

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting
Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 12th May 2025 at 5.30 pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Andrea Crowe

Councillors: Angela Dale, Miles Burnham, Akuila Tutora, Paul Towers & Maria Willetts

In attendance: Barry Robertson Ground Maintenance & 1 member of the public

Deputy Clerk: Angela Pickersgill

1. Apologies for absence - none

2. To receive Councillor "Declaration of Interests - none

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 7th April 2025

Garden Competition judging – gentleman who judged last year has agreed to judge once again, and a second judge has now been found.

4. To put any question to the Groundsman on any matter not on the agenda. Updates addressing yellow issues in Annual RoSPA Inspection from September are being sent to the office when completed.

No additions to the reports until the Wetpour work has been carried out as that was the main outstanding issue highlighted by the Inspector.

The groundsman reported that the wet pour work was not up to standard. He had spoken to the contractor regarding the matter. The Deputy clerk also spoke to the contractor and was told the work would be taken up and re done. The committee had a discussion on the matter. It was

RESOLVED that the clerk contact the contractor **to halt the work and a site meeting to be arranged, no payment to be made until work is carried out satisfactorily.**

5. Zip Wire

The reports that Proludic requested have now been obtained and a letter along with the reports will be sent off this week.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 5.50 pm

6. VE day commemorative & blue tub planting

Cllr Crowe & the Mayor Cllr Dunning planted an apple tree on Thursday evening to mark the 80th Anniversary of **VE** day. More plants will be added to the raised bed in due course. Cllrs Crowe & Dale are going at the end of the week to purchase more plants for the raised beds & blue tubs. The groundsman will water the tubs ready for planting which will take place after the meeting on Monday 19th May

The member of the public informed the committee that the soil was very clumped and that they had been weeding the beds and had sowed seeds into the beds. They were thanked for their hard work.


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7. Garden Competition

The theme for the Scarecrow competition this year will be **VE day**. The committee looked at a discussed the entry form. They have decided put a £1.00 charge per entry on each of the in-house categories with only 1 entry per person in each category. The categories will remain the same but no children's competition this year as the up take was very low last year.

8. Ivy removal

Some of the trees are now free of ivy and Cllr Crowe reported that they had found plants underneath the under growth which are flourishing. The light which the tree thinning has given the woods is great for the plants. More ivy removal will be planned in the future. Cllr Crowe will inform the what's app group of available dates.

9. Litter pick dates


Dates planned – **14th June** It was decided now the better weather is here that planned litter picks be once a month. This is the last litter pick of the year until September
Dates to be notified to Julie Toombes, NYC at Mercury House for collection of bags.

10. Biodiversity Action Plan – to note any opportunities in future plans. Plan updated and reviewed from 9th January meeting

11. Date of next meeting – Mon 2nd June 2025 commencing at 5.30 pm.

12. Items for next Agenda Christmas lights.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 6.30 pm.



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