



**Attended by:** Cllrs D Critchley, J Critchley, Drapeur, Hayes, Holman, Hook, Lofts, Moorcroft, Nield, Pennington, Wood & J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk)

**Also Attended by:** Cllr M Garvey (CWAC), Cllr L Sumner (CWAC), Anna Ranger (Economic Growth Programme Manager, Leisure and Market Towns CWAC), Stuart Brown (Centre Manager for Brio Frodsham) & members of the public

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## 1. Election of Chair

(a) To elect the Chair to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2027

**RESOLVED:** At the request of Cllr J Critchley, a named vote was recorded in which Cllr Lofts proposed Cllr Hayes for Chair, seconded by Cllr Holman, with votes in favour from Cllrs Drapeur, Hayes, Lofts and Holman, while Cllr Moorcroft proposed Cllr J Critchley for Chair, seconded by Cllr D Critchley, with votes in favour from Cllrs D Critchley, J Critchley, Hook, Moorcroft, Nield, Pennington and Wood, resulting in Cllr J Critchley being elected Chair of Frodsham Town Council by majority vote for the period 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2027.

(b) To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the elected Chair

**NOTED:** The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

## 2. Election of Vice Chair

(a) To elect the Vice Chair to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2027

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Pennington, seconded by Cllr Moorcroft and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Wood as Vice Chair of Frodsham Town Council for the period 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2027.

(b) To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the elected Vice Chair

**NOTED:** The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

## 3. Apologies for absence

To approve apologies for absence

**NOTED:** This item was not discussed however the Town Clerk received apologies from Cllr Hughes (work commitments), Cllr Lowrie (personal) & Cllr Wade (personal) prior to the meeting.

## 4. Declarations of interest

To note any declarations of interest.

**NOTED:** There were no declarations of interest.

## 5. Approval of Absence under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972

**NOTED:** *Items 5(a) to 5(c) were not required as Cllr Pennington attended the Annual Town Council Meeting.*

- (a) To consider approving a dispensation for Councillor Pennington to be exempt from the requirement to attend meetings of the Council until the local elections in May 2027.
- (b) Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 85 provides that where a member of a local authority fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority, they shall cease to be a member of the authority unless the failure to attend was due to a reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that six-month period.
- (c) Council is therefore requested to consider whether it wishes to approve the continued absence of Councillor Pennington until the local elections in May 2027, thereby preventing automatic disqualification under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

## 6. Public Open Forum

To invite members of the public to speak on items on the agenda.

**NOTED:** One member of the public congratulated Cllr J Critchley on being appointed Chair of Frodsham Town Council and expressed the view that volunteers had not been given sufficient recognition in the Town Clerk's report on the achievements of the various committees. Further criticism was raised regarding the Council's failure to provide a recording of a meeting held in February 2024 on the Town Council's website.

## 7. PCSO report

To note the report from PCSO N Flanagan.

**NOTED:** No report was available for the meeting.

## 8. Frodsham Leisure Centre

To receive an update from Anna Ranger (Economic Growth Programme Manager – Leisure and Market Towns)

**NOTED:** Appendix A

## 9. Cheshire West & Chester Councillors

To note the report provided by Cllr M Garvey and Cllr L Sumner.

**NOTED:** No report was available for the meeting and a full report will be provided at the July meeting of full council.

## 10. Chair's report 2025-2026

To receive the report from Cllr Hayes together with reflections for the future.

**NOTED:** Cllr Hayes provided a report which is appended to the minutes (Appendix B).

## 11. Clerk's Report 2025-2026

To note the Clerk's Report with an overview of the highlights from 2025-2026 from each of the Committees.

**NOTED**

## 12. Annual finance report

To note the report from J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk & RFO) which was also noted at the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20/04/2026.

**NOTED**

### 13.Standing Orders

To note that the Standing Orders (NALC Model) are required to be updated annually and the last update took place on at the council meeting held 28/07/2025. Minute reference FTC/28/07/2025/10b. No further updates are required as of the date of this meeting: <https://frodsham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Standing-Orders-2025-2026.pdf>

**NOTED**

### 14.Finance Regulations

To note that the Finance Orders (NALC Model) are required to be updated annually and the last update took place on at the council meeting held 23/03/2026 and para 7.4 was revised. Minute reference FTC/23/03/2026/10d. No further updates are required as of the date of this meeting: <https://frodsham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/FTC-Finance-Regulations-2025-26-updated-23-03-2026.pdf>

**NOTED**

### 15.Complaints Procedure/Policy

To note that the Complaints Procedure (NALC Model) was approved at the council meeting held on 30/06/2025. Minute reference 30/06/2025/11a. No further updates are required until June 2027: <https://frodsham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Complaints-Policy-2025.pdf>

**NOTED**

### 16.Schedule of meetings

To approve the schedule of meetings provided by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** The schedule of meetings was approved.

