

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Ferriby, Lynch, Hodson, Armstrong, Stapley, Robbins Clark, & Huntington

FC/1/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllrs Crouch and Williams

FC/2/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10TH APRIL 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/3/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

FC/4/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 14 – WBJC Report

FC/5/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5/2019/1 - Mr Magnay asked members if they were aware of the dispute between his family and the burial committee? Cllr Lynch explained to Mr Magnay that the council are kept informed but this is not the place to discuss this issue.

Mr Waller asked the council what was happening at the cemetery with the Curator. Cllr Lynch explained again that we cannot discuss any issues relating to staff.

Anne Jackson informed the council that she would like to become a councillor. The Clerk explained that the vacancies would be advertised in due course.

5/2019/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – None

5/2019/3 To receive reports from the Police – Report previously circulated via email. The Clerk to ask for response times to the emergency call on 12th April and where officers had been deployed from. Also if there had been reports to police regarding vandalism to the Ice Cream shop on King Street as a councillor had been informed that this would not be reopening due to the amount of vandalism at the back of the shop.

FC/6/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

6/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for April 2019 previously circulated – received and authorised

6/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for April 2019 previously circulated – received and authorised

FC/7/2019 CCTV

3 quotes had been received for installation/monitoring of CCTV cameras.

Cllr Hodson recommended that we go with the police system as this would be monitored as well as installed by them. Vote taken – Unanimous decision to go with Police System

FC/8/2019 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL – TRAFFIC REVIEW

Members happy with the new traffic review for Lowmoor Road – No comments

FC/9/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Meeting

FC/10/2019 CLERKS REPORT

The following was noted

- Resignation of 3 Councillors since we received our election results. We now have 5 vacancies which I will advertise and co-opt at the next meeting.
- Welcome to old and new councillors and look forward to working with you all and our new borough councillor Elaine
- Pinfold – Small unveiling on 13th May at 5.00pm Members invited
- Cumbria In Bloom Evening at Allerdale House on Tuesday 14th May – Members invited
- Barton Laws Project – Meeting tomorrow with Cumberland FA to secure funding

FC/11/2019 SOLICITORS

Members agreed to appoint Burnett’s Solicitors in Carlisle.

FC/12/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – **FUL/2019/0112**

Consider and submit observations on planning application for Stoneswood Development – Proposed residential housing development for 77 dwellings at Land to West of Nonsuch, Syke Road, Wigton

Cllr Ferriby – We should support the archaeological report

Cllr Armstrong – Observations regarding potential noise issues with the businesses being

so close to the new estate. Need to look at a sound barrier/bank?

Cllr Hodson pointed out that we may need a better distribution of houses with regard to the housing survey created in 2016 by ABC

FC/13/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

Town Meeting – CS, DF, MH, MC and SH

FC/14/2019 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/COMMITTEES

None

FC/15/2019 WBJC – CONFIDENTIAL

FC/16/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th June 2019

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Ferriby, Lynch, Hodson, Armstrong, Stapley, Robbins, Williams, Crouch, Clark, & Huntington

FC/17/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – None

FC/18/2019 CO-OPTION

John Hamblin and Anne Jackson had both expressed an interest to join the Council. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. They were both co-opted on to the council. The Chair invited them to sit at the table.

FC/19/2019 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr Lynch proposed John Crouch as Mayor, seconded by Cllr Clark.

No other nominations – Vote taken, unanimous. Cllr Crouch was duly elected as Mayor and read and signed the declaration of office.

FC/20/2019 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Clark proposed Cllr Ferriby, seconded by Cllr Huntington

Cllr Armstrong proposed Cllr Hodson, no seconder

Vote taken to elect Cllr Ferriby as Deputy Mayor. 8 – Yes / 2 - Abstentions

Cllr Ferriby was duly elected as Deputy Mayor and read and signed the declaration of office.

FC/21/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8TH MAY 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/22/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Lynch – Item 10 Planning applications as on the ABC planning committee

Cllr Crouch – Any items relating to ABC

FC/23/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 13 – WBJC Report

FC/24/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

24/2019/1 - Mr Magnay asked the council 'Who had ordered the re turfing of their grave?' He also asked why nobody had answered the 2 emails his sister had sent.

Cllr Lynch stated again that this is being dealt with by Solicitors and please refer any questions To us via them.

Kathryn Berwick asked if the Council could postpone these new housing developments. There are a lot of empty houses up for sale in Wigton? The developers are also cramming them in. Do you think this is reasonable to say?

Cllr Hodson responded by saying it is reasonable to say all of this but it's not government policy to stop housing and the above are not reasons to stop housing developments.

Kathryn Berwick went on to say they do not allow room for cars with the houses

Cllr Armstrong commented that we are mindful that ABC have set out 550 homes for Wigton from 2011-29 and the 77 homes discussed takes us over this figure.

Cllr Jackson agreed with Kathryn Berwick and stated that schools, GP surgeries etc. would struggle to cope.

The Clerk was asked to invite a planning officer to a TC meeting.

Lisa Hodgson asked if there could be more free parking in the town. Cllr Ferriby reported that a small working group had been discussing options and that this would be sent to Cumbria CC (On Street) and Allerdale (Car Parks) with recommendations for some limited free parking in the town.

Clerk to write to Cumbria CC for extra patrols of the on street parking in the town.

Lisa Hodgson also commented on the rise in Council Tax and not getting anything for it. She discussed the police part and asked if we have police presence at meetings? The Clerk informed the council that the PCSO was off sick and unable to attend and no other officers were available.

