**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2017 AT 1.15PM**

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

**F&P/1/2017 TO ELECT A CHAIR**

Cllr Clark was duly elected as Chair

**F&P/2/2017 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

None

**F&P/3/2017 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS AND PARKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2017**

Minutes approved

**F&P/4/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**F&P/5/2017 ALLOTMENTS**

5.1 Discuss feedback from Open Allotment Site – Wind has been highlighted as a problem, with councillors being asked to consider allowing fencing. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to see how the site works over the next few months before reconsidering. Trees are to be limbed at the bottom of the site, and Parks Staff to weedspray along boundary between new and old site.

5.2 Discuss options for Pest Control – Parks staff to investigate any reports of Rats on the allotments when reported. Cllr Cowell asked if Traps were an option – Clerk to investigate. Cllr Lynch asked that a notice be placed on the Allotment notice board.

5.3 Discuss proposal from Rise Support Services for use of the waste land at the Open allotment site. – Councillors agreed to the proposal, with rent becoming payable in February 2017

**F&P/6/2017 BOWLING CLUB FUNDING**

The clerk advised that the funding offer had fallen through. Cllr Lynch requested that once works to Barton Laws are completed the committee will focus on Park Improvements

**F&P/ 7/2017 FLOWER BEDS/PLANTERS**

Future planting options were discussed. A couple of committee members will walk round and consider options in the next few weeks. Cllr Cowell requested that the fountain be, in future, planted in time for Spring Fling. The clerk is to ask the Parks Supervisor to investigate the possibility of doing so, along with how the winter/spring planting can be extended. Cllr Stafford requested that part of the riverbank at Barton Laws be strimmed to allow access to the riverbank by the bench.

Councillors asked that the clerk investigate placing a bench on Market Hill, and to request the Lidl consider placing a bench near their entrance.

**F&P/8/2017 SPEET GILL**

Update on works planned for the next 5/10 years. The Clerk advised that she was to arrange a site meeting with the tree surgeon and Parks Supervisor to begin works as advised.

Meeting Closed – 2.30pm

Date of Next Meeting – To be arranged

**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST 2017 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT**  Councillors Clark, Cowell, Stafford, Lynch & Bryceson

**F&P/9/2017 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Williams

**F&P/10/2017 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS AND PARKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th JUNE 2017**

Minutes approved

**F&P/11/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**F&P/12/2017 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ON ADDITIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS**

Councillors RESOLVED to arranging site meetings with equipment providers in order to have both Fell View and Highmoor Play areas improved.

**F&P/13/2017 TO DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

The clerk is to arrange a meeting with representatives from Cumbria County Council with regard to prioritising footway/cycle way improvements and enhancements

**F&P/14/2017 TO DISCUSS RECENT ALLOTMENT INSPECTIONS**

A follow up visit is to be arranged early to mid-September. Councillors discussed the possibility of letters of commendation/best allotment competition for next year. Clerk to include as a future agenda item

Meeting Closed – 1.55PM

Date of Next Meeting – To be arranged