**ACTION: JO**

### 17.General Power of Competence

To note that Frodsham Town Council satisfies the eligibility criteria for the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011, section 1, and the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (SI 2012/965), namely that:

- at the relevant election held in 2023, at least two-thirds of the members of the Council were elected; and
- the Clerk to the Council holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA), being the prescribed qualification.

Accordingly, the Council continues to hold the General Power of Competence until the next relevant annual meeting following ordinary elections, at which time eligibility will be reviewed in May 2027.

**NOTED**

### 18.DBs Checks for Councillors and Officers

a) To note the report provided by the Town Clerk.

**NOTED**

b) To approve the recommendation of the Town Clerk that no further action in respect of DBS checks for Councillors and Officers is required at the present time.

**RESOLVED:** The recommendation of the Town Clerk, that no further action in respect of DBS checks for Councillors and Officers is required at the present time, was approved.

## 19.Appointment to committees

- a) To appoint members to the Amenities & Planning Committee
- b) To appoint members to the Events Committee
- c) To appoint members to the Finance & General Purposes Committee
- d) To appoint members to the Staffing Committee

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved to appoint the following members to the Amenities & Planning Committee: Cllrs J Critchley, D Critchley, Drapeur, Hayes, Holman, Hook, Lofts, Neild, Wade and Wood; to the Events Committee: Cllrs J Critchley, Hayes, Hook, Lofts, Moorcroft, Wade and Wood; to the Finance & General Purposes Committee: Cllrs J Critchley, Hayes, Hook, Moorcroft and Wood; and to the Staffing Committee: Cllrs J Critchley, Hayes, Neild and Wood. It was further resolved that the Terms of Reference for each Committee be considered at the Full Council meeting to be held in July, at which time Committee membership would also be reviewed.

**ACTION: JO**

## 20.Appointment of representatives & delegates to external organisations

- (a) Red Lion Bowling Club
- (b) Protos (Ince Marshes Air Quality Forum)
- (c) Castle Park Trust
- (d) Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee
- (e) Cheshire Association of Local Councils
- (f) North Cheshire Rail Users Group
- (g) Wind Farm Community Liaison Committee
- (h) Frodsham Youth Association
- (i) Weaver Navigation Society
- (j) Weaver & Sandstone Cycle Forum
- (k) PCC Parish & Town Council Meetings
- (l) Brio Future Offer

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the following appointments to outside bodies be made: Cllr Neild to the Red Lion Bowling Club; Cllr Moorcroft to Protos (Ince Marshes Air Quality Forum); Cllrs J Critchley, Lowrie and Moorcroft to the Castle Park Trust; Cllr Wood to the Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee; Cllr Hook to the Cheshire Association of Local Councils; Cllr Lowrie to the North Cheshire Rail Users Group; Cllr Moorcroft to the Wind Farm Community Liaison Committee; Cllrs Hayes and Holman to the Frodsham Youth Association; Cllr Hook to the Weaver Navigation Society; Cllr Holman to the Weaver & Sandstone Cycle Forum; and Cllr Lofts to Brio Future Offer. It was further noted that a representative is required for the Market Towns Rejuvenating Board, with Cllr J Critchley agreeing to represent FTC; Christmas Festival, Cllrs Lofts and Lowrie agreeing to represent FTC; Frodsham Community Association, and Cllr Hook agreeing to represent FTC. Members also noted that there are currently two business groups within the town, Find It in Frodsham and Frodsham Business Network, and it was agreed that appointments to these groups would be considered at the Full Council meeting to be held in July. All appointments to outside bodies will be reviewed at the July meeting.

**ACTION: JO**

## 21.Year end internal audit 2025-2026 *(note that if the report has not been received by 13/05/2026 it will be necessary to convene an extra ordinary meeting and that the meeting must take place by 30/06/2026 under statutory regulations)*

- (a) To note the report provided by JDH Business Services (appointed Internal Auditor to Frodsham Town Council)

**NOTED:** The only issue raised was compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA.

- (b) To agree actions to be taken recommended within the report.

