

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2021 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Clark, Ferriby, Robbins, Hamblin & Jackson.

F&P/18/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stapley

F&P/19/2020 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS AND PARKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2021

Minutes Approved

F&P/20/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

F&P/21/2020 TO DECIDE WHETHER TO INSTALL A SEPARATE METERED WATER CONNECTION AT THE BURNFOOT ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk advised members of updated information received since the report was circulated. A further estimate had been received regarding the disconnection of the standpipes and the laying of a service pipe should a new supply be commissioned. In addition, United Utilities have yet to issue a formal quote for the work they would undertake. Potential Costs of £1k from United Utilities were expected and up to approx. 2 -2.5k for the installation of a trough, including the disconnection of the standpipes. The installation of a private sub meter could also be considered but this would need costing, and of course be subject to agreement with WCF. Members agreed that the costs involved appear to be excessive for 9 allotments. After some discussion it was agreed that once the costs are formally received, then the Clerk contact WCF to negotiate a way forward.

F&P/22/2020 TO CONSIDER A METERED WATER CONNECTION FOR THE ALLOTMENTS AT THE CROFTS.

Due to the cost involved (circa 1k plus) members agreed with the submitted report that it was financially unviable to install a supply to serve 2 allotments. It was AGREED to reduce the rent accordingly – from £44 to £40 per allotment.

F&P/23/2020 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A TENANT OF THE BURNFOOT ALLOTMENTS TO MOVE HIS PIGEONS BACK

Members considered the report prepared by the Clerk. The main issue raised by some councillors was that the tenant had moved to Maryport, and that the Council would not normally let to anyone living outside the Parish. Another issue being that there is no rules yet in place for the site. There is no waiting list for the site. Cllr Clark had looked at the allotment in question and was not clear of its demarcation line. Cllr Hamblin was of the opinion that the site needed to be cultivated. Cllr Ferriby was of the opinion that rules cannot be applied retrospectively, and suggested that future rules need to be considered, alongside consultation with the tenants. It was then proposed that the

tenant be allowed to move his pigeons back for a period of up to 2 years, and that a demarcation line be made. Vote Taken – 4 For, 1 Against. The clerk was asked to write to the tenant accordingly.

Cllr Clark asked that the fence/wall condition at allotment numbers 8 & 9 be placed on the next Agenda.

F&P/24/2020 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF ALLOTMENT NO 2 AT BURNFOOT

There was some confusion amongst some members as to which allotment this agenda item referred. The allotment has been unworked for several years and is full of debris, bricks, stones, branches etc. Cllr Clark suggested that it would split into 2 or 3 allotments. It was agreed that the site be left as it is for now due to time and financial implications

Cllr Ferriby requested that the rules, regulations and rents be reviewed, with the aim of them being simplified and specific at the next meeting

Meeting Closed 14.10 pm
Date of Next Meeting – TBC