

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting
Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 6th October 2025 at 5.30 pm

Present


Chair: Cllr Andrea Crowe

Councillors: Paul Towers, Akuila Tutora, Maria Willetts & Angie Dale

In attendance: Cllr Janet Emmerson, Groundsman Barry Robertson & Nicki Robertson

Deputy Clerk: Angela Pickersgill

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Jag Sharma asked to leave the committee due to work commitments.
2. **Cllr Emmerson** was invited to join the committee, and she accepted and was welcomed to the meeting.
3. **Councillor "DECLARATION OF INTERESTS"** – None
4. **Matters Arising** – Tree Surgery – the office has now collated together some tree surgeons to contact for quotes to remove the dead tree down at the Common Land in Colburn Village.
5. **Groundsman report-** groundsman had sent his report into the office. Cllr Dale commented on the words "all the glass in the muga again "The groundsman said it was a regular occurrence. Also, dog faeces despite the signs stating NO DOGS.
6. **Play Park Walk round feedback.** The playpark walk around was a great success. The groundsman told the committee that all the points noted on the walk around are part of the winter job plan or on the RoSPA report. Another walk round will be planned.
7. **RoSPA play park report.** All Councillors had seen the report which was emailed to them from the office. No major items were found and the groundsman is working his way through the list.
8. **Servicing of the zip wire-** The Zip wire at Piper Hill is finally fixed and in good working order.
9. **Christmas Star-** The office is still looking for a suitable star for the tree; Cllr Towers is going to look at the broken star and see if it can be fixed. He will let the office know if he succeeds. The date of the turning on of the Christmas tree lights will be Thursday 27th November. The Groundsman will contact the Christmas tree company. Office to contact the school to see if the children can sing carols around the tree.
10. **Garden Competition-** The committee had a long discussion regarding the competition perhaps different categories and changing categories. That will need further discussion but it was **RESOLVED** that a newsletter is printed with information of what has been happening and what the council has been doing. This will have a garden competition form attached to it. This is to make sure everyone knows about the competition and hopefully it creates more entries.


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11. Litter picks dates – The litter picks 18th Oct, 1st Nov & 15th Nov. further litter picking dates are to be discussed

12. Ivy removal- Groundsman winter job.

13. Biodiversity Action Plan. This was updated on 14th August 2025 with the work that will be taking place down in Colburn Village on the Common land.

14. Date of next meeting Monday 3rd Nov 2025

15. Items for next Agenda

The chair thanked all for attending.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm.



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