**RESOLVED:** The Town Clerk has asked the website provider to recommend actions to ensure that the website is compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA.

**ACTION: JO**

**22. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-2026 (AGAR)** *(note that if the IA report has not been received by 13/05/2026 it will be necessary to convene an extra ordinary meeting and that the meeting must take place by 30/06/2026 under statutory regulations)*

(a) To approve and sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026

**RESOLVED:** Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 (AGAR) was unanimously approved.

**ACTION: JO**

(b) To approve and sign Section 2 Accounting Statement 2025/2026 which has been signed by the Clerk & RFO prior to the meeting

**RESOLVED:** Section 2 of the Annual Accounting Statement 2025/2026 (AGAR) was unanimously approved.

**ACTION: JO**

**23. Exercise of public rights**

To approve the period for the Exercise of Public Rights and the publication of the unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return commencing as soon as practicable following approval of the AGAR and no later than Wednesday 1 July 2026, ending on Tuesday 11 August 2026, in accordance with statutory regulations.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve the period for the Exercise of Public Rights and the publication of the unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return commencing as soon as practicable following approval of the AGAR (item 22).

**ACTION: JO**

**24. Meeting minutes**

To approve the minutes from the meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved.

**25. Accounts**

(a) To note that the precept of £300,309.00 was received on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**NOTED**

(b) To approve a councillor to check April/May 2026 bank statements against April/May 2026 bank reconciliation reports on a date to be agreed.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Wood to check April/May 2026 bank statements against April/May 2026 bank reconciliation reports on a date to be agreed.

**ACTION: JO/GW**

(c) To approve the following monthly direct debits for the 2026-27 financial year

Organisation	Purpose	Amount (GBP)
PENINSULA BUSINESS	HR SLA	£149.50

TELECOMS (Prism)	Office phone/broadband	VARIABLE
PRISM BUSINESS DEV	IT SLA	£646.58
BAGNALL & MORRIS	Cemetery waste	£162.90
BRITISH GAS	Cemetery electricity	VARIABLE
HM LAND REGISTRY	Land searches	VARIABLE

**RESOLVED:** The monthly direct debits were unanimously approved.

(d) To approve the following monthly contractual payments

Detail	Purpose	Amount (GBP)
STAFF SALARIES	CONTRACTURAL	VARIABLE
STAFF PENSIONS	CONTRACTURAL	VARIABLE
HMRC PAYMENTS	EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION	VARIABLE
NTC GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SLA	CONTRACTURAL	£ 3,554.20 (PLUS WATERING HANGING BASKETS (VARIABLE))
RABBIT DIGITAL SLA	CONTRACTURAL	£120.00
CHESHIRE WEST	44 Main Street Office rates	TO BE CONFIRMED
EDF	44 Main Street Office electricity	VARIABLE
44 MAIN STREET	44 Main Street Office rent	£850.00
CANDA COPYING LTD	Photocopier	VARIABLE
PRISM LTD	IT services	VARIABLE

**RESOLVED:** The monthly contractual payments were unanimously approved.

(e) To approve the following for the 2026-27 financial year

Detail	Amount
ChALC affiliation fee	£1,592.00
NABMA annual subs	£384.00
ICO Annual fee	£40.00
Cheshire Community Action	£110.00
Frodsham Community Association	£15.00
National Allotment Society	£55.00
ICCM	£100.00

**RESOLVED:** The payments were unanimously approved.

## 26. Staffing

- a) To approve the recommendation from both the Staffing Committee Meeting held on held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 20/04/2026 to appoint a part-time Administration Officer on a 20-hour-per-week, two-year temporary contract to oversee the administration of

Tarvin Road Cemetery, along with other administrative responsibilities, including the management of allotments, defibrillators, and related duties.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed, by those present for the item, to approve the recommendation from both the Staffing Committee Meeting held on held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 20/04/2026 to appoint a part-time Administration Officer on a 20-hour-per-week, two-year temporary contract to oversee the administration of Tarvin Road Cemetery, along with other administrative responsibilities, including the management of allotments, defibrillators, and related duties.

