

Frodsham Town Council

You are hereby summonsed to attend a meeting of **Frodsham Town Council Amenities Committee** to be held on **13th April 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom**



This meeting is postponed and rescheduled for Monday 19th April at 7.15pm

FRODSHAM TOWN COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting 9

Members of the public are invited to join the meeting via Zoom.

Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89848673057?pwd=dVdyTzFuMjFsTVpDN3FNZWw3RXF1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 898 4867 3057

Passcode: 496972

118 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies.

119 Declarations of interest

To note any declarations of interest on items which are on the agenda.

120 Requests from the public to speak

Members of the public are invited to speak on items which are on the agenda in accordance with FTC policy on public speaking at meetings: <https://frodsham.gov.uk/policies-procedures/>

121 Approval of minutes

- (a) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 9th February 2021.
- (b) To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held 17th March 2021.

122 Replacement trees

To consider a request from Tom Blundell to replace 7 trees in Churchfields, 3 in Hob Hey Wood and 14 in Ship Street orchards. The estimated cost is £12 per tree and £3 per stake.

123 Hob Hey Wood

To note report from Mark O'Sullivan. (Appendix A)

124 Amenities Committee year end accounts

- (a) To note that the total budget for 2020-2021 was £67,630 and total expenditure was £36,747.
- (b) To note that £2,930 was spent on additional grounds maintenance works during the year as follows: fallen branches (Ship Street); strimming Manley Road Copse and installation of nurse on Frodsham Hill; graffiti removal on Churchfields play area; inspection of trees prior to installation of Xmas lights, replacement hanging basket brackets and light repairs; strimming Marshlands; repair of Xmas tree socket and removal of bollard; clearance of Manley Road Copse.
- (c) To approve the accounts for recommendation to Full Council.

125 Community Infrastructure Levy

- (a) To note FTC has received £2,358.32 from the Community Infrastructure Levy administered by CWAC.

126 Ship Street Options Appraisal

- (a) To receive a report from Cllr Hayes & Cllr Wade.
- (b) To consider actions to be taken and recommendations to be made to Full Council.

127 Memorial Path/Benches Working Group

- (a) To receive a report from Cllr Griffiths.
- (b) To consider actions to be taken.

128 Manley Road Copse – Maintenance

- (a) To note that initial clearance works have taken place as follows: hedge cut both sides & top; bamboo rooting from neighbouring property uprooted within copse; all bramble and unwanted vegetation is brushcut to ground level to enable sight of the land prior to further (chemical) action if instructed; unsightly or damaged small trees removed or tended; ivy removed from taller trees to enable inspection and aesthetics; litter removed; all chip spread on existing footpaths; timber from trees stacked into habitat piles to assist the environment; clearance of footpath underneath hedge to widen for pedestrians; branches extruding from copse into neighbouring property have been shortened or removed.
- (b) To note the invoice in the sum of £800 has been approved for works outlined above.
- (c) To note outstanding work to be carried out; ivy removal from rear fence; brushcut bramble again; apply more chip to internal footpaths as required.
- (d) To agree further action to be taken.

129 Standing Orders

To suspend Standing Orders to allow a report from Frodsham WI.

130 Frodsham WI

- (a) To receive a report from Frodsham WI regarding future maintenance of Manley Road Copse.
- (b) To agree further action to be taken.

131 Standing Orders

To reinstate Standing Orders.

132 Play areas

- (a) To note that Cllr H Hayes and Cllr C Ashton considered the items identified from operational inspections (carried out by NTC) and visited each of the play areas following the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 17th March 2021 to inspect works identified and determine necessity to carry out works recommended.
- (b) To note that NTC has been instructed to: replace the broken bench slats and weed the area beneath the swings on Churchfields; infill trip hazard at entrance to Park Lane play area with tarmac following instruction by Cllr Griffiths (Chair).
- (c) To note that 1 quote has been received for replacement of the closing mechanism for the gate (previously reported) at Park Lane play area in the sum of £480.00. The quote was sourced from an independent fabricator who has carried out works to gates at Castle Park House and Grounds.
- (d) To note the play area inspections carried out by Northwich Town Council on 16th March 2021.
- (e) To note that the remaining cradle swing on Churchfields is showing signs of wear.
- (f) To consider a quotation for missing cradle swing on Churchfields in the sum of £332.10 (Playdale BS EN 1176) which includes installation cost of £48.00.
- (g) To consider concerns expressed by Cllr Critchley (Lakes Ward Councillor) with regard to use of Townfield Lane children's play area for adult Zumba classes now that larger class sizes are permitted.

133 Play area inspections

- (a) To note the play area inspections carried out by Northwich Town Council on 16th March 2021 and circulated to members of the Committee.
- (b) To agree actions to be taken following consideration of the reports.
- (c) To note RoSPA Annual Inspection date.

134 Grounds Maintenance SLA 2021-2022

- (a) To receive a report/recommendation from Cllr Hayes and agree action.
- (b) To consider/approve draft SLA.
- (c) To consider/approve process for tender.

135 Groundsman

- (a) To receive a report from Cllr Griffiths with regards to employing a groundsman.
- (b) To agree action to be taken.

136 Amenities Committee Meetings

To note future meeting dates.

2021-2022	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
AMENITIES 2 nd Tuesday @ 7pm Alternates between 7pm & 4pm		8 4pm	13 7pm	10 4pm	14 7pm	12 4pm	9 7pm	14 4pm	11 7pm	8 4pm	8 7pm	12 4pm	10 7pm

137 Clerk's report

To receive Clerk's report.

138 Close of meeting

SIGNED:



TOWN CLERK

DATE: 7/04/2021

APPENDIX A
ITEM 123

Hob Hey Wood Friends Group Update for FTC Amenities Meeting 13/04/2021

No volunteer days since November 2020.

Individuals have worked solo to perform tasks such as litter picking, sycamore removal, redundant barbed wire removal, and step sweeping.

We have continued to promote the wood on social media. Due to lockdowns, we saw an increase in visitors to the wood in 2020 and a big increase in interest in the wood (hopefully, more volunteers!)

On March 8th, Tom Blundell and I planted the disease-resistant elm tree that we won in the competition run by the Tree Council to win one of 30 such trees. Elms in the wood are still being killed by Dutch elm disease and this resistant tree will hopefully start a colony of disease-free elms that the white-letter hairstreak, a rare butterfly that lives in Hob Hey, can thrive on.

The work to replace the rotten boardwalks on the northeast path is ongoing. The contractor has cleared the old boardwalks, removed the required trees, and is ready to put the stone onto the path. Hopefully will be completed soon.

Our first volunteer day for 2021 is April 18th. We need to comply with the 'rule of six' so can have only six volunteers. Hopefully, this requirement will cease in May and we can continue with the programme of work to improve the wood.