



FRODSHAM TOWN COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting 5

Attended by: Cllr Wade, Cllr Sumner, Cllr Lowrie, Cllr Ashton, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Stockton, Cllr Eakin (non committee member) & J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk)
 Also attended by: 1 member of the public

60. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies.

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Griffiths

61. Appointment of chair for the meeting 15/11/2021

(a) To note that Cllr B Wade was appointed Vice Chair at the meeting held 13th July 2021.

NOTED

(b) To approve appointment of chair for the meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wade was appointed chair for the meeting.

62. Declarations of interest

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

NOTED: Cllrs Wade and Sumner declared an interest in item 70 as members of Green Gates Community Project.

63. 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/>

NOTED: No member of the public wished to speak.

64. Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 18th October 2021

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved and signed

65. Actions from the meeting held 18th October 2021

To note actions taken as follows:

Ref	Subject			Update
51	Minutes	Minutes approved		
54c	Ship Street play area	Provision for naming park and opening event	JO	Ongoing
56	Play area inspections	Recent operational inspection reports to be circulated to CA/LS. Both to carry out own inspections	JO/CA/LS	Reports sent 21/10/21. No report provided to TC.
58	Flooding	PL to carry out research for consideration at a future meeting	PL	Ongoing

60b	Memorial path	HDD appointed £5,990. Clerk to instruct	JO	Instructed 19/10/2021
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NOTED: There was no further update from Cllrs Sumner and Ashton on item 56.above.

66. Fields in Trust

(a) To note that: Fields in Trust works in partnership with landowners to protect land through a Deed of Dedication a binding legal commitment with the landowner which secures spaces in perpetuity for current and future generations to enjoy <https://www.fieldsintrust.org/protect>

NOTED: The information was noted.

(b) To note that the following locations are protected through a Deed of Dedication: Park Lane play area; Overton Memorial Field; Churchfields; Community Centre fields and Hob Hey Wood.

NOTED: The information was noted.

(c) To note that the Red Lion Bowling Club is in the process of being registered with Fields in Trust together with Ship Street play area.

NOTED: The information was noted.

67. To receive a report from the Clerk

NOTED: The Clerk read a report provided by Friends of Hob Hey Wood and the group were thanked for their hard work (Appendix A).

PART B

68. Exclusion press and public

To resolve, that in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the items 69 and 70 due to the commercially sensitive nature of the items.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for consideration of items 69 and 70.

******* ITEM 70 WAS TAKEN BEFORE ITEM 69*******

69. Grounds maintenance SLA 2022

(a) To note 2 tender submissions received and report provided by Town Clerk

NOTED: It was noted that 2 tender submissions were received, Bidder A and Bidder B Cllr McKeown left the meeting before the item was resolved and did not take part in the vote. Cllr Eakin did not take part in the vote as he is not a member of the Amenities Committee.

(b) To appoint contractor

RESOLVED: It was agreed to recommend to full council (29 November 2021) to appoint Bidder B.

70. Ship Street play area project manager

(a) To note that 2 quotations were received

NOTED: It was noted that 2 quotations were received.

(b) To appoint contractor

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr McKeown, seconded by Cllr Hayes and unanimously agreed to recommend to full council (29 November 2021) to approve quote A. Cllrs Wade and Sumner did not take part in the vote.

71. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

APPENDIX A
Hob Hey Wood Friends Group

Volunteer days

Since the last update in July, Hob Hey Wood Friends Group have held three volunteer days, which resulted in 63 volunteer hours. We also held some 'solo' mornings to get extra work completed. Most of the tasks carried out were maintenance activities:

- Sowed bluebell seeds previously collected in the wood.
- Fixed orchard gate (damaged by contractor mowing the orchard).
- Built a drain to divert water from path.
- Cleared the meadow of hay cuttings.
- Bracken and bramble clearance.
- Pruning the fruit trees in the orchard.

Calendar

The group has once again produced a calendar to raise funds to help look after Hob Hey Wood. All funds raised will go to the group. The calendar is available at Dandelion in Frodsham, or it can be ordered directly. See the link below:

<https://hobheywood.wixsite.com/friends/post/hob-hey-wood-2022-calendar-is-now-available>

Butterfly Conservation article

We had an article published in Butterfly Conservation's newsletter detailing our efforts to protect the rare white-letter hairstreak butterfly in Hob Hey wood.

Great Big Green Week

Hob Hey Wood Friends Group Chair, Mark O'Sullivan gave a talk at Frodsham Methodist Church, as part of The Great Big Green Week.

Social media engagement

Our website is up to date and has over 3,500 'hits'. Our Facebook page now has 735 members with a considerable input from others, sharing their photos and news from the wood.

Future plans

Continue to work on the new path.

- Tree planting (hopefully, 21st November).
- Invasive species control.

Mark O'Sullivan 10/11/2021