

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting
Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 5.30 pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Andrea Crowe was elected chair.

Councillors: Andrea Crowe, Angela Dale, Paul Towers, Miles Burnham & Akuila Tutora

In attendance: Barry Robertson Ground Maintenance

Deputy Clerk: Angela Pickersgill

Cllr Paul Towers was welcomed to the committee

1. **The Deputy clerk** opened the meeting and asked for nominations for a new chair. Cllr Andrea Crowe put her name forward, the committee were all in agreement. Cllr Crowe took the chair.
The Chair then asked for nominations for deputy chair, Cllr Miles Burnham was nominated, the committee were all in agreement.
2. **Apologies for absence** – none
3. **To receive Councillor “Declaration of Interests** – none
4. **Matters Arising** from the Minutes of 6th January 2025
Wetpour issues Piper Hill – RTC Safety Surfaces were currently too busy to visit for a quote. In February/March the office will pursue and ask Matthew Day of Streetscape for a quote for the work to be started in the new financial year 2025-26 where there is an allowance in the budget. Drier ground conditions will also cause less damage to surrounding grassland.
5. To receive an **update from the Groundsman** on progress addressing yellow issues in the **Annual Inspection** by RoSPA in September. Groundsman will send over sheets for updating to the office as work is completed (none reported since last meeting).

Report

Sidings woods are much improved, thinned out which is giving more light.

The Vas sign has been moved to the other lamp post up by the fire station.

The **dog bin on the corner of Horseshoe Close** is broken and in need of replacing. Cllrs discussed and it was agreed that a quote for a new dog bin be sourced from Street Scene. Dep Clerk to action.

It was noted that the **first tree on the Land Trust strip** from the Business Park to Colburn Lane roundabout is in a poor condition and may need removing. Office to contact Ian Kendall from the Land Trust for inspection. Groundsman is removing some of the lower branches so that the mower can run underneath.

SC Electrics have been out and work is needed to the ground switch to the lamp post on The Broadway. **Office to contact S C Electrics for quote.**

The **metal netting in the goal in Albermarle play park** needs repair work and a new powder coat. Repairs can be done by Cllrs, Groundsman will obtain 3 quotes from companies for the powder coating.

Cllr Burnham reported that he had noticed 2 of the **litter bins knocked over along Forest Drive**. Street scene to be contacted to see if we can secure the bins in place.

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A kind resident has been making **bird boxes for our Sidings woods**. A thank you will be put on face book and our website.

Barry reported that **dog faeces were again found in the Muga**. The committee agreed that signs needed to be purchased. 2 x A3 signs for the long sides and one A4 for the gate were required, Cllrs Towers sourced a sign company and the office will order.

Groundsman reported that a resident at **Albermarle Play Park** is propping his fence up with some pieces of wood with nails in. Office to contact resident to remove this.

6. To receive an update on the Christmas light switch repair for the Broadway Christmas Tree for next year.

Christmas tree lights, Barry has managed to check the lights and has discovered that it is the controller that is not working and needs replacing. **Office will contact the lights company** and see if they will replace or not will update at next meeting.

7. Update on Raised beds on The Broadway

Soil from YIBS and JT Atkinson has been purchased and delivered. Job will soon be completed.

8. To note Litter pick dates

Dates to be noted – Sat 15th February & Sat 8th & 22nd March 2025. Dates to be notified to Julie Toombes, NYC at Mercury House for collection of bags.

9. Biodiversity Action Plan – to note any opportunities in future plans.

Plan updated and reviewed from 9th January meeting.

10. Date of next meeting – Mon 3rd March 2025 commencing at 5.30 pm

This is the first Monday in the month.

11. Items for next Agenda

Blue tub planting, Gardening competition & Ivy removal working party.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

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