Cllr Armstrong asked if we could invite the PCC to attend a meeting. The Clerk to also invite the Community Sergeant.

Lisa Hodgson commented on the unkempt areas in the town, weeds etc. The park, bowling green etc. look good but other areas are not. The Clerk explained that the Town Council look after the park and bowling green but not the streets/estates or roadside verges.

Cllr Crouch has been talking with ABC about the state of some areas where grass had not been cut at all as ABC having undertaken an audit of the town and certain areas are not theirs to do even though they have cut them in the past. They are trying to resolve this by talking to the landowners.

Cllr Williams stated that there are 3 councils and private contractors that cut grass and maintain

areas in the town and we are looking at making it easier by fewer contractors being involved but this would result in monetary support.

Cllr Crouch informed everyone that the new leader of ABC Marion Fitzgerald has been told.

Cllr Clark had been asked by Mr Newcombe if he could have an update on progress on flooding from the Environment Agency. The Clerk to follow up.

24/2019/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

Cllr Crouch reported that there had been no meetings of the new council as yet, they had all been postponed.

Cllr Pitcher reported that a new administration was in place and no coalition had been formed. The Full council meeting had been set for 27th July.

Cllr Lynch had attended induction training and was a member of the development panel and licencing committee.

24/2019/3 To receive reports from the Police – No report received to date.

The Clerk reported she had emailed for response times to the emergency call on 12th April and where officers had been deployed from.

Also if there had been reports to police regarding vandalism to the Ice Cream shop on King Street. The Clerk had received the following email –

I have spoken to my Sgt regarding the questions that councillors have asked and am afraid due to data protection I am unable to divulge the information to them, we only pass information to members of the public that would be within the public interest.

Kind Regards

Police Community Support Officer 5326

Cllr Armstrong asked if we could obtain the Council Tax contribution for the whole of Wigton. The Clerk to follow up.

FC/25/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

25/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for May 2019 previously circulated – received and authorised

25/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for May 2019 previously circulated – received and authorised

25/2019/3 To agree new bank signatories due to resignations – **AGREED** David Feriby, Heather Robbins and Pat Williams

FC/26/2019 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

FC/26/2019/1 To receive and respond to the Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31st March 2019- Previously circulated. No outstanding points to be discussed. The Clerk was thanked for the good report received.

FC/26/2019/2 To approve the Statement of Assurance (Section 1) and authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019 – Received and Approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

FC/26/2019/3 To receive and approve the accounting statements for year ended 31st March 2019 (Section 2) – Previously circulated. Received and Approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

FC/27/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of a Mayor, the Chair had attended and opened the Art Exhibition on Saturday 25th May. Fantastic turnout. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Brian Campbell.

FC/28/2019 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report

FC/29/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

HOU/2019/0109 – Single Storey rear/side extension at 1 Grange Close for Mr and Mrs D Jackson – **No comments**

Carry out works to trees – Removal of Rowan and Hawthorn Tree at Mardale, William St for Mr D Stanton – Cllr Crouch asked if the trees needed to be replaced. Clerk to follow up

VAR/2019/0016 - Variation of condition 2, approved plans on application 2/2017/0587 to Former Auction Mart for Dryden Home Group – Cllr Armstrong discussed the plans now encroaching on to the baths path. Cllr Pitcher stated this was due to drainage works and that they had consulted with the baths and they were happy. **No comments**

Decision Notices – **HOU/2019/0072** and **ADV/2019/0005**

Tree Preservation Order **No. 7** of 2019 at Syke Road

FC/30/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

Art Exhibition – SH, HR, JC and PW

Pinfold – DF, SH and MA

ABC Leader Walkabout – SH, MA, HR, JC, PW and MC

Finance Meeting – Draft minutes circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Ferriby reported that we had started the financial year with approx. £75k and ended the year with £39k hence the increase in precept for this year.

Grants awarded to 3rd Wigton Sea Scouts - £500
Wigton and District Community Responders - £500
Wigton Cricket Club - £100

Wigton Youth Station – Not awarded a grant for their application but happy to consider a further application regarding a heritage lottery project.

FC/31/2019 ELECTION OF MEMBERS ON COMMITTEES

Finance – Cllr Williams
Festivals – Cllr Lynch
Footpaths & Parks – Cllr Jackson and Cllr Hamblin

FC/32/2019 WBJC – CONFIDENTIAL

FC/33/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th July 2019

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
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WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM

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FC/34/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllrs Crouch, Robbins and Hamblin

FC/35/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12TH JUNE 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/36/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Lynch – Any items relating to ABC

FC/37/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 13 – WBJC Report

FC/38/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

38/2019/1 - Trish Fallows (Fairtrade) asked the Council to support and approve the renewal Of our Fairtrade Town Status. Council agreed to this. Trish asked if the council would support new wooden signs stating we were a Fairtrade town. Again Council would support this. The Clerk to as ABC if we would require planning permission to display signs under the Welcome to Wigton Signs and the Clerk to give Trish a grant form to help with costs of the new signs.

Ms Berwick brought an envelope to the table and explained it was a petition/vote of no confidence against 4 members of the Town Council. The envelope was given to Cllr Hodson and she then proceeded to read out what and who the petition was about.

This is a vote of no confidence against the following Councillors – Elaine Lynch, Mary Clark and Pat Williams and they wish to propose the removal of these councillors from Wigton Town Council and the Burial Board. She then went on to read out the name of the Clerk Alison Dodd but no proposal was given.

