

Minutes from the Amenities and Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 10th August 2026 at Castle Park Arts Centre at 7pm

Attended by: Cllrs J Critchley, D Critchley, Drapeur (Vice Chair), Hayes (Chair), Holman, Hook, Lofts, Lowrie, Neild, Wade and Wood.

Also attended by: Cllr Sadler (non-committee member) and 2 members of the public

Meeting 3**1. Apologies and reasons for absence**

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence from members.

NOTED: There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

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

NOTED: There were no declarations of interest.

3. Suspending Standing Orders

To note Standing Orders require that any suspension be approved by resolution of the meeting, in accordance with Standing Orders 1(r)(ix) and 25(a). This process will apply to all items other than agenda item 4.

NOTED**4. 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/wpcontent/uploads/2023/10/Publicspeaking-at-meetings-2023.pdf>

NOTED: 1 member of the public spoke on item 11 on the agenda and expressed concern regarding the effect of the prolonged drought on water level within the lake. 1 member of the public attended to address item 10 expressing concern regarding any development of the land adjacent to Hob Hey Wood.

5. Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the Amenities & Planning Committee Meeting held 13/07/2026.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved and signed.

6. Planning

a) To note any applications which have been commented on between meetings.

NOTED

b) To note the following planning applications and agree response to Cheshire West and Chester Council:

Application	Address	Details	Comments
26/02072/CAT	The Old Manor House, 84 Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AR	Reduce the crown of 1x cherry tree (in the centre of the garden) back to previous pruning points, equating to approximately 2-3 metres off the crown. Reduction of an overgrown and poorly maintained hedge	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM11, R1, M4, DM14, DM44, DM45, DM46 NO OBJECTION subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer

		comprising very leggy bird cherry trees that have begun to fail. These will be reduced back down to hedge height.	
26/01954/S73	20 Queensway, Frodsham, WA6 6RR	Single storey rear extension, single storey front porch - variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning application 26/00608/FUL	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM11, R1, M4, DM44, DM45 NO OBJECTION
26/02063/FUL	46 Hillside Road, Frodsham, WA6 6AQ	Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM11, R1, M4, DM44, DM45 NO OBJECTION
26/02120/FUL	79 High Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AN	Retrospective erection of porch	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM11, R1, M4, DM44, DM45, DM46 NO OBJECTION subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer

7. Planning Appeal Ref: 6010251, 46 Thirlmere Close, Frodsham, WA6 7LZ

To note that the inspector has concluded that the proposal fails to accord with the development plan taken as a whole such that the appeal cannot succeed.

NOTED

8. Budget report

To note the budget report provided by the Town Clerk.

NOTED

9. Carden Group

- a) To note that the Carden Group, as landowners of land to the east of Frodsham between Townfield Lane and Hob Hey Wood, have requested a private meeting with Frodsham Town Council to open an early and constructive dialogue regarding their interests in the area.

NOTED

- b) To agree any action to be taken.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to decline the developer's request for a private meeting and instead invite the developer to attend the next meeting of the Full Town Council on 28 September 2026, providing an opportunity for any discussion to take place openly and transparently.

It was further agreed that the Clerk would publish a statement on the Town Council's website confirming that Frodsham Town Council considers that large-scale housing development within the Green Belt adjacent to Hob Hey Wood would be inconsistent with the spatial and environmental principles established through the community-supported Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan.

10. Hob Hey Wood Land Management, Potential Development

- a) To receive a verbal report from Cllr Drapeur regarding fields adjacent to Hob Hey Wood.

NOTED: Cllr Drapeur provided a report and requested that FTC investigate ownership of adjoining fields.

- b) To agree action to be taken in relation to the fields.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that, once the fields have been identified, the Town Clerk will obtain Land Registry titles and plans.

ACTION: JO

- c) To note the report from Hob Hey Wood Friends Group regarding designation as a Local Nature Reserve.

NOTED

- d) To consider whether to apply for Local Nature Reserve designation for the woodland and to note that this item was deferred from May 2024 pending further information on the associated costs. It has since been confirmed that the only anticipated cost would be the provision and installation of a small sign identifying the site as a Local Nature Reserve.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to apply for Local Nature Reserve designation with the support of Hob Hey Wood Friends Group.

ACTION: JO

11. Crowmere Lake

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

NOTED

- b) To agree action to be taken

RESOLVED: It was agreed to contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust to request an assessment of the current condition of the lake and advice on any appropriate action that may be required.

ACTION: JO

12. Manley Road Copse

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

NOTED

- b) To agree action to be taken.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that Frodsham Town Council would place the order for the sundial, in accordance with the design agreed by Frodsham WI. The Town Clerk will contact Frodsham WI to discuss retaining the new fence in its current position and the possibility of creating a wider opening within the hedgerow. The proposal for a new/wider opening in the hedgerow will be brought back to a future meeting of the Amenities & Planning Committee for consideration and approval.

ACTION: JO

13. Memorial Field

- a) To note that there has been a fire on the memorial field attended by Cheshire Fire and Rescue.

NOTED

- b) To note that the Town Clerk has requested that Northwich Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Team confirm whether the water tap on the field is currently connected to a water supply.

NOTED

- c) To consider and approve the quotation in the sum of £1,057 for the replacement of the bench that was removed due to natural wear and tear and associated health and safety concerns.

RESOLVED: The quotation was approved and the Town Clerk will place the order.

ACTION: JO

- d) To agree any further action to be taken.

14. Active Travel

- a) To note the report provided by Cllr Holman.

NOTED

- b) To agree action to be taken.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to proceed with Option B, as set out in the report, with the cost of the alterations to the noticeboards to be funded from the Active Travel Plan budget. Cllr Holman will provide the Town Clerk with the relevant contact details to enable the works to be instructed.

ACTION: JO/AH

15. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 19:37.