

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FOOTPATHS, PARKS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021 AT 1.30PM

The first Face to Face Meeting of a committee

PRESENT Councillors Clark, Ferriby, Robbins, Hamblin & Robson

F&P/1/2021 TO ELECT A CHAIR

Nominations – Cllr Robbins nominated Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Hamblin
Cllr Clark elected as Chair

F&P/2/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

F&P/3/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

F&P/4/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

F&P/5/2021 PLAY PARK EQUIPMENT

Cllr Ferriby reported that members had met last week at the park to discuss. It was **AGREED** that the larger piece of equipment from Kompan would be purchased.
Cllr Hamblin asked about the guarantee. Cllr Ferriby informed members there was a lifetime guarantee for durability of the structure. It's galvanised so less maintenance.

F&P/6/2021 WIGTON PARK

Cllr Robson reported that the working group in February had been mandated to look after Wigton Park Bowling Club and in buildings. Once the bowling club/green is completed then the rest of the assets would be looked at. The amenities would be part of the review.

Cllr Hamblin asked that play parks should be reviewed on a yearly basis. The Clerk informed the group that each member of the committee had been tasked with that but no reports had been produced.

Cllr Ferriby recommended that quotes for repairs to the Dalton Shelter be sought within the next 12 months.

F&P/7/2021 BENCHES

Councillor Clark yet to compare the list from TC staff and Cllr Jackson. The Clerk informed members that our list 100% cover benches that we own.

It was **AGREED** to ask FC to purchase and put a memorial bench at Cuddy Lonning

F&P/8/2021 ALLOTMENTS

Longhwaite Road - Quote received for a standpipe on new allotment site. Cllr Clark to discuss with allotment holders. Cllr Hamblin had thought about another option that an adapter could be used at the trough and hose pipes could be attached.

Burnfoot allotments – as per email previously circulated the Clerk informed members that staff would be unable to site a water bowser on the land next to the 2 allotments for various reasons, one being they would be unable to fill it due to the length of pipe needed. Cllr Hamblin asked the Clerk to see if the hose could be extended. Another option could be to have water butts in allotments, the Clerk suggested discussing the issue with tenants.

Members inspected the allotments on 12th May. There were a number that required attention. Cllr Hamblin pointed out that we have a responsibility to have them up to scratch. The Clerk pointed out that the Rules and Regulations had only been posted out after the last meeting in April and it was unrealistic to expect a change in such a short period of time. Cllr Robson suggested we have a list of what we think is substandard and how they are falling below the standard expected, and give them a time scale.

Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to tenants of No. 1 and No. 8 to set up a meeting in the next 2 weeks after 4pm.

F&P/9/2021 COMMITTEE MEMBER

Cllr Clark felt that with the extra commitments the committee now have it would be prudent to have a fifth member and she would like Cllr Stapley to be that member. The Clerk pointed out that at the next council meeting we would be co-opting another councillor and that they may wish to be considered.

The Clerk suggested that rather than co-opting another member ask Cllr Stapley to be the liaison with the Longthwaite Road allotment holders as he is one himself. All **AGREED**, therefore no recommendation to full council for an extra.

Meeting Closed at 3.05pm

Date of Next Meeting 21st July at 1.30pm