Ms Berwick then told the councillors she would like them to read all the comments/reasons for the vote of no confidence before it was given to Allerdale BC.

Cllr Lynch stated that the public cannot have a vote of no confidence against councillors but both Cllr Hodson and Ms Berwick said they could.

Cllr Hodson took control of the petition and said she would pass this on to Allerdale BC.

Ms Berwick then decided that she didn't want the 4 named to have sight of the petition and told Cllr Hodson not to let them see it.

A councillor asked if there was a closing date/time limit on the petition. Ms Berwick answered yes obviously but how long is a piece of string? She stated that the petition had only been going for a week.

Ms Mattinson read out a letter addressed to Wigton TC from Rachel Barwiss regarding Wigton Cemetery. She then handed the letter to the Clerk.

38/2019/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

The council were informed that Allerdale members found out about the cut in bin services at the same time as the public.

Cllr Pitcher had attended a members briefing at Allerdale House last night and informed members that he had been to an Allerdale briefing. The contract was negotiated 2 years ago, FCC were the only contractor to quote. (FCC were the existing contractor). ABC purchased 20 vehicles (a cut of 5 to the previous contact)

The way forward – ABC have said it will last no longer than 2 months and they are working with the contractor to sort this out.

Cllr Hodson asked who pays for the tax and insurance of the new refuse vehicles. Cllr Pitcher would clarify this but everything had been done following council procedures.

Cllr Lynch said we need to give ABC/FCC time to sort this out.

Cllr Pitcher has already started the ball rolling with an investigation but agreed that they need time to sort this out.

Cllr Lynch told members that it would be on the September Agenda for further discussion.

Cllr Pitcher reported that the Scrutiny committee has met and they have a work programme set. This will include Waste Management/Housing. The next meeting is Friday 26th July.

Cllr Lynch had attended 2 development panel meetings regarding the new water pipe from Thirlmere to Cockermouth. Expected to be completed by early 2021. She also attended a licencing panel meeting.

38/2019/3 To receive reports from the Police – No report received to date.

FC/39/2019 BARTON LAWS

To consider and the FA's recommendation as per report – **Council are asked:**

1. To decide whether to go ahead with a 4 changing room build, or reduce to 2.
2. Agree that Day Cummings proceed with the amendments to the design.

Our architects have quoted for this work - £1575.00

Before a vote was taken Councillor Armstrong raised concerns regarding the FRA. The clerk was asked to pass this on to the architects to check before proceeding.

Proposal made by DF and seconded by PW to accept the recommendations above. A vote was taken – Unanimous.

FC/40/2019 WCF ALLOTMENTS

To consider footpaths and parks recommendation that we proceed with the acquisition of the Site – Cllr Clark reported to members WCF approached the council 18 months ago and wanted to donate the allotments (near to ATS) to us. They would require a demarcation fence put up between allotments and the store. We asked for the allotments to be cleared of rubbish and scrap before we would enter into the sale. They have now more or less been cleared. We would have to have a legal contract drawn up at our expense.

Recommendation to go ahead with the acquisition. A vote was taken – Unanimous.

FC/41/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

41/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for June 2019 previously circulated – received and authorised

41/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for June 2019 previously circulated – received and authorised

FC/42/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

FC/43/2019 CLERKS REPORT

- New employee has started work with us on Monday 8th July
- Speet Gill – some work carried out over the weekend and will remove rest of trees week commencing 22nd July
- Circus was here 4th to 7th July – a great success
- Lorraine Murphy – September meeting (No response from PCC) Questions beforehand please
- Cumbria In Bloom – 2nd July Visited park, barton laws, phoenix park and St Marys. They were very impressed.
- Emailed EA – Report is due but no response as yet
- Planning Officer – Do members want him to come to the October meeting - Yes

FC/44/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

SH, AJ, EL – Carnival (Cllr Lynch asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Wigton Carnival for a fantastic show this year)

DF – Chrysalis AGM

Footpaths & Parks – Cllr Clark reported allotment judging will take place 31/7/2019. Speet Gill requires a replanting schedule before 2022. The committee have identified some park equipment that needs repaired/replaced.

Barton Laws User Group – Cllr Lynch reported on the annual meeting. She updated users on the Barton Laws project. Feedback from the users was regarding the poor quality of the pitches. FA are coming to look at pitches and any work required will be part of the project.

Finance Meeting – Budget monitoring for the first 3 months going according to plan. Donations granted to the following – Wigton Whippet Club, John Peel Theatre and Cumbria Speaks Oral Archive.

FC/45/2019 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

To receive and note the updated Risk Register and to consider any mitigating measures –
Received and noted by members

FC/46/2019 WBJC – CONFIDENTIAL

FC/47/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th September 2019

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Ferriby, Lynch, Jackson, Hodson, Armstrong, Williams, Hamblin, Robbins, Clark, & Huntington

FC/48/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllrs Crouch and Stapley

FC/49/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10TH JULY 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/50/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Lynch – Item 7 Planning Application and any items relating to ABC

FC/51/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 13 – Staff

FC/52/2019 ALLOTMENT WINNERS PRESENTATION

Cllr Ferriby present a certificate and vouchers to Allotment Winners –

Lucy Gardham – Best Kept Allotment (£100 voucher for Saundersons)

William Benson – Most Improved Allotment (£50 voucher for Saundersons)

Well done to both and keep up the good work!

