

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting
Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 13th April 2026 at 5.30 pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Andrea Crowe


Councillors: Angela Dale, Helen Grant (new member welcomed), Maria Stewart, Akuila Tutora

Deputy Clerk: Angela Pickersgill

In attendance: Barry Robertson & Nicky Robertson

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllrs Paul Towers & Janet Emmerson,
2. **Councillor "DECLARATION OF INTERESTS"** – None
3. **Matters arising** Cllr Stewart had a question regarding the cycle path on the 6136. The area in question is part of First Port. She will direct the gentleman to the contact required.
4. **Financial Expenditure Summary of the Open spaces.** Committee happy with the expenditure for the year.
5. **Groundsman report** - groundsman had sent his report of jobs completed this month. The last third of the Sidings woods work is still to be completed but will be done later in the year. Councillors were pleased with the report and thanked the groundsman for all the hard work.
6. **Glade Trust Nature reserve.** - The committee is waiting for the reports from the botanical survey by which will be carried out in the summer before moving any further forward with this.
7. **Litter Pick Dates - 18th April & 9th & 23rd May** Cllr Tutora mentioned he had received an email from the office from a litter picker, regarding a request for bacon butties to be reinstated at the end of the litter picks. This would have to be at a cost to the Town Council, and it was **RESOLVED** that the matter is taken to full council to be discussed (on agenda for meeting 20th April).
8. **Blue tubs sponsorship and quote for bedding plants plan for planting** – The quote of £277.20 for the bedding plants was accepted by the committee. The groundsman will collect the plants when ready. The price of sponsorship was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED** that this year the sponsorship will be £70.00 per blue Tub and the three tier will be £140. The office will contact the current sponsors to ask if they wish to carry on and then the remaining tubs will be advertised for sponsorship.
Cllr Crowe left the meeting at 6.15pm.
9. **Underground Socket for Christmas tree** – The Groundsman reported that the repair work has been carried out and the cable has been replaced.
10. **Biodiversity Action Plan** - the Common Land area at Colburn Village has been cleared and trees pruned as agreed winter work. It now has natural light and safe pathways. More of the Siding Woods' trees have been pruned and low stumps cleared. Information added to the plan 14th April 2026.
11. **Date of next meeting** Monday 11th May 2026
12. **Items for next agenda** Litter pick history & purchase of new litter pickers better quality so they last.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.


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