

Frodsham Town Council

Minutes from
Amenities Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 6pm
In the Town Council Office, Castle Park, Frodsham



Attended by: Cllr J Critchley (Chair), Cllrs Lord Pennington, Poulton, Nield, Hayes, Sumner, Mostyn-Jones, Williamson (from item 36.1) & J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk)

Also attended by: 3 representatives from Hob Hey Wood Friends Group

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No	Item
29	Apologies for absence Resolved: Apologies were approved and accepted from Cllrs Ashton, Jones and Griffiths
30	Declarations of Interest Noted: There were no declarations of interest.
31	Minutes of Meetings
31.1	To approve and sign the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 10 th December 2019 Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Lord Pennington, seconded by Cllr Nield and unanimously agreed to approve and sign the minutes.
32	Opportunity for Public to Speak Noted: Mr O'Sullivan provided a report from Hob Hey Wood Friends Group and it was noted that: over 500 trees have now been planted with a further 20 birch trees to be planted this Sunday; maintenance continues with preparation work for further planting later this year; the group have taken part in Tesco bags for help and are amongst 3 groups competing, presently in 2 nd place; further path works are planned for the Summer on the south west path; there are currently 306 members on Facebook and it is hoped that the article in Frodsham Life will attract more volunteers. It was suggested that a follow-up article be planned for the Spring edition on Frodsham Life.
33	Play Areas To note weekly and monthly inspections have been carried out by Northwich Town Council Noted: The Clerk reported that both weekly and monthly inspections have been carried out. Clerk to obtain quote for replacing the damaged softpour under the bridge on Churchfields with turf.
33.1	To receive an update and agree any action to be taken Noted: The Clerk has received 2 quotations for supply, empty and install 2 x multi-purpose bins in the former play area in Ship Street. The quotes are for £1,073.40 (supply, install and empty weekly) and £490 (supply only) plus £100 (fitting). Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Poulton, seconded by Cllr Mostyn-Jones and unanimously agreed to accept the quotation of £490. Clerk to place order.
33.2	To consider the quotation received for replacing the gate into the toddler play area at Top Road Noted: The Clerk has received a quotation to replace the gate as the closure has failed and NTC has been unable to locate a replacement closure due to the age of the gate. The quotation is for £1,420.27 for a 1m high self-closing gate. There is also an issue with the self-closing gate on the Park Lane play area and the Clerk asked if ward councillors could take a look and bring any concerns to the next meeting.
34	Seats/benches
34.1	To note current policy and approve any changes Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Mostyn-Jones and agreed to retain the existing policy: to not install, nor permit to install additional seats; plaques commemorating members of the public who have not served as Councillors will not be permitted; review in February 2021. There was one objection to the proposal.
34.2	To consider request from a resident to install either a bench or a plaque on an existing bench Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the resident with a copy of the approved policy and suggest they contact Castle Park Trust with the same request.

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35	Metal detecting
35.1	To consider adoption of a metal detecting policy Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Critchley, seconded by Cllr Lord Pennington and unanimously agreed to adopt the policy to generally not permit metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by the Council.
35.2	To note request from a resident to carry out metal detecting in Hob Hey Wood Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the resident with a copy of the policy.
36	Footpath 76
36.1	To note deterioration of the footpath due to fallen branches and agree action to be taken Noted: There has been a report of problems with Footpath 76 due to fallen trees agreed to report this to CWAC.
37	Defibrilators
37.1	To note current inspection/maintenance programme and agree any revisions Noted: The Clerk reported that the defibs are inspected on a monthly basis under the maintenance contract held by NTC. The results are fed into an online webnos reporting system where logs are made and replacement parts ordered and battery status monitored. The pads require replacement after every use.
37.2	To consider making a formal request to WVHT to take over maintenance of the defibrillator currently located at Meadow Court Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr Wade will ask Cllrs Riley (CWAC) and Dawson whether they could make use of it for the Junior Parkrun.
38	Phone Box – Ashton Drive
38.1	To note that Cheshire West and Chester Council have objected to the removal of the payphone Noted: It was noted that due to the objection by CWAC the opportunity to purchase the payphone for £1 has been removed. Clerk to ask Cllr Riley (CWAC) what the reason for the objection was.
39	Great British Spring Clean – 20th March to 13th April 2020
39.1	To receive a report from Cllr L Jones and agree action to be taken Noted: Cllr Jones was unable to attend the meeting and will be carrying out litter picks during the GB Clean period, 20th March to 13th April (4 litter picks) on either the Saturday or Sunday (days to be confirmed). This will be carried out with the support of Frodsham Scouts and Frodsham WI. It was noted that there is a new group of volunteer litter pickers in Frodsham and it was suggested that Cllr Jones liaise with this group.
40	Fields in Trust
40.1	To note completion of paperwork for the Community Centre field Noted: The Clerk reported that the paperwork has been completed and registration has taken place with Land Registry. Cllr Lord Pennington proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Nield for all his work and this was carried.
40.2	To approve installation and ceremonial unveiling of the plaques provided by Fields in Trust for Park Lane park and Churchfields park Noted: It was noted that Fields in Trust are encouraging communities to “have a field day” on Saturday 4 th July 2020 and free support packs are available which could present an opportunity to officially unveil the plaques. Resolved: It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Events Committee Meeting.
41	Flower/bulb planting
41.1	To note request from Manor School to plant flowers/bulbs as part of a year 5 project in Town Field Lane Park. Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Poulton, seconded by Cllr Hayes and unanimously agreed to give permission for the bulbs to be planted by pupils from the Manor School.
42	Clerk’s report To receive a report and agree any actions to be taken Noted: It was noted that there had been a report of rats in the Ship Street area.
43	Next meeting – 14th April 2020
44	Close of meeting Noted: The meeting closed at 7:09pm.