

**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, Hamblin, Robbins and Crouch

**FC/98/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – Cllr Stapley

**FC/99/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**FC/100/2020 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Part 2 of Agenda Item 4 – Report from Working Group.

**FC/101/2020 WIGTON PARK BOWLING CLUB**

**Part 1** – New equipment. Cllr Armstrong briefed members about the mower which at the last meeting was agreed to purchase as long as Stephen was happy with it. It came to light that the machine was 26 years old and it was deemed not to be a good buy. A quote for an ex-demo machine from Lloyds had been emailed to members prior to the meeting and was discussed.

Cllr Lynch reiterated that it was a good investment for the council and could be used at other areas and felt that it was not a risky expense. Lloyds have said they would buy the machine back at the rateable value if we chose to sell.

Some councillors had concerns about the viability of the bowling club and the fact that the mower was solely for the use of the green.

Cllr Hodson pointed out that we were discussing maintaining the green nothing to do with the club.

It was agreed to move on to the report as members felt this needed to be discussed before the purchase of the mower.

**Part 1 Continued - Purchase of Ex-Demo Mower**

Cllr Ferriby Proposed the Town Council purchase the mower. Seconded by Cllr Armstrong. Vote taken – 9 For / 4 Against. Vote carried.

**FC/102/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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