Frodsham Town Council

Minutes a meeting of
The Community Committee
held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 7pm
In the Town Council Office, Castle Park, Frodsham

Present: Cllrs L Brown (Chair), C Ashton, J Critchley, F Pennington, J Nield and A Oulton.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk)

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No	Item	Note/Decision/ Action
228	**Apologies for absence**	Cllrs Jones, Poulton and Sutton
229	**Declarations of Interest**	Cllr Pennington – London Road Allotment Cllr Nield – Red Lion Bowling Club. TC still needs to check whether Cllr Nield should declare an interest in Park Lane Play Area.
230	**Minutes of Meeting 11**	213 - It was clarified that the Memorial boards being erected in the Community Orchard would only be used for deceased ex-councillors. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
231	**Opportunity for Public to Speak**	There were no requests.
232	**Community Budget/Spend 2015-16**	TC circulated a report on the overspent budgets and which explained the reasons why this had happened. This was noted and it was agreed to review 2016-17 budget next time to revise where necessary based on what had happened last year.
233	**Cemetery sub-committee**	It was agreed to hold the first meeting on Wednesday 1 June at 3pm. TC will formally invite Mr J Nield, Mr N Smith, Fr M Mills, Mrs A Parker and Mrs J McDonagh to attend.
234	**Play Areas**	
234.1	Park Lane	The decision about the signage had already been agreed. TC will approach Cllr Martin for advice about dealing with the dog fouling. If the development of the area goes ahead a notice banning dogs completely from the fenced off toddler area could be erected. Cllr Nield reported that the Group has received its first quotation and showed a drawing of the proposed development which was well received. A further 2 quotations are expected by the end of the week and the Group will then be ready to submit funding applications. They will need a letter of support and agreement for FTC to act as the Accountable Body. This will be discussed further next time with a view to making a recommendation to full Council.
234.2	Churchfields	TC has chased up the new swings and chains and these should be in situ soon.
234.3	Townfield Lane	A site visit to Hob Hey Wood had taken place with a Landscape Architect who advised that the area was too far from the populated areas and the costs of upgrading the access would be prohibitively expensive. Other options were discussed including the use of the Community field. It was agreed that a further meeting with the Feofees should be arranged to renegotiate the terms of the new lease – TC Consideration would need to be given to refurbishing the existing equipment if a new long-term lease isn't agreed.

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234.4	Top Road	Environment Committee are looking into establishing a Community Orchard and are getting quotes from Land Surveyors to formally identify the boundary.
234.5	Ship Street	No update. TC to contact CWAC to see where things are up to.
235	**Queen's Birthday Beacon**	It was noted that the events had been well attended. Concern was expressed about the trees growing in front of the War Memorial and making it difficult to see – this will be referred to Environment to look into. Cllr Ashton left the meeting. Cllr Poulton had sent a report outlining his proposals for the Mayor's Show and Queens Birthday celebrations on 10 – 12 June. It was noted that it was an excellent programme of events.
236	**Hedge at St Laurence's Church Car Park**	Although the fencing materials have been received it hasn't been possible for Cllr Oulton and the Facilities Manager to carry out the work yet.
237	**Allotments**	There has been no progress on London Road Allotment wall claim.
238	**Councillors Memorials**	It was agreed to get quotes for boards approximately 2' 6" x 2' with 2 legs.
239	**Red Lion Bowling Green Lease**	The individuals who have agreed to sign on behalf of the Club are seeking legal advise and their solicitor is in touch with ours. Concern was expressed about an old brick structure just off site being used for anti-social behaviour. TC will contact the PCSO and the Pub to discuss the issue.
240	**Manley Road Copse Lease**	It was agreed to get quotations from a Land Surveyors to formally identify the boundary.
241	**Old Beacon & other items**	It was agreed that a broken blower and old signs could be scrapped. The gate should be offered to Will to Work. A letter should be sent to Mr Doherty about whether he wants the old beacon back or whether it can be scrapped.
242	**Ship Street Bus Shelter**	The bus shelter has been removed and a planter ordered from CWAC.
243	**Playing Field Hire**	A' Community Field - It was agreed not to give permission for dog agility training on the community field due to it's proximately with residential properties. b. Ship Street - A meeting had been held with the Summer Festival organisers and many issues and concerns were discussed. It was agreed to ask the Summer Festival organisation for a copy of their risk assessment. It was agreed to say no to the use of Ship Street as a car park for the Summer Festival until all the concerns/issues have been addressed.
244	**Telephone boxes**	It is expected that the decorators start work week beginning 16 May. Three quotes are being sought for the electrical work that will be required to fit the defibrillators.
245	**Bike Project Expansion Plans**(Cllr F Sutton)	Deferred.
246	**Clerk's updates**	Nothing to report.
247	**Next meeting**	The date of the next meeting was agreed a Monday 13 June to allow for TC's annual leave. The rest of the schedule of meetings was agreed.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairs Signature: _____