FC/53/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

53/2019/1 – Ms Berwick brought some copies of the ‘vote of no confidence’ petition to the table as she wanted members to see them. She asked that members took the petition seriously. The Chair stated that the Council had not seen the petition as at the last meeting members were not allowed to see it. Ms Berwick went on to say that there was also an online petition.

Mrs Smallwood asked the council – Where did the ‘packing boxes’ come from that are in the Memorial Garden. Did they come from Innovia? She would also like to put something round her grave to stop people and Councillors walking over it to get to the memorial garden. Again Cllr Lynch reminded the public that the Town Council could not make decisions on behalf of the burial committee but if Mrs Smallwood would like to call in to the town council office she could have a copy of the rules and regulations relating to grave spaces. If Mrs Smallwood would like to write a letter to the burial committee it would be dealt with at their next meeting.

Cllr Armstrong asked if there were regulations about walking over graves? The Chair stated that there were no regulations and many sections in Wigton Cemetery do not have paths and therefore you have no choice other than to walk on the grass.

Ms Berwick suggested a sign could be erected to ask people to be respectful of walking on graves. The Chair said the burial committee could discuss this.

Ms Mattinson stated that the agenda had not been advertised on the website at the correct time and that she had asked the Chair specifically at the last meeting that she be told when the meeting was. The Clerk informed the Chair that the agenda and papers had been published on the noticeboard but could not confirm if they had been published on the website as the Assistant Clerk did this but was sure it was published at the correct time. The Clerk was asked to check. The Clerk confirmed that the meetings were held on the second Wednesday of every month except August where no meeting took place and that agendas had to be published 3 clear working days before a meeting.

Ms Berwick went on to ask the Chair if she thought it acceptable that her husband upset a business owner of the town. The Chair told Ms Berwick that had nothing to do with the Town Council. Ms Berwick continued and was then asked by Cllr Ferriby to stop as this did not relate to the Town Council and if the business owner wished to complain then she should do so via the office.

53/2019/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – Cllr Lynch had attended a Development Panel and Licencing meeting at Allerdale House and a briefing regarding the waste collection service. An agreement has been made between FCC and ABC to resolve current issues and collections started again on Monday 9th September. They are now looking at long term solutions.

53/2019/3 To receive reports from the Police – Inspector Rachel Gale was in attendance. Cllr Lynch asked the Inspector about the major incident that happened in the town and what the procedure was for going on lockdown as some shops/businesses etc. did not know about this?

Inspector Gale stated that as this was an ongoing live incident, the safety of the public is their first priority. She would go back and find out if there is a procedure and what it is and liaise with the Clerk.

The following questions were submitted in advance of the meeting to Inspector Gale by Cllrs Armstrong and Hodson

Cllr Armstrong firstly thanked the Inspector for the work the Officers and PCSO's do for Wigton.

We have had three very serious situations arise in Wigton that involved Knives they all happened within 10 months of one another, and therefore it appears to be a new very worrying pattern.

With this in mind, is it time to have a permanent police presence in Wigton? ***RG - The police look at demand not at population. Not sure having a permanent police presence in the town would have stopped this incident from happening.***

Cllr Hodson stated that it took 20 minutes on blue lights for officer to come from Whitehaven

and Penrith. This is not acceptable. ***RG – 20 minutes is the response time for rural areas and there were officers from other areas that arrived and it's good we can call upon officers from outside our area. We have been told we will have an increase in Officers.***

During the summer months the population in and around Wigton increases through all the various holiday accommodation, also Wigton has been designated (through Allerdale B.C) a Service Centre and through that is experiencing a rapid rise in housing development / population). Is there a population fresh-hold that would need to be reached to have a permanent police presence in the town? ***RG - Again we look at demand not population. We do look at how we divide our resources.***

Antisocial behaviour in Wigton, is a subject that is brought up by members of our community, does the Inspector agree that having a police permanent presence in the middle of the town would act as a deterrent against such behaviour? ***Referred to above.***

Why is it taking over 45minutes to answer calls on number 101?

I know this from personal experience as I have called this number with issues in the past one call was just a fortnight ago. Can you confirm the target time for a response for a 101 Call? ***RG -Totally understand this is not acceptable but victims do get to speak to a Police Officer on the other end of the phone and it's difficult to put a time limit on a call or for an Officer to rush a call to take another.***

Is there any practical way Wigton Town Council can help the police in getting a permanent police presence here in Wigton? ***RG – Again we have to look at our resources and utilise them in the best places.***

Cllr Hamblin asked if parking on corners, zig zags etc was an offence and also youths riding bikes around the town. It's an accident waiting to happen. ***RG – Yes it is an offence to illegally park. We visit the town several times of day depending on demand and we do have a patrol plan.***

Cllr Hodson stated that we can't get the Crime Commissioner to come to a meeting. Can you try? ***RG said she could send an email in to the PCC office but does not have any control over his diary.***

Inspector Gale was thanked for time. Inspector Gale left the meeting.

FC/54/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consider and submit observations on the following planning applications

HOU/2019/0191 – Side extension and front porch at Clynda, Tenters, Wigton for Mr S Harrison – ***No comments***

HOU/2019/0171 – Demolition of conservatory, single story sunroom extension and first floor extension at 70 Springfields for Mr Miller – ***No Comments***

To note the following tree preservation order – TPO No. 7 of 2019 – Land adjacent to Nonsuch, Syke Road, Wigton for 4 Oak Trees, 1 Sycamore and 1 Birch Tree – ***Noted***

Cllr Hodson asked why the planning application for Tiffenthwaite/Syke Road wasn't on the list for consideration. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had not received that planning application and would check the Allerdale website.