**ACTION: JO**

- b) To note that the appointment of an Administration Officer on the SLCC recommended salary scale SCP 13–17 (FTE £28,163; £15.06/hour at SCP 13) for 20 hours per week, represents an actual salary of £15,662.40 plus employer on-costs (NI £1,599.36 and LGPS £3,210.79), giving a total annual cost of £20,472.55, to be funded from the existing £44,000 earmarked staffing reserve over the two-year contract period.

**NOTED**

### 27. Freedom of Frodsham

To consider whether to award the Freedom of Frodsham to a qualifying resident in 2026.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed not to award the Freedom of Frodsham to a qualifying resident in 2026 and to reconsider the award at a future meeting.

### 28. Christmas Voucher Scheme

To note the report provided.

**NOTED**

### 29. Frodsham Town Council/Frodsham Youth Association/Frodsham Community Association Lease

- a) To note there has been no change/update to the current lease arrangements.

**NOTED**

- b) To agree any action to be taken.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to take no further action at the present time.

### 30. Consideration of Restrictions on the Chair of the Council

- a) To note the report provided by the Clerk.

**NOTED**

- b) To approve the recommendation of the Town Clerk, acting as Proper Officer, Legal Officer and Responsible Financial Officer, that no amendments be made to the current governance arrangements or Standing Orders relating to the Chair of the Council, as the existing arrangements remain appropriate and consistent with the NALC Model Standing Orders adopted by the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (minute reference FTC/28/07/2025/10b).

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to approve the recommendation of the Town Clerk, acting as Proper Officer, Legal Officer and Responsible Financial Officer, that no amendments be made to the current governance arrangements or Standing Orders relating to the Chair of the Council at the present time.

**31.Exclusion of press and public** *(please note that this item may not be required subject to agenda item 25)*

To consider that, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

**NOTED:**                    ***Item not required (see agenda item 25)***

**32.Freedom of Frodsham Nominations** *(please note that this item may not be required subject to agenda item 25)*

**NOTED:**                    ***Items not required (see agenda item 25)***

- a) To receive nominations from Councillors.
- b) To agree action to be taken.

**33.Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

## Summary

This report provides an overview of the proposed redevelopment and refurbishment works at Brio Frodsham Leisure Centre and Library. The project aims to modernise facilities, improve accessibility, strengthen community integration, and increase the range of activities and services available to residents.

The redevelopment proposals include:

- A new sports hall floor replacement
- Creation of a shared community hub area
- Installation of a fully accessible Changing Places facility
- Conversion of an existing squash court into a flexible community room

The scheme is intended to deliver long-term social, economic, and wellbeing benefits for Frodsham residents while strengthening partnerships between local organisations and community stakeholders.

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## 1. Introduction

Brio Leisure, in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council and community stakeholders, has developed proposals for the refurbishment and redevelopment of the Frodsham Leisure Centre and Library site.

The project seeks to improve accessibility, modernise ageing infrastructure, enhance the visitor experience, and provide more flexible community facilities that better meet the needs of local residents.

The redevelopment supports wider objectives around:

- Community wellbeing
  - Social inclusion
  - Accessibility
  - Health and fitness participation
  - Increased town centre footfall
  - Strengthening civic pride
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## 2. Project Development and Engagement

A significant amount of preparatory work has already taken place to support the development of the scheme.

Key activities undertaken include:

- Stakeholder and community engagement
- Procurement processes
- Discussions regarding funding contributions from Parish Councils
- Internal officer working groups
- Consultation with Squash England
- Engagement with Will2Work

This collaborative approach has helped shape the proposals and ensure that the redevelopment reflects community priorities and operational requirements.

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### 3. Proposed Redevelopment Layout

The proposed layout integrates leisure and library facilities more effectively and creates a stronger sense of a shared community destination.

Key elements of the proposed layout include:

- Enhanced gym and studio provision
- New community spaces
- Improved reception and circulation areas
- Improved changing and accessibility facilities
- A new communal link between the leisure centre and library
- Retention and improvement of existing library services

Illustrative architectural visuals have been developed to demonstrate the potential appearance of the refurbished building. These images are conceptual only, and materials and finishes have not yet been agreed.

The proposed design aims to create a modern, welcoming, and highly accessible facility that serves a wide range of community uses.

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### 4. Refurbishment and Improvement Options

#### 4.1 New Sports Hall Flooring

**Estimated Cost: £107,000**

The existing sports hall flooring has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement.

