

Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting
Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 11th May 2026 at 5.30 pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Andrea Crowe

Councillors: Angela Dale, Maria Stewart, Akuila Tutora & Paul Towers

Deputy Clerk: Angela Pickersgill

In attendance: Barry Robertson & Nicky Robertson

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** - Cllrs Helen Grant & Janet Emmerson
2. **Councillor "DECLARATION OF INTERESTS"** – None
3. **Matters arising** - Blue Tub Sponsorship & Plaques. The deputy clerk reported that 14 of the 16 tubs have now been sponsored. The blue tubs will be tidied and fresh compost added on Friday 15th May. Cllrs are meeting at the hall at 1.30pm. Compost for the tubs will be purchased this week. Contact will be made with the printer for the name plaques to be printed.
4. **Financial Expenditure Summary of the Open spaces.** Committee happy with the financial summary.
5. **Groundsman report** - groundsman had sent his report of jobs completed this month. He has also reported a wasp nest to NYC which near to Chase 1 play park and had carried out extra litter picks during the school holidays. Councillors were pleased with the report and thanked the groundsman for all the hard work.
6. **Common Land car parking issues and speeding cars to the Ford** - A member of the public had reported a car parking on the grass which the groundsman has recently cleared near to the Ford. It was **RESOLVED** that a sign of No Parking is needed to be placed there. Regarding the speeding the police will be informed stating the concern of the resident.
7. **Garden Competition** - A discussion took place regarding the date and a new poster to advertise the day. It was **RESOLVED** that the garden competition presentation will take place on Saturday 11th July and a new poster will be designed. The judging will take place the week commencing 6th July. Office to organise the judges.
8. **Litter Pick Dates - 23rd May 6th & 20th June.** New stronger better quality litter pickers to be ordered
9. **Biodiversity Action Plan – up to date.** Water testing completed again on Saturday 2nd May, levels slightly higher than last tests but still within good ranges. The group are looking for 2 further sites to test the next time.
10. **Date of next meeting** - Monday 1st June
11. **Items for next agenda** - Garden Competition

Meeting closed at 6.25pm.


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