FC/55/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

55/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for July/August 2019 – received and authorised

55/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for July/August 2019 – received and Authorised

Cllr Armstrong asked if the payments and statement could be sent out prior to the meeting for consideration. The Clerk apologised and would make sure in future they would be sent out with the agenda and other associated papers.

FC/56/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None – Mayor not in attendance

FC/57/2019 CLERKS REPORT

- Cumbria In Bloom – Silver Award for Pride in Your Community
- A big thanks to Mike for repairing the lamp. Great Job well done. *Clerk asked to write letter of thanks to all that helped.*
- Planning Officer attending October meeting from 6.00pm to 7.00pm
- Thank you from Running Club for the use of Barton Laws facilities for the 10k run – Great Success looking at before Carnival next year
- Barton Laws – Progressing really well. Have a lot of work to do for the Football Foundation which we will be working on next week.
- CCTV – Grant forms submitted and looks very favourable we will receive grant money, however costs have increased in the time it's taken to sort.

FC/58/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

None

Footpaths & Parks – Changing dates for inspections. Will have a new award for the allotments – Chairman's Choice. Will be looking into replanting at Speet Gill. Cllr Lynch had a contact regarding native trees. Eastend Park – A few issues so committee looking into preventative measures. WCF Allotments – Ongoing

Festivals – Date set for Christmas Lights Switch on Sunday 1st December. Committee waiting for confirmation regarding stage and acts.

FC/59/2019 EXTERNAL CONTRACTS

The Clerk reported that due to a number of staffing issues over the last couple of years we are finding it increasingly difficult to keep up the work. We have 3 contracts outside of Wigton. One at Bolton Low Houses School, one at Oulton Village hall and Dalston. Dalston Contract doesn't finish until 2021. The other two are small contracts and would be better if staff could concentrate on work in Wigton rather than travelling out of town.

A motion was put forward to cease these contracts at the end of March 2020. A vote was taken – Unanimous.

Cllr Armstrong then asked the Chair to postpone this item until next month's meeting so he had time to consider this. The Chair agreed to postpone and asked the Clerk to put it on the October agenda for discussion.

FC/60/2019 STAFFING – CONFIDENTIAL

FC/61/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2019

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

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WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Lynch, Jackson, Hodson, Armstrong, Williams, Stapley, Robbins, Crouch, Clark, & Huntington

FC/62/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllrs Ferriby and Hamblin

FC/63/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/64/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Lynch – Item 7 Planning Application and any items relating to ABC

Cllr Crouch – Any items relating to ABC

FC/65/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/66/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

66/2019/1 – None

66/2019/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – Cllr Crouch has spoken to Anna Chippendale at ABC regarding support for our Christmas Market. Also celebrating open spaces.

Cllr Pitcher reported that Scrutiny were meeting with ABC Exec fortnightly. They are looking at Waste Services coming in house. There will be a task and finish group set up to look at what went wrong with the Waste Services contract.

Cllr Lynch had attended Licencing Panel and Development Panel.

66/2019/3 To receive reports from the Police – Report emailed to members prior to meeting. Apologies received from PCSO's. Members felt that the report now given is not detailed enough. They would like to prioritise ASB, ASD and New Crimes. Clerk to ask police if they have procedures when flooding occurs in the town (ie. Priorities for closing roads)

FC/67/2019 ABC DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2020-2030

Councillors to consider and submit questions on Allerdale's draft plan – Members discussed each question and commented accordingly. Clerk to input this on to the online survey.

FC/68/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

68/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for September 2019 – received and authorised

68/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for September 2019 – received and authorised

FC/69/2019 ADMIN AND GOVERNANCE

69/2019/1 To receive the completed audit AGAR report from PKF Littlejohn – Members received the completed AGAR report and thanked the Clerk.

69/2019/2 To receive updated Financial Regulations – AGREE, ADOPT and sign off – Members received, agreed, adopted and signed off the Financial Regulations.

FC/70/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had been to Chrysalis Sensory Garden Opening which had been very enjoyable.

FC/71/2019 CLERKS REPORT

Barton Laws – Lot of work to do for the Football Foundation.

New member of staff started on 30th September. Now gone on to winter hours

Damage to men's public toilet external door. SF to do a temporary repair but need to look at new doors for both

FC/72/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

None

FC/73/2019 EXTERNAL CONTRACTS

Bolton Low Houses School

Contract per annum £1,463.82 based on 14 cuts per year (Includes VAT)

Last year we spent 65.5 hours plus travelling approx. 14 hours = £15.30 per hour

Approx. 5.5 hours per visit

Oulton Village Hall

Contract price per annum = £387.32 based on 14 cuts (Includes VAT)

We have spent so far 27 hours plus travelling 7 hours = £11.39 per hour

We only took on this work due to having Kirkbride School contract but that has now ended. It is no longer cost effective.

When we tendered for this work it was done on the same basis as others in that we base on 14 cuts per year but due to the length of the grass each time we go this would need to be cut at least an extra $\frac{3}{4}$ times in the growing season year therefore increasing the charge and also the hourly rate.

