

Minutes from the Amenities and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2025 at Castle Park Arts Centre

Attended by: Cllr D Critchley, Cllr J Critchley, Cllr R Drapeur (Vice Chair), Cllr H Hayes, Cllr A Holman, Cllr P Lowrie, Cllr M Nield, Cllr B Wade, Cllr G Wood & J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk)

Also attended by: 1 member of the public

In the absence of Cllr Lofts, Cllr Drapeur chaired the meeting.

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1. Apologies and reasons for absence

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence from members.

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted by Cllr Lofts (personal)

2. Declarations of interest

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

NOTED: Cllr Wade declared an interest in item 7 as a member of the Green Gates Community Project.

3. Public participation

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/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Publicspeaking-at-meetings-2023.pdf>

NOTED: No member of the public wished to speak.

4. Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the Amenities & Planning Committee Meeting held 8th September 2025.

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Amenities & Planning Committee Meeting held 8th September 2025 were approved and signed.

5. To consider the following planning applications:

Reference	Address	Description	Decision
25/02731/S73	78A Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AU	Change of use of existing ground floor shop to become part of existing residential first floor property. Alterations to existing front shopfront elevation. Proposed new external doors and windows. Proposed front railings with gate - variation of condition 2 providing amendments to the front elevation (approved plans) of planning application 24/03615/FUL	Relevant policies: DM46, DM14, R1, M4, DM11, DM44 NO OBJECTION subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer

25/02985/TPO	Ascot Lodge, Carriage Drive, Frodsham, WA6 6EB	Removal of Group 1 (Scots Pine) of attached plan	Relevant policies: STRAT9, M4, DM11, DM17, GBC2, DM44 NO OBJECTION subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer
25/02848/FUL	52 Springbourne, Frodsham, WA6 6QD	Single storey rear extension, enlargement of existing raised terrace, render to front and rear	Relevant policies: R1, M4, DM11 NO OBJECTION
25/02850/FUL	18 Watersedge, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7NQ	Single storey rear extension	Relevant policies: R1, M4, DM11, DM44 NO OBJECTION

6. To note decisions made between meetings in accordance with agreed process (min ref: 08/02/24/6a

25/02394/FUL	8 Springbourne, Frodsham	Removal of existing vertical tiles and batons on upper storey of front and one side elevation (to chimney). Replacement of tiles with 40-50mm graphite EPS boards and silicone render with fibre reinforced mesh. Cover upper half of garage with matching render	No objection
25/02752/TPO	18 Red Lane, Frodsham, WA6 6RB	Copper Beech - 3m reduction of branches up to 6m on 18 Red Lane side of tree	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1, M4, DM11, DM44 NO OBJECTION
25/02517/FUL	74 Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AU	Change of use of the first floor to create two apartments	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM46; DM14; R1; M4; DM14; DM44 - Conservation Area NO OBJECTION: subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer
25/02635/LBC & 25/02634/FUL	51 Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7DF	Single storey rear extension	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM46; ENV9; R1; M4; DM11; DM44 NO OBJECTION: Subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer
25/02763/FUL	19 Ship Street, Frodsham, WA6 7NW	Single storey side extension and first floor side extension	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1; M4; DM11; DM44 OBJECTION: Does not appear to comply with the requirements set out in Supplementary Planning Document: House extensions and Domestic Outbuildings

25/02109/FUL	Land At Dig Lane, Frodsham	Residential development for 91 dwellings including access from A56 Chester Road, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage, car and cycle parking and associated works	<p>RELEVANT POLICIES: STRAT 9; M4; DM11; DM17; DM44</p> <p>OBJECTION: the revised supporting documents do not address any of the concerns raised by FTC, in particular the unsafe route of the cycle path, and the basis for the Transport Statement - it does not reflect current transport issues for the area, particularly the A56 and impact from issues on the M56; flawed assumptions on vehicle movements on and off the estate; unrealistic pedestrian journeys; especially with likely access to the adjacent Castle Park; no proposals for safe pedestrian access to Castle Park; while it reflects changes during the COVID period it does not take into account subsequent changes e.g. people returning to office-based work.</p>
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7. Green Gates Community Park

- (a) To agree a date for a meeting with Northwich Town Council to consider the regular maintenance programme for the park and amendments to the service level agreement.

NOTED: Date to be confirmed.

- (b) To note that Green Gates Community Project are looking into grant funding for provision of a toddler slide.

NOTED

- (c) To agree any further actions to be taken.

RESOLVED: Clerk to seek quotation for installation of the slide once funding has been awarded.

ACTION: JO

8. Christmas lights

- (a) To note that the damaged anchor bolts on Church Street have been replaced and the testing of the power supply from the lighting columns has been carried out.

NOTED

- (b) To note that at the Full Council Meeting held on 22/09/2025 (minute ref: 22/09/2025/9b) delegated authority was granted to the Amenities and Planning Committee to appoint the contractor for the provision of festive lighting upgrade 2025.

NOTED

- (c) To note that the Town Clerk was advised by the company contracted for the festive light switch-on and subsequent maintenance to prioritise Main Street/High Street for phase 1 of the upgrade, as this area had experienced several failures in the previous year. This decision, made in consultation with Cllr Lofts, Chair of the Amenities & Planning Committee, was reflected in the specification provided to contractors.

NOTED

- (d) To note that requests were made to 3 companies for quotations for the installation of replacement lights on Main Street/High Street and that 2 quotations were received by the deadline.

NOTED

- (e) To consider the quotations received and agree contractor to be appointed.

RESOLVED: Following discussion it was agreed to appoint KDE Ltd to carry out the works at a cost of £36,857 plus VAT.

ACTION: JO

9. Community field

- (a) To note that the non-native *Robinia pseudoacacia* (black locust) in the community field was removed from the field at no cost to the Council as part of routine maintenance.

NOTED

- (b) To note the following: (i) *Robinia pseudoacacia* is a non-native species, it is not classed as an invasive species under Schedule 9 of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)* (ii) this contrasts with species such as Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), where there are specific statutory controls (iii) FTC removed the tree voluntarily from its land in the interests of good estate management and community amenity (iv) there is no legal obligation on FTC to take any further action in relation to alleged encroachment or growth occurring within the boundaries of a private property.

NOTED

- (c) To agree whether to take any further action.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to take no further action.

10. Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)

To note the report and confirm the successful completion of the programme to eradicate Japanese knotweed from Marshlands Tree Garden, following eight treatment visits carried out over a three-year period.

NOTED

11. Damage to the memorial path

To consider the quotation of £450 to repair the damage to the memorial path caused by vandals lighting fires on the resin bound surface.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation and instruct the works.

ACTION: JO

12. Active Travel

- (a) To note the update report

NOTED

- (b) Consider options for enhancing signage in Frodsham to improve visitor wayfinding.

NOTED: The group will continue to look at improving town signage.

13. Vandalism log

To note that the Town Clerk is keeping a log of vandalism to FTC assets together with costs of repair.

NOTED

14. Action log

To note the action log provided by the Town Clerk and confirm or update the status of outstanding actions.

NOTED: It was noted there were no outstanding actions.

15. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.