The proposal includes the installation of:

- Approximately 812m<sup>2</sup> of high-performance, multi-purpose sports flooring
- Modern sporting, safety, and accessibility compliant surfaces
- A durable and resilient finish suitable for long-term community use

The new flooring will support:

- School activities
- Sports clubs
- Community events
- Physical education programmes
- Indoor recreation activities

The upgraded surface will improve both the quality and safety of the sports hall while extending the operational lifespan of the facility.

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#### 4.2 Community Area Development

**Estimated Cost: £83,000**

A new 33m<sup>2</sup> community space is proposed to physically and socially connect the leisure centre and library.

The vision for the space is to create a welcoming communal environment that functions as a shared community living room.

Features may include:

- Comfortable seating areas
- Sofas and chairs

- Informal desk spaces
- Vending facilities
- Flexible social and meeting areas

The space is intended to:

- Encourage social interaction
- Support wellbeing and learning
- Provide a venue for community groups
- Create opportunities for informal meetings and events
- Encourage greater use of both the library and leisure facilities

The design concepts shown at this stage are illustrative only and remain subject to further development.

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### 4.3 Changing Places Facility

**Estimated Cost: £28,000**

The redevelopment proposals include the creation of a fully accessible 14m<sup>2</sup> Changing Places toilet facility.

This facility will provide:

- Additional space beyond standard accessible toilets
- Height-adjustable changing benches
- A peninsular toilet
- Ceiling hoist equipment
- Enhanced accessibility for people with complex disabilities and care needs

Changing Places facilities are essential for ensuring that disabled people and their carers can access public spaces safely, comfortably, and with dignity.

Currently, the nearest facility identified by the Changing Places Toilets organisation is located at Halton Lea Library.

The introduction of this facility in Frodsham would:

- Improve accessibility across the town centre
- Support social inclusion
- Encourage wider participation in community activities
- Enable visitors and residents with additional care needs to use local facilities more confidently

The proposal represents a significant improvement in accessibility provision within the town.

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### 4.4 Squash Court Conversion to Community Room

**Estimated Cost: £89,000**

One existing squash court is proposed to be converted into a flexible 66m<sup>2</sup> community room.

The new space would provide:

- Open and adaptable floor space
- Multi-purpose indoor facilities
- Space for events and community activities
- Meeting and gathering facilities

Potential uses include:

- Community meetings
- Small group activities
- Social sessions
- Parties and celebrations
- Workshops and classes

The conversion would increase the flexibility and community value of the building while responding to changing patterns of facility use.

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## **5. Community and Economic Benefits**

The redevelopment project is not simply a request for funding; it represents an investment in the long-term wellbeing and sustainability of the Frodsham community.

The proposed improvements are expected to deliver a range of direct and indirect benefits, including:

### **Social Benefits**

- Improved accessibility and inclusion
- Increased opportunities for social interaction
- Enhanced community wellbeing
- Greater participation in activities and services
- Improved facilities for residents of all ages and abilities

### **Economic Benefits**

- Increased visitor numbers to Frodsham town centre
- Increased footfall for local businesses
- Positive impact on the local economy
- Enhanced attractiveness of the town centre

### **Community Benefits**

- Strengthened civic pride and community identity
- Increased use of leisure and library services
- Improved partnership working between organisations
- Better support for community groups and activities

The project specifically aims to remove barriers that currently prevent some residents from fully participating in leisure, social, and community activities.

Funding contributions would also be publicly recognised through:

- Press releases
  - Promotional activity
  - Project launch communications
  - Partnership acknowledgements
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## **6. Conclusion**

The Brio Frodsham redevelopment proposals represent a major opportunity to modernise local leisure and community facilities while creating a more inclusive, accessible, and community-focused destination.

The proposed investments in sports provision, accessibility, social spaces, and flexible community facilities would deliver significant long-term benefits for Frodsham residents and visitors.

The project has been developed through partnership working and stakeholder engagement and is intended to create a facility that reflects the changing needs of the local community.

By investing in these improvements, partners and stakeholders can help create a more vibrant, accessible, and connected future for Frodsham.

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### Summary of Proposed Investment

Project Element	Estimated Cost
New Sports Hall Flooring	£107,000
Community Area Development	£83,000
Changing Places Facility	£28,000
Squash Court Conversion	£89,000

Once again, I find myself writing a Chair's report and I'm very proud to have been able to lead the Council over the last twelve months. I am thankful 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.