In order to continue with this contract we would have to charge £18.00 per hour for 16 or 17 cuts per year. (Approx. £864.00 per year)

As I said at the last meeting Park staff are struggling with the work load they have due to staffing issues in the summer and not undertaking work outside of Wigton would help. Those extra hours would be used for work in the town that they are not getting done now. (Rose Garden at Churchyard, Phoenix Park and other areas in the centre of town)

Recommendation – To terminate these contracts as of March 2020

Cllr Williams proposed the council accept the recommendation by the Clerk

Yes – 9

Abstention – 1

FC/74/2019 BAILEY BRIDGE

Report sent to Councillors prior to the meeting was discussed

In 2010, land off West Road was purchased from Hopes Auction Company by Allerdale Borough Council on behalf of Wigton Town Council.

The intention at the time was to use the land as additional sports pitches. A restrictive covenant is in place which prohibits any buildings to be placed on the land.

In 2012 a bridge was donated to the Town Council, and the intention was to link Barton Laws to planned new pitches across the River Wiza

In February 2013 the Clerk was asked to contact Innovia to obtain relevant drawings to assist in any planning application. The subsequent plans provided were inadequate for planning purposes, and further plans were commissioned by the Town Council.

In 2014, plans were submitted to Allerdale Planning Authority. The Environment Agency raised flood risk concerns. In addition, the height of the bridge would mean the ramps would take up a lot of the car park, and also traverse the public footpath, which would need addressed at some expense.

In October 2014 the Playing Field Strategy was published for the whole of Allerdale. This report states there is no demand for additional playing fields in the town. Following our ongoing discussions with the FA, from their perspective, the situation remains the same. The Environment Agency also indicated that they would object to any raising of the land where the pitches would be. As a result it would prove difficult to find partner funders to develop the land.

In Early 2016, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the planning application was withdrawn to enable efforts to be concentrated on the Pavilion and Pitch Improvements.

Options

1. **Do Nothing** – Leaving the bridge in situ does take up some space and doing nothing will result in the bridge deteriorating further. Councillors should note that we have had a few comments about it being an eyesore.

2. **Progress the installation** – It will be difficult at this time, and for the foreseeable future, to make a business case for the installation of the bridge due to the lack of demand of additional pitches, and to overcome the Environment Agencies concerns. If installed the ramps will take up a significant amount of the car parking space. Plan attached.
3. **Sell it** – The council have been asked if it can be sold for a donation. As a comparison, we have obtained an estimate for its Scrap Value which is £100 per tonne (which would include dismantling and removing it from site). Its estimated weight is 6 tonne.

Cllr Armstrong commented that the bridge was a versatile and valuable structure. It is an asset and we still need to explore the access to the potential usage of the other field.

The Chair tasked Cllr Armstrong with exploring costs to dismantle and keep the bridge in storage.

FC/75/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consider and submit observations on the following~

LBC/2019/0025 Mr P Evans, Listed building consent for the creation of a new door between 18 & 20 High St on first floor and alterations to provide toilet and office access at The Limes – **Fully Support**

HOU/2019/0211 Ms S Jones, Single storey extension to replace conservatory and bathroom at 1 Grange Cottages, Cross Lane – **No comments**

FC/76/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2019

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Lynch, Jackson, Williams, Hamblin, Ferriby, Hodson, Armstrong, Williams, Robbins, Crouch, Clark & Huntington

FC/77/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllr Stapley, due to ill health and ongoing treatment he is not sure when he will be back at Full Council. Councillors wished Chris a speedy and full recovery

FC/78/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8TH OCTOBER 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/79/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Lynch – Item 12 planning and any items relating to ABC
Cllr Crouch – Any items relating to ABC

FC/80/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/81/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

81/2019/1 – K Berwick asked what was happening with CCTV. The Clerk explained that the funding bids had gone to the PCC for consideration and hopefully we would have a decision before the December meeting.

The Chair asked what had happened to the petition that was handed to Cllr Hodson at our July Meeting? Was it handed to Allerdale BC as promised to K Berwick?

Cllr Hodson said that the petition was ongoing and had not been passed on to ABC.

Ms Berwick said it is ongoing until the Council agree to discuss it with the public. The Chair confirmed that the petition had not come to Council and therefore could not be discussed. Cllr Armstrong asked that if it did come to council would the three named councillors be excluded from discussions? The Chair explained that this would be a decision made by the whole council. Cllr Hodson told members that she would discuss it with ABC's Monitoring Officer.

81/2019/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – Cllr Crouch was attending a Scrutiny meeting on Friday.

Cllr Lynch had attended a Devt Panel meeting, training, 2 task and finish groups regarding a climate change motion and a Licencing committee meeting.

81/2019/3 To receive reports from the Police – Report emailed to members prior to meeting. Apologies received from PCSO's.

The Clerk was asked to resend the email regarding the Emergency Flood Procedure by Cumbria CC.

With regard to the report it was noted that it appeared there would be fewer hours of PCSO's in Wigton due to 1 officer being utilised in another town. Clerk to ask the Inspector if this Officer will be replaced?

The Clerk to set up a meeting to discuss the Emergency Lock down procedure – Cllrs Ferriby, Hamblin, Jackson and Hodson to represent TC.

