

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Hamblin, Hodson, Robson and Scott

POA/10/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Speksnyder

POA/11/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

POA/12/2022 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

POA/13/2022 WIGTON PARK

Discussions continued from previous meetings regarding the Dalton Shelter. Cllr Hamblin spoke of the historic importance of the shelter and described how Mrs Dalton donated £200 the money for the shelter. Mrs Storey was also mentioned who also donated money for the plaque.

Conversation then took place regarding the Dalton Shelter. Cllr Hamblin had spoken with Trevor Grahamslaw who had read information that the shelter was erected in 1924. He is going to speak with the retired Park Keeper to confirm date.

The Clerk to contact Wilkinsons Joiners to ask for a quote.

Cllr Hodson said she had volunteers willing to clear the area and paint once work completed, also the rebuild site CIC in Carlisle have guttering etc.

To discuss at next meeting once dates are confirmed.

POA/14/2022 EAST END PARK

Report below from Cllr Hodson sent via email earlier today.

Mr McGlasson contacted myself and Councillor Armstrong wanting a meeting to discuss the footballs coming over the fence and hitting property across the road.

We met on 21st June 2022.

After listening to the concerns it was discussed that we could look into moving the football post nearest the road further down the field to make the area between the posts smaller. It is hoped by possibly doing this the players may not be tempted to kick the ball as far and as high.

It would need the bolts removed from the base of the posts and two new concrete securing pads put in to be able to bolt the post to the new area.

It was also suggested picnic tables be placed up at the road end so that families could picnic there while watching the little ones play or for people just to sit and chat. Whilst this has merit to deter the ball players from kicking the ball that far it could also bring other problems to the park as well as costs. It was also discussed the merits of perhaps putting in an extra fence / Net or to move existing fences etc. Whilst this may work I think it would be more beneficial to see if the post moving is a help or not before we undertake

any other changes.

Another phone call on the morning of 25th July 2022 has brought more complaints from residents after youths were playing football until 11pm and kicking the ball over continually. It was suggested to Mr Glasson that he lets councillors and Police know when events are happening rather than after the event. Although not to contact councillors after 9pm at night but to keep reporting the behaviour to the Police.

When the meeting was reported to main Council it was proposed that this matter went to the Open Spaces Meeting to discuss the merit of moving the goal post.

Cllr Hodson said they had been looking to placate Mr McGlasson when they met with him and they thought with little effort and cost to the Council that moving the goalposts would be an option.

Cllr Hamblin could for see problems with this as they are usually large groups playing football and reducing the size of the pitch would probably make it worse.

The Clerk had also had a discussion with Mr McGlasson and is looking into some type of canopy or netting that may help. The Clerk did say that there was no money in the budget this year. Clerk also to look into what could be done about the vibration of the fence.

POA/14/2022 SIGNAGE

Members agreed to look at the information sent to them and discuss at the next meeting.

POA/15/2022 ALLOTMENTS

Update on Burnfoot allotments – Cllr Hamblin explained the history of the water supply. Outlet supply current ongoing with R Benn Contractor but we need a trough before UU can come and connect. Cllr Hamblin to speak with Tynedale Farm Services.

Plots 3 and 4 are empty and overgrown. Fence required at the front of No.3. Looking to split plot.

To note actions form Allotment inspection on Thursday 21st July – Review discussed. Allotments on the whole are looking really good. Trough outside No. 17 requires attention. The Clerk to ask Stephen to check.

The Clerk asked to contact names on the waiting list for vacant plots.

POA/16/2022 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th September

Meeting Closed at 6.55pm