

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting
Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 5.30 pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Andrea Crowe

Councillors: Maria Willetts, & Akuila Tutora

Deputy Clerk: Angela Pickersgill

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Cllrs Janet Emmerson, Paul Towers & Angie Dale

2. Councillor "DECLARATION OF INTERESTS" – None

3. Matters arising - None

4. Groundsman report - groundsman had sent his report of jobs completed this month. Councillors were pleased with the report and sent their thanks all the hard work. The groundsman reported about the incident with a car crashing into our garage. The council have allocated the council a new garage and all the equipment has been moved over. The light board of the water bowser was damaged in the garage when it was hit. Office to investigate the insurance situation.

5. RoSPA play park report - groundsman has a list of jobs requiring attention and is working his way through them. Report sent to the office with further jobs completed. The grass is too wet to grass mat areas at present. Office has requested a quote for signs for the gym equipment boards, will send quote round when received.

6. Underground Socket for Christmas tree – the cable which we use for the Christmas tree is badly damaged; deputy clerk met with the groundsman and took photos of the damaged cable. Photos on reverse of page. The office has contacted NYC requesting a repair, waiting on a reply.

7. Biodiversity Action Plan - this was updated on 4th August 2025 with the work that will be taking place down in Colburn Village on the Common land. Cllr Crowe suggested once the area has been cleared and made easier to access maybe some bulbs or plants could possibly be planted down there. Further discussion to take place.

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd March and April meeting will be on Monday 13th April due to Easter.

9. Items for next Agenda Litter pick dates. Dates arranged are 21st Feb , 7th March & 21st March.

The chair thanked all for attending.

Meeting closed at 6. 05 pm.



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