FC/82/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

82/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for October 2019 – received and authorised

82/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for October 2019 – received and authorised

FC/83/2019 TOWN PLAN

To review and ADOPT the Town Plan updated by the Policy and Development Committee – Reviewed and **ADOPTED**

FC/84/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Afternoon Tea for ABC Mayor and Remembrance Service

FC/85/2019 CLERKS REPORT

- WCF Allotments – Everyone happy with the agreement? Sign off? ***Yes with an agreement that the area will be cleared and the skip removed.***
- T Mattinson has not left the house as per the agreement on 11th November. Legal proceeding have begun and a claim has been made to the Carlisle County Court – Cllr Hodson asked who had made this decision? The Chair confirmed it was the Council. Cllr Williams was not happy with the comments made by Cllr Hodson on Social Media regarding Mr Mattinson and asked her to consider her position on the Council. Cllr Hodson replied that she did not agree that she could not voice her opinions on the matter. The Clerk reminded Cllr Hodson that those decisions had been made in a closed, private and confidential part of a meeting and should not have been discussed outside of that meeting. Cllr Hamblin and Ferriby both pointed out that when any decisions are made by the council it has to be accepted by all members whether you agree or not.
- H & S As part of the safe contractor accreditation we have been reviewing our health and safety documentation. Cllr Hamblin has kindly offered to help with this.
- Peter McCall will be attending the March meeting. I will need questions in advance please.

FC/86/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

MA – Remembrance Service

SH – Remembrance Service

DF – Remembrance Service, Governor meeting at Junior School Mini Police are concerned about the traffic in Wigton especially outside Junior School. DF to invite them to December meeting.

MC – Remembrance Service

MH – Remembrance Service

HR – Remembrance Service

EL – Remembrance Service, 2 CALC Meetings – Discussions re footway lighting. ABC continuing to pay for lighting costs for 20/21 but are looking to parishes/towns to pay from 21/22. Costs are £30 per light per year. No maintenance costs involved.

WBJC met with reps from ABC to discuss way forward with the management of the Cemetery.

FC/87/2019 BAILEY BRIDGE

Report received from Cllr Armstrong prior to the meeting. Agreed to discuss further at January meeting. Cllr Armstrong was thanked for the detailed report submitted.

FC/88/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consider and submit observations on the following~

CAT/2019/032 Mr D Ormerod A1 Arborist, Carry out works to trees in Conservation Area – T1 Beech. To reduce the end weight of the unbalanced overlong laterals growing over the footpath at the Old Reform Church, Water St – **No objections**

FC/89/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th December 2019

Cllr Ferriby will chair the December meeting due to Cllrs Lynch and Crouch attending the Allerdale meeting earlier at 5.00pm

Meeting Closed 8.10pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Jackson, Williams, Hamblin, Ferriby, Hodson, Armstrong, Robbins, Clark & Huntington

FC/90/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllrs Stapley (Ill health), Lynch and Crouch (Attending ABC FC)

FC/91/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 2019

Approved and signed as a true record

FC/92/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

FC/93/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/94/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair asked if everyone was happy to reverse the order of the public participation. All agreed.

94/2019/1 - To receive reports from the Police – Report emailed to members prior to meeting. The Chair warmly welcomed the Mini Police and parents to the meeting.

The following report was read out by 5 members of the Mini Police from Thomlinson Junior School.

Thank you for inviting us to your committee meeting, it means a lot to us that you want to listen to our concerns regarding the speed limit past our school.

We are aware that this also concerns the highways department in Allerdale County Council.

We have been without our crossing lady since 28th October, thankfully she has now returned on the 9/12/19 Orian were aware of this but did not supply anyone else to replace her which is not only unfair to us but could lead to someone getting hurt crossing the road. Some of us were very unsure when we were crossing the road because we cannot judge how fast the cars are approaching us. There have been a couple of occasions that we have had to jump back onto the pavement as the cars are travelling at speed!

Last year the mini police did a speed check outside our school. A number of vehicles passing

the school were travelling faster than 30mph. This did not surprise us to find that the majority of them were over the 30mph limit! Even though they were speed enforcement officers and our community police officer visible to them, this didn't deter them in slowing down.

Our school signs have flashing lights but not a speed restriction like the ones outside St Cuthbert's! There's reduces down to 20mph when the lights are flashing! The other fact is that the sign is very high up and not easy to see when you are driving past. On some occasions the lights do not flash to warn drivers of the school.

We are aware that the infant school parents have the use of a system to park for free in Water Street car park when they drop off and collect their children, our parents do not have that option so we have parents dropping and picking up on the double yellow lines or on the zig zags where it has been seen other drivers try to overtake the pulled up vehicles, this is very dangerous not only for pedestrians whose pathway is blocked but also the children crossing at their usual place.

We feel that a more eye-catching sign on both sides of the school that changes the speed to 2mph the same as St Cuthbert's would be more appropriate and safer for those of us who cross the road!

Thank you for listening to our concerns and we hope you can help to keep our children safe in the school area.

The children handed some posters to the council that they have designed regarding road safety.

Cllrs were also very concerned regarding the speed of vehicles in the town. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with Cumbria County Council.

94/2019/2 - To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – No Borough councillors in attendance but a report received regarding waste management –

The waste management contract with FCC effectively finishes 31st December 2019 but agreement has been reached for it to be extended to March 30th 2020.

At the end of this period Allerdale Borough Council take control of the waste management by means of a "Local Authority Trading Company" or LATCO currently being formed. This essentially means Allerdale will own and control the company itself.

All responsibilities will be the LATCO's as of April 3rd 2020.

Staff and equipment will be transferred into the ownership of the LATCO, all staff if willing will be TUPE'd over to it.

ABC will run the same system as FCC for the immediate future with a view to improving as the routine settles down, if needed.

Currently Allerdale own all the bin wagons.

Residents shouldn't notice any change in the current routine.

