

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT – Cllrs Lynch, Ferriby, Hodson, Speksnyder, Robson, Hamblin, Crouch, Huntington, Armstrong, Jackson, Clark and Scott

FC/160/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Stapley and Robbins

FC/161/2021 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Town Council meeting held on 9th March 2022 – Amendment – Declaration of Interest declared by Cllr Armstrong on Agenda Item 6 (The Chair wrote this on minutes) Approved and signed as a true record

Festivals committee held on 7th March 2022 – Approved and signed as a true record

Parks, Open Spaces & Allotments committee held on 10th March 2022 – Approved and signed as a true record

FC/162/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

FC/163/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda Item 11 – Clerks Report

FC/164/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

164/2021/1 To receive any representations from members of the public –The Clerk reported a resident had been to the office to complain about taking away parking in front of the Goosemarket. It was explained that the work completed was for safety reasons and improvements to the town.

The Clerk also reported that a car had been given a fixed penalty for parking at the Fountain.

Cllr Lynch reported that grass cutting had not been done by CCC on Highmoor Estate and also anti social behaviour. The Clerk to ask the police for a meeting.

164/2021/2To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – Cllr Crouch had attended a development panel meeting on 29/3

Cllr Lynch had attended the following:-

11/03 Climate Change Group

29/03 Development Panel

31/03 Community Leadership T & F Group

12/04 Development Panel

FC/165/2021 FINANCE MATTERS

To receive and authorise payments and financial statement for March 2022
The statement was received. Payments **AUTHORISED**

FC/166/2021 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report received.

FC/167/2021 BOWLING CLUB UPDATE

Cllr Ferriby reported the following-

Quarterly meetings to be arranged

Signage – In hand

Quote received for tarmac the entrance to the park. Vote taken – All AGREED

Toilet upgrade and paths around the green to be discussed on a future agenda.

FC/168/2021 PUTTING GREEN REPORT

Cllr Armstrong reported the following:-

After Easter – ground preparation work.

To consider creating a crazy golf.

Opening date – Jubilee Weekend

To liaise with Grounds staff re grass cutting.

FC/169/2021 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

18/03 Allerdale Mayor Dinner at The Greenhill

23/04 Taste of Wigton. Looking for volunteers to man the stall. Names to DF

Ukraine Vigil

FC/170/2021 CLERKS REPORT – PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

The report below was noted by members

Big Plant – Saturday 7th May at Throstle Park from 10.0am to 12.00pm.

Have now received 2 defib cabinets and machines for Wigton Park and Barton Laws

Park Play to start on Saturday 9th July at Wigton Park

Festivals Leaflets out for distribution this week

WBF – Goosemarket to be complete by end of week and Heritage plaques will be up by Saturday. 2 seats sent are wrong colour, should be brown not grey!

Taste of Wigton – 23rd April

Police Issues (Reported)

Incident with pulling out trees at Barton Laws – A family came forward and they have since planted 20 trees at Speet Gill

East End Park – NTS got a confession from 4 children, this has yet to be reported to the Police by the school.

Staffing – Rhys Stabler will commence employment as an Apprentice on Tuesday 18th April.

Can SF ask Trevor Richardson to help out with jobs in the town weeding etc. (2 days per week or as and when needed?) **All AGREED**

Private and Confidential Section removed

FC/171/2021 MEMBERS REPORT

To receive reports from Councillors who have attended meetings or represented the Town Council. It's also an opportunity to bring matters of interest to the council for information or future discussion.

SH – Sarah Donnelly planting a tree at Throstle Park

NR – Planted at Wiza beck. EA have £25k for improving areas along the Wampool and Waver. Also planted at Speet Gill

MS – Has been asked to set up a composting system at the allotments, have volunteers to do the work.

Cllr Liddle entered the meeting.

JH – Burnfoot allotments. Allotments No. 1 and 3 now cleared. Looking at costs for a fence at No. 3. Also wanted council to know there had been an incident in Kirkland Park with 25-30 youths creating a problem. Lady in park with children was upset.

MC – Bench for Cuddy Lonning – Have asked Mike Johnston (ABC) for money for a new bench from the hardship fund.

JC – Wigton Town Team

EL – Wigton Town Team and planting a tree for the Jubilee with TJS in Throstle Park.

Cllr Liddle reported the following:-

Wind up of CCC in next 12 months. There is funding available for 1 off projects and if we have any for Wigton to let him know. Possibly up to 10k

Government have cut money for road maintenance quite considerably. This includes pot holes.

LGR – Lots of financial problems in the months ahead, cost of living and inflation etc. Difficult times ahead.

Following the presentation by CCC regarding Borderlands, the Chair asked members if they wish to be on a working group. Cllrs Lynch, Hamblin, Jackson and Speksnyder. To be added to May agenda.

FC/172/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Meeting closed at 8.15pm