



Frodsham Town Council

Seats & Commemorative Plaques Policy

[In pursuance of Highways Act 1980 & Parish Councils Act 1957]

2021 - 2031

1 Background

- 1.1. In the early 1980s, Frodsham Town Council (FTC) resolved to provide roadside seats for the benefit of the people in each of its four wards and to install commemorative plaques on these seats in honour of deceased Councillors. [See *FTC's Trees Policy for commemorative trees.*]
- 1.2. At the time of the opening of the Council's cemetery (1994), the Council resolved to allow bereaved families to install seats with commemorative plaques in the cemetery. On 27 July 2009, FTC approved the Amenities Committee's recommendation that "no further seats be installed at the Burial Ground".
- 1.3. In the intervening period, 36 roadside seats and 10 seats in the cemetery have been installed. [See *attached List of Roadside Seats*].
- 1.4. Recently there have been requests for Seats with Commemorative plaques to mark the passing of loved ones.
- 1.5. In some ward there has been increased demand for seats to make lives easier for people with disabilities.
- 1.6. This document defines the Council's Policy on Seats & Plaques for the next 10 years.

2 The Policy

- 2.1. *WHO Policy*: Frodsham is recognised by the WHO as an Age Friendly Borough. Our challenge is to consider every opportunity to support this international initiative which aims to consider the needs of residents of all ages. One thing we might wish to jointly explore is creating a network of seating arrangements at key locations around the town where people can just stop, rest a while and chat to anyone sharing the bench (post lockdown of course). Our Main St in particular is a long walk for some.
- 2.2. *Roadside Seats*: In view of its objective to provide seats in all four of its wards, FTC will work with the public to install additional roadside seats.
- 2.3. *Commemorative Plaques*: Subject to FTC's approval, mounting of commemorative plaques for deceased family. FTC will work with families to identify suitable seat or site for a new seat. Families will be asked for a contribution towards purchase, installation and maintenance. It is anticipated that such dedications will last for a maximum of 20 years to enable recycling etc. as required.
- 2.4. *Cemetery Seats*: FTC will allow installation of additional seats on the existing land as and when such sites become available. Families will be asked for a contribution towards purchase, installation and maintenance. It is anticipated that such dedications will last for a maximum of 20 years to enable recycling etc. as required.
- 2.5. *Maintenance of Seats & Plaques*: FTC will be responsible for inspecting and maintaining all seats & plaques with the exception of the seat in Main Street that is the responsibility of Cheshire West & Chester Council [see *List for details*]. .

3 Publicity & Access

- 3.1. The Policy will be available from the FTC Office and on its website (www.frodsham.gov.uk).

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List of Roadside Seats reviewed by Community

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4 Monitoring & Review

4.1. FTC will monitor the need for new seats & plaques and review this Policy on the basis of statutory/public benefit need.



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[Subject to Highways Act 1980 & Parish

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Seat Maintained by FTC				
Location		Plaque(s)		Installed by
1.	Main Street (outside Main Street Community Church)	2	Cllr G E Bushell & Cllr J Berry	FTC
2.		2	Cllrs M Roche & D Thompson	
3.	Junction of Main Street & Marsh Lane	2	Cllrs W Ellams & A Hughes	
4.		2	Cllrs S Atherton & C Pritchard	
5.	High Street (outside St Luke's Church)	0		
6.	Junction of A56 & St Hilda's Drive	1	Cllr D Close	
7.		0		
8.	Junction of A56 & Howey Lane	1	Cllr S Williams	
9.	Bridge Lane (North side) – The Quay	0		
10.	Bridge Lane (South side)	0		
11.	Church Street (Railway Bridge)	1	Cllr C Doughty	
12.	Churchfields Play Area 2 new benches added in 2015	1	Cllr R Astbury	
13.		1	Cllr E Lakin	
14.		1	Cllr F R Harrison	
15.		0		
16.		0		
17.	Junction of Red Lane & Churchfields	1	Cllr A Jones	
18.	Junction of Church Street & London Rd	0		
19.	Junction of Red lane & Townfield Lane	1	Cllr H Tudor	
20.	Junction of Red lane & Bradley Lane	0		
21.	Red Lane/Vicarage Lane	1	Cllr F J Cox	
22.	Townfield Lane Play Area	1	Cllr J Fidler	
23.		0		
24.	Blue Hatch	0		

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25.	Ship Street Community Orchard – picnic bench	0		
26.	Junction of Bellemonte Road & Penkermans Lane	1		
27.	Bellemonte Road (Memorial Gates)	1	Cllr V J Edgar	
28.		0		
29.	Marshlands	0		
30.	Memorial Field WW1 Commemorative Bench added in 2016	1	Mr C G Baker	Private
31.		1	Mr M R Kimber	Private
32.		1	Mr & Mrs Ormsby	Private
33.		1	Mr & Mrs Yates	Private
34.		1	Cllr H Pyle	FTC
35.		0		
36.	Junction of Ship Street & Hayes Crescent	2	Cllr E Andrews & Cllr P Cooney	
37.	Junction of Kingsley Road & Top Road	1	Cllr T G Williams	
38.	Top Road	1	Cllr I Riley	
39.	Churchfields Road – between Cobal Court & St Lawrence Rd	0		

Seat Not Owned or Maintained by FTC

Main Street – outside Blush	1	Cllr G & M Wellings	CWaC
Main Street – outside TSB	1		
Main Street – outside Morrisons	1		
Main Street – outside Nat West	2		
High Street – outside old library	1		

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