**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2018 AT 10.30AM**

**PRESENT**  Councillors Clark, Stafford, Whitham, Williams & Cowell

 In attendance - Parks Supervisor S Farish

**F&P/9/2018 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Lynch

**F&P/10/2018 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS AND PARKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd MAY 2018**

Minutes approved

**F&P/11/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**F&P/12/2018 ALLOTMENTS**

12.1 To discuss fencing/windbreaks for Longthwaite Road Open Allotment site

 Councillors agreed to split 2 empty ones and fence as finances allow in 2019/20. Parks staff to undertake the work. Cllrs agreed to cut back branches from the large trees overhanging the new allotment site.

12.2 To consider WCT offer regarding allotments at Harry Scott Way

 Councillors deferred the matter pending a group visit on 8th November, arranged for 10.30am

Councillors asked the Clerk to arrange the Allotment Winner presentations for 10am on 8th November.

**F&P/13/2018 PHOENIX PARK**

Councillors discussed potential improvements, and decided on an annual clean up at the side of path leading from the allotments (S Farish explained debris from the old tip works up to the surface). Potentially Community Pay Back scheme could assist.

S Farish to compile list of areas already done by the staff. Councillors to compile “wish list”

**F&P/14/2018 FIELD ADJOINING BARTON LAWS**

Councillors agreed that willow be planted by the Cycle Track, S Farish to undertake the work.

**F&P/15/2018 SPEET GILL WOODLAND**

Councillors were made aware of the recent storm damage, and concerns raised by some residents of Scholars Green in relation to the height of the poplars in particular. The forestry commission had made recommendations and several contractors were looking/to look at the works for quotes. Councillors agreed to fell half the poplars and pollard the remainder, as well as making safe other damage caused.

The clerk is to check the boundary to ensure all works undertaken will be on Council owned land, check any Section 106 agreements in relation to Scholars Green, and check our insurance cover

Meeting Closed – 11.55am

Date of Next Meeting - TBA