



Chair's Report 2022-2023

I'm very proud to have been able to lead the Council over the last twelve months. I am honoured to have had the full support of my fellow Councillors, members of the community and the FTC team, Lyndy and Liz, led by Jo, our Town Clerk. My thanks also go to Zoe, our locum Town Clerk for her support for a short period.

As a team, we have achieved a great deal for Frodsham and I believe that is as a result of healthy debate, good decisions and a commitment to deliver for our residents, businesses and visitors.

Debate

Throughout the year, all of our committee Chairs have worked in collaboration with Jo to design agendas that enable all their members to engage in healthy debate on items relevant to the committees purpose. The items scheduled for debate are made up of a variety of ideas suggested by residents and Councillors alike and I believe we have listened and acted on all of these. It's important that we continue to listen and act to meet the needs of our community.

I'm sure our town Councillors, both new and existing, will bring forward new ideas and suggestions that we can debate and which will focus on improving the experiences of children and adults living, working and visiting Frodsham.

I'd like to welcome our two new borough Councillors, Mike and Lucy and hope that they can commit to working closely with us to put Frodsham on the map. Our collaboration is key to achieving our aspiration, ***making Frodsham the town of choice for residents, business and visitors.***

Decision

If you've ever attended one of our committee or council meetings or indeed listened to any of the podcasts, you will know that we've been a decisive council over the last year. Making good decisions is about having the relevant information in a timely manner, a clear understanding of the issues and the resulting impact of a reaching an agreeable decision.

As volunteers, all of our Councillors make the time to ensure agendas and relevant papers are read and understood before attending any committee or council meeting called on to reach a decision being asked of them. Some decisions are easier to reach than others but I believe that together we largely reach an agreed position with our collaborative approach to getting 'stuff' done.

Delivery

When it comes to getting 'stuff' done we've certainly done our fair share in the last 12 months. Together we've delivered:

- Picnic in the Park - Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee celebrations
- Memorial Pathway and re-development of the Memorial Reflection Space
- Halloween Children's Spooky Trail and Party
- Christmas Festival and Parade
- Green Gates Community Park development - opening 27th May
- Submission to the Local Council Award Scheme - Foundation Status - award pending
- A review of the operating policy and process

Our current delivery programme outlines some other projects that we'd like to deliver for Frodsham and as Councillors, we will continue to work together as a progressive council to deliver these for our community. I'm sure that there are many residents and local community groups that we can positively collaborate with over the next 12 months to achieve so much more for Frodsham.

One of the reasons I joined Frodsham Town Council was to make a difference, hopefully a positive difference. I'm happy to say that this is also something my fellow Councillors have a desire to do as well.

On the back of what we've delivered so far, I hope more people will be encouraged to come forward and offer their experience, skills and abilities to achieve our aspiration to ***make Frodsham the town of choice for residents, business and visitors.***

Together, let's put Frodsham first!

Helen Hayes

May 2023