94/2019/3 - None

FC/95/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

95/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for November 2019 – received and authorised

95/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for November 2019 – received and authorised

FC/96/2019 BARTON LAWS

Cllr Armstrong asked if external power supply could be put on the outside of the building. Cllr Williams asked about the exterior look of the building and members decided that some good signage etc. would enhance the look.

Recommendation to approve the drawings – Vote taken unanimous to accept the drawing.

FC/97/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

FC/98/2019 CLERKS REPORT

- Thanks to all helpers/volunteers on Christmas Lights day and run up.
- Mayor will be doing his Christmas visits on Tuesday 17th December
- Support from CCTV Control room for 3 cameras
- Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th Dec until Thursday 2nd Jan
- Happy Christmas to you all

FC/99/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

MA – Xmas Lights – Can we ask for an extension to planning application RMA/2019/0015. Clerk to ask ABC for an extension to discuss at our Jan Meeting.

SH – Xmas Lights

AJ – Xmas Lights

DF – Xmas Lights and Junior School

JH – Xmas Lights

FC/100/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2020
Meeting Closed 7.50pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Lynch, Crouch, Stapley, Jackson, Williams, Hamblin, Hodson, Armstrong, Robbins, Clark & Huntington

IN ATTENDANCE - Cllr Pitcher

FC/101/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies – Cllr Ferriby

FC/102/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Town Council meeting held on 11th December 2019 - Approved and signed as a true record

Finance Committee held on 18th December 2019 – Approved and signed as a true record

FC/103/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

FC/104/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members confirmed that matter 12 should be considered without the presence of the press and public

FC/105/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

105/2019/1 - To receive reports from the public –

Pamela Batley from Lowmoor Road read out a statement prepared and asked the Council commission an impact assessment on Wigton. She also had a petition from residents. The Clerk asked Ms Batley if she wished to leave the document now. Ms Batley said she would hand it in to the office.

Some members of the council wished to discuss the matter at this meeting but the Clerk explained that it could not be discussed at this meeting as it's not part of the agenda and referred to our standing orders.

105/2019/2 - To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

Cllr Crouch had attended a Woodside Parish council meeting.

Cllr Pitcher had attended a Woodside Parish council meeting. Waste Services in final phase and as yet no issues.

Football Stadium – delayed. Now looking at a more cost effective stadium and a feasibility study is to be completed.

Confirmation from Mike Johnson (Deputy Leader) that ABC will have £50k funding available for our Barton Laws project.

Cllr Lynch – ABC meeting in Wigton. A climate change petition had been received and looking at carbon reductions by 2030

105/2019/3 – To receive report form the police – No report received. The Clerk reported that a request for a meeting with Cumbria CC had yet had a response regarding issues brought to our attention by the Mini Police at our last meeting.

FC/106/2019 FINANCE MATTERS

106/2019/1 To receive and authorise payments for December 2019 – received and authorised

106/2019/2 To receive the monthly financial statement for December 2019 – received and authorised

106/2019/3 To receive the Budget and Precept – The budget was received by members. A recommendation by the Finance Committee was reported that the precept should be increased to at least £260k

Councillor Williams proposed the precept be increased to £270k – seconded by Cllr Stapley

Councillor Armstrong proposed the precept be increased to 260k – seconded by Cllr Jackson

A vote was taken on the increase to £270k – For – 8 /Against – 3

It was agreed the precept be increased to £270,000 for the year 2020 – 21

FC/107/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To discuss planning application RMA/2019/0015 – Reserved matters application following outline permission on 2/2016/0249 for residential development and associated infrastructure at land at Lowmoor Road, Wigton

- Landscaping – there appears to be no play area or facilities for children
- Landscaping – concerns about the loss of habitat due to the removal of the hedgerow at the front.
- Scale – 24% increase in the number of properties over outline plans is unacceptable
- Scale – Has the pond increased in size due to the number of properties
- Layout – It is unclear if the car parking standards have been met – can you please confirm?

- Access – Outline planning showed a roundabout on Lowmoor Road which is our councils preferred option.

Councillors also consider that improvements to the pavements on Lowmoor Road should be part of your assessment, and request that this be looked into with a view to the Developer making a contribution.

FC/108/2019 ABC BUDGET CONSULTATION

Council decided not to comment

FC/109/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Mary's Choral Society
Churches Together Carol Services
Christmas Visits to the Residential Homes

FC/110/2019 CLERKS REPORT

The following was reported to members

- Barton Laws – Planning application in
- Staff received training on Manual Handling and Emergency First Aid at Work
- Emailed CCC regarding meeting with traffic team to discuss improvements brought by Mini Police
- Emailed CCC regarding a meeting to discuss flood signs etc for Station Road
- St Marys Church Gate on next month's agenda
- CALC training sent out – Anyone interested in any of the courses? Let me know

FC/111/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS

EL – Churches Together Carol Service
HR – St Mary's Choral Society, Churches Together Carol Services and Christmas Visits
JC – Carnival Committee Meeting to discuss reinstating the Wigton Dance
MC – Churches Together Carol Service

FC/112/2019 CO OPTIONS

Members considered two applications for co-option. The co-optees were invited to make representation to the meeting.

Councillors were then given the opportunity to ask questions to the applicants. It was agreed that the public, applicants and press would leave the meeting to allow Councillors to discuss this further.

Councillors continued to discuss the applications and the following votes were taken

The Co-option of Christopher Scott – Unanimous

The co-option of Kathryn Berwick – For -3 / Against - 8

Agreed that Christopher Scott is co-opted on to Wigton Town Council.

FC/113/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February 2020

Meeting Closed 8.45pm