

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM

For future public record, this Town Council meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing facility. In March 2020 following a pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus, (Covid 19), on the 23rd March, the UK government announced a national lockdown on UK citizens. One restriction was to ban public meetings of more than 2 people and those participants must maintain a social distancing of 2metres between them. The government in early April brought in legislation which permitted Local Authorities, including Town and Parish Councils, to meet using a video conferencing facility. This system will continue in use until such time as the government allows the return of public gatherings and meetings in community buildings.

PRESENT

Cllrs Lynch, Robson, Huntington, Jackson, Williams, Hodson, Armstrong, Scott, Clark, Ferriby, Robbins and Crouch

FC/93/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllr Stapley and Huntington

FC/94/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

FC/95/2020 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/96/2020 WIGTON PARK BOWLING CLUB – TO DISCUSS NEW EQUIPMENT

The following email was sent to members on the 14th January after questions had been raised the previous evening.

SF confirmed we used West Road BC's back up mower last season. He doesn't want to ask to use it again in case we break/damage it and then they are left with no back up mower. They also have a mower that volunteers of the club use during the season. This machine is a ransome mower and only cuts the grass. Pre season and End of season they hire in a company from Keswick. They verti cut/fertilize/weed spray/top dress etc. but do not cut green.(Apparently expensive according to SF)

The Mower we had and are looking to purchase is a multi use machine. This machine cuts the grass and also has cartridges that you slot in to verti cut which is used once per month in season (weather dependant) Cartridges are not supplied with refurb machine but we have ours from the old machine. We also have a brush cartridge which was purchased by

Innovia some years ago (this brushes the green to remove debris but we used it once when purchased and haven't used it since but it's there if we need it)

I've established that our multi use mower is 100% used only for the park bowling green.

Scarifier - This machine is used pre-season and back end of season (not during as this is when the verti cutter is used) The scarifier is also used at St Marys Churchyard. Mary C has been in touch with Ian Rumney who has said not worth buying/repairing one as not used often enough, he hires his from Wigton Tool Hire. To hire from Wigton Tool Hire it's £35.00 per day or £75.00 per week

Spiker - We have borrowed one from West Road BC previously and this is used once per month though the winter (weather dependant) but SF has said that they don't always have the time to do this work so assuming it is not a necessity.

Mike - He has asked that if the seller of the refurb could do a virtual tour (recording) of the machine so he can see that all the parts are there and maybe he could start it up and show the blades? He is a little concerned that we have little comeback if parts are missing as he had noticed and mentioned to you that a front comb was missing (he said that this shouldn't be missing off the machine).

Members discussed the Scarifier first - Cllr Lynch thought the best idea would be to hire this for the coming year. Cllr Armstrong did not think it was cost effective to hire. After a short discussion Cllr Crouch proposed we hire the scarifier for the coming season, seconded by Cllr Clark. Vote taken – Unanimous It was **AGREED** to hire a scarifier this year from Wigton Tool Hire.

Mower – Recommendation from the Working Group is to purchase a refurbished mower for £2,300

Cllr Lynch proposed we buy the refurbished mower as long as Stephen Farish is happy with the machine. Seconded by Cllr Hodson. Vote taken Yes 9 / No 2 Motion carried.

FC/97/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 10th February 2021 7pm.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm