



Frodsham

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes from the **Amenities Committee Meeting** held in Gallery 1, Castle Park Arts Centre, Castle Park, Frodsham, WA6 6SE on **Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm**

Members: Cllr Griffiths (Chair), Cllr Sumner (Vice Chair), Cllr Eakin, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Lowrie, Cllr Stockton and Cllr Wade.

Attended by: Cllr L Sumner (Acting Chair), Cllr Eakin, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Lowrie, Cllr Wade and Z. Dean (Locum Town Clerk)

Also attended by: 1 x Member of the Public

Meeting 7

44. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Griffiths – unwell

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence.

45. Declarations of interest

Cllrs Sumner and Wade declared an interest in the Green Gates project.

46. Requests from the Public to Speak

No one in the public gallery wished to speak.

47. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022.

48. Play Areas Repairs at Churchfields

(a) Committee noted that repairs to the swing were actioned in December.

(b) Committee noted that it was advisable not to use weedkiller on a wet day.

RESOLVED: To accept the use of the weedkiller as per the safety sheet, installing any new wooden equipment in the metal sockets recommended moving forward.

(c) One ballpark figure had been received for carpet safety surfacing to date, committee noted that this was an approximate estimate only, using an online map, priced at £17,000 for Churchfields.

RESOLVED: To add £17,000 into the 2023/24 Budget, seeking further quotations and guarantee assurances for carpet surfacing.

49. Accessible Play Equipment

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Lofts and Cllr Sumner to a Working Group to explore accessible play equipment.

50. Ship Street Play Area

The Acting Chair summarised the report which had been received from the contractors for the Ship Street Project. The issue of surface water drainage was raised; water had been running off the site and onto the road. Members asked for this to be investigated. Committee appointed Cllr Wade to check the site plan and identify a location for the additional two benches which are to be supplied by Frodsham Town Council.

It was noted that liquidated damages over £300 per week would apply if the project was to overrun beyond 30th January 2023.

51. Goods Shed Renovation

Committee noted that this potential project was not for inclusion in the 2023/24 budget. Any renovations would require grant funding and a pre-discovery workshop, involving local business to determine a purpose.

RESOLVED: To establish a Working Group to discuss and explore further, appointing Cllrs: Hayes, Lowrie and Sumner.

52. **Castle Park Trust**

- (a) Committee noted that the conservatory building in Castle Park grounds is not watertight due to the missing lead.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** To write to the Castle Park Executive Trust Committee, ahead of their meeting on 12th January, highlighting the Council's concerns and requesting action.

53. **Special Recognition**

RESOLVED: To send a letter of congratulation to Mr T. Blundell on his award of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

Committee noted that a tree plaque, dedicated to Mr Blundell's achievements in the community, would be installed at Memorial Hill, once the seven oak trees had been planted.

54. **Town Clock**

The Town Clock is currently working but requires further maintenance, along with separate traffic management, in order for this work to be undertaken. Committee noted that Smith of Derby had not been able to put a long term agreement (SLA) in place, due to the fact that clock maintenance requires two engineers, and there are too many unknowns to commit to a yearly price. Members concurred that the Town Council had not maintained the clock to a high level over several years. Members noted that funds had been added to the 2023/24 Budget for this work to be undertaken, which could potentially be booked in prior to year-end.

The Acting Town Clerk is to check the status and see if this is possible.

Date of next meeting – 13th February 2023

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 19:32.