

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2025 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT Councillors Speksnyder, Hodson, Jackson and Hamblin.

POA/146/2025 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Crouch and Cllr Scott

POA/147/2025 TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To approve the minutes of the Parks, Open Spaces and Allotment meeting from 29th January 2026 – It was noted that, under the East End Park item, reference should be made to the Woodland Trust for their donation of the trees.

It was also requested that, when recording Declarations of Interest etc., the relevant agenda item number be accompanied by the corresponding item title for clarity.

POA/148/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

POA/149/2025 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

POA/150/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

POA/151/2025 PHOENIX PARK FLOWERBED

6.1 The Assistant Clerk explained that, rather than contacting an individual directly, Community Service projects must now be nominated via an online form.

Cllr Speksnyder proposed that the form be completed, seconded by Cllr Hodson.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed.

6.2 It was agreed that the poster should be made more colourful and eye-catching, and that the word “currently” be removed.

The poster should also be displayed around the town and on social media, rather than solely at the flowerbed.

POA/152/2025 EAST END PARK

The Assistant Clerk informed the Committee that the wall has been inspected and is satisfactory at present but should be reviewed again in the future.

Members were also advised that the trees donated by the Woodland Trust have now been planted.

POA/153/2025 WIGTON PARK PATHS

It was suggested that obtaining quotes and estimates be deferred until later in the year, as the works will not be undertaken this year.

POA/154/2025 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Cllr Crouch confirmed his agreement to provide cooking at the Harvest Festival, using ingredients brought along by attendees from their allotments and gardens.

Cllr Jackson will liaise with the Food Pantry to explore any potential involvement.

Cllr Speksnyder will make contact with the Master Composters.

It was suggested that parking be available at Barton Laws, with attendees encouraged to walk to the event site.

Cllr Speksnyder advised that an acoustic musician is available for the event at a cost of £150.

It was discussed for the event to run from 1pm-3pm.

The following competition categories were discussed (with no more than ten to be selected):

- Children's garden plate
- Best recycling idea
- Garden made from recycled materials
- Best vegetables (e.g. courgettes)
- A single flower
- Flower arrangement
- Biggest marrow
- Wonkiest vegetable
- Best homemade jam
- Best homemade drink
- Best fun name for a vegetable

It was also suggested that a small paid activity could be introduced, allowing attendees to name a vegetable.

It was agreed that advertising for the event should be completed as soon as possible.

It was noted that the awards for Best Allotment, Chairman's Choice, and Most Improved will be determined by July and can be presented at the Harvest Festival.

Meeting closed: 6:10pm

Date of next meeting: 21st May 2026