# Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 7th Sept 2026 at 5.30 pm

**Present**
**Chair**: Cllr Andrea Crowe
**Councillors**: Angela Dale, Janet Emmerson, Helen Grant, Brigette Martin & Aquila Tutora
**Deputy Clerk:** Angela Pickersgill (on holiday), Cllr Grant recorded the minutes
**In Attendance:** Barry Robertson & Nicky Robertson (unable to attend)

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** – none

2. **Councillor "DECLARATION OF INTERESTS"** – none

3. **Matters arising** – update on Blue Tub Plaques. Eye Catching signs have printed the tub sponsorship stickers free of charge as a contribution and they have been attached to the blue tubs. 2 tubs have no sponsorship.

4. **Financial Expenditure Summary of the Open spaces**. - Committee happy with the financial summary.

5. **Groundsman report -** groundsman had sent in his report of jobs completed this month which was reviewed but, in his absence, there were no questions raised.

6. **Litter Pick Dates -** 19th Sept, 3rd October and 17th October

7. **Winter** Planting – it was agreed that Cllr Crowe would arrange the ordering and delivery of appropriate winter plants. The perennials would be removed from the tubs and taken to the Broadway beds where Cllr Emmerson would plant them. 2 bags of compost would be ordered at the same time.

8. **Christmas Tree** – clerk to arrange for a tree which is at least 18 feet tall.

9. **Christmas Lights** -clerk would be requested to
   - Engage with North Yorkshire Council to get a definitive view on what we can hang on lampstands and how we go about that. Clerk to provide lamp numbers and what3words identification for each (Cllr Grant offered to assist with lampstand numbers).
   - Members wanted lights on the Broadway and lampstands where you enter estates eg. The Avenues, St Cuthberts, Meadowfield Road etc.
   - It was agreed to concentrate on the Broadway this year and to put in an Awards for All application next summer for Christmas 2027.

10. **Biodiversity Action Plan – up to date,** no new entries or comments to add.

11. **Date of next meeting -** Monday 5th October 2026.

12. **Items for next agenda** – none raised.

**Meeting closed.**

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