (Estates Manager) Noted: L Rimmer provided a report and it was noted that there is an issue with the sit-on mower which is currently in for repair. There are health and safety issues relating to the emptying of the grass box which now requires manual handling and the mower is increasingly difficult to start and prone to overheating. It was further noted that it has now been in for repair for 4 weeks and the cemetery has not been cut during this time. The mower is 11 years old and a more environmentally acceptable mower is available at a cost of approximately £3,000 although this figure would be reduced by part-exchanging the existing mower. The "silent silhouette" of the soldier has been vandalized.
19.1	To agree any action to be taken Noted: L Rimmer agreed to repair the soldier if possible.
20	Purchase of replacement ride-on mower To agree action to be taken RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Mostyn-Jones and unanimously agreed to recommend that the Cemetery Committee consider funding the replacement sit-on mower.
21	Mersey Forest Environmental Strategy To note report received 10 July Noted: The report was noted
21.1	To agree any action to be taken Noted: No further action was noted
22	Tree Matters To discuss any issues and note report Noted: The report from T Blundell was noted and thanks given.
22.1	To agree any action to be taken Noted: No further action was noted.
23	Manley Road Copse To receive a report from A Oulton Noted: Cllr Oulton provided a report and it was noted that clearance of diseased trees took place last year and the chippings were left in the copse. The cherry trees are being actively managed and Cllr Oulton will be meeting with representatives of Frodsham WI to discuss further planting.
23.1	To agree action to be taken Noted: Further action will be considered following the meeting with Frodsham WI.
24	Rights of Way To discuss any issues Noted: CWAC has asked FTC to consider repainting the handrails by the steps on FP66 as the authority are unable to undertake the task and there have been a number of complaints. The Clerk has obtained a quotation for the works in the sum of £320 and CWAC has agreed to purchase the paint.
24.1	To agree any action to be taken RESOLVED: FTC resolved not to carry out the works as the footpath is the responsibility of CWAC and to forward the quotation to CWAC. ACTION: JO
25	Clerk's Items Any other matters considered to be urgent for discussion, or item for next agenda Noted: None
26	Date of the next meeting: 5 th November at 7pm

Signed:

Dated:

Committee: Cllrs Ashton, Jones, Mostyn-Jones, Wade & Oulton
Town Clerk: J O'Donoghue

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