

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024
AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: **Vice Chair** Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Angie Dale
Cllr Wayne Garbutt.

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson Groundsman

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora.

2. **"DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS"** – Cllr Dale Brough St Giles P Council.

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

Jobs Done

Litter picked all parks. All litter bins emptied. Litter picked Colburn Sidings woods and cleared paths in the woods. Checked the 3 bins on the A1636, emptied bin at White Shops. Cleared woods on A6136 checked areas were clear of litter and tidy Piper Hill, Bridge Close, Albermarle, A6136, Chestnut Avenue & Colburn Village

Other jobs completed

- Cleared woods and garden waste fly tipping
- Fitted signs at Colburn Drive green
- Cleared pallets from Albermarle play park
- Cleared fly tipping of wardrobe and drawers from Piper hill park
- Tip runs completed
- Park inspections weekly and monthly completed
- Painted grange park gate and fence
- Trying to source a flail for hire, to cut the grass at Colburn Village
- Grass cutting has commenced
- Collected wind blown litter and recycling from in the woods
- Old fencing fly tipped in the woods
- On 2-day maintenance course Wednesday and Thursday this week in York

4. **RAISED BEDS AT BROADWAY**

Cllr Crowe requested that a date be arranged for tidying and preparing the raised beds for planting. A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that the next litter picking day

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which is Saturday 20th April be advertised as litter pick or people can meet at Broadway for gardening time at the raised beds. All Cllrs are welcome to come and help with