As a team, we're constantly striving to achieve more for Frodsham residents, businesses and visitors. The annual report prepared by Jo, clearly documents what your Council has achieved over the last 12 months.

As Councillors, I genuinely believe that we serve Frodsham to the best of our abilities, giving back where we should and can with our skills, strengths and expertise and particularly in the last 12 months providing great community events, free for all to enjoy.

### **Genuine**

Being a Councillor gives me a sense of pride, being able to support Frodsham to be its best. It's not always easy and we can't do everything that we might want to but I genuinely believe that by being honest about what we can do and having frank and open discussions about where to use our precious resources, we can deliver what Frodsham wants and needs.

Our priority is to put our community first and whilst we all chose to live and/or work in Frodsham, we don't have all the answers to what makes our town work for you. I'd really like to find out what residents and businesses want us to focus on and deliver in the next 12 months. We're all approachable so please do get in touch or come along to one of our events and say 'hi'. We'd love to hear from you.

### **Giving Back**

During the last 9 months, we've established our Civic Pride programme, which with the support of a fantastic team of volunteers has delivered tangible benefits for Frodsham. The following projects have been completed with nearly 200 volunteer hours provided:

- Memorial gates and field - cutting back overgrowth, removing debris & litter pick
- Memorial path - path edging & removing debris
- Station Approach - cutting back overgrowth, removing debris & litter pick
- Church Entry - cutting back overgrowth, removing debris from watercourse & litter pick
- High Street / Main Street - removal of epicormic tree growth & litter pick
- Princeway & Queensway - cutting back hedging, removing debris & litter pick

We have more projects identified and would like to have more volunteers to join our Civic Pride programme. If you've got any time to spare please join us by contacting Lyndy on [council@frodsham.gov.uk](mailto:council@frodsham.gov.uk) or 01928 735150 if you see us out and about please come over and say hello, preferably with a cuppa. Also, if you know of an area of Frodsham that needs a little TLC please do let us know and we'll add it to our list.

To accompany our Civic Pride programme, we've also joined the CWAC Highways Volunteer Scheme, which led by Jason provides us with the necessary insurances and the capacity to remove the spoils of our projects with no cost to our residents.

We're working closely with our CWAC Councillors, Lucy and Mike who are also focused on giving back to Frodsham. Our continued collaboration will be key to achieving our aspirations and making Frodsham the town of choice for residents, businesses and visitors.

### **Great Events**

Have you noticed the fun going on in Frodsham? We've provided some great events over the last 12 months. The best thing is that they're free for all to attend!

Your precept allowed us to plan and deliver memorable community events in our lovely town, showcasing our beautiful Castle Park, wonderful independent businesses and fantastic volunteers. We've been privileged to have provided the following events:

- May 2025 - VE 80 Day
- June 2025 - Food & Drink Festival
- August 2025 - Picnic in the Park
- September 2025 - Volunteer Day
- October 2025 - Halloween Children's Party
- November 2025 - Remembrance Day
- December 2025 - Christmas Extravaganza
- March 2026 - Easter Egg Trail
- May 2026 - Medieval May Day

Not forgetting our collaboration with Independent Street Events bringing you a monthly Artisan market with music and free activities for children on the last Saturday every month.

We've had a great response from our residents and businesses to each of these events, providing free fun and activities for children and adults alike and an increase in footfall to our high streets (High Street, Main Street & Church Street).

We have more events planned for the rest of 2026 and into 2027 and would like to incorporate many more community groups and areas on the outskirts of Frodsham too. Any bright ideas for a few more events would be very welcome.

We have great fun providing these free events for our community and are so happy that over 16,000 people have attended these over the last 12 month. We must be doing something right!

I think we can and should be ambitious for Frodsham working with our community for their benefit and I'd like take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and working groups for their invaluable contribution. Without these individuals we wouldn't be able to deliver as much for Frodsham.

As Councillors, we will continue to work together as a progressive council. I'm sure that there are many residents and local community groups that we can positively collaborate with over the next twelve months to achieve so much more for Frodsham.

On the back of what we're already achieving, I hope more people will be encouraged to come forward and offer their experience, skills and abilities to make our town a destination for residents, business and visitors.

Thank you for your support to make our community and Frodsham a better place for all.

Helen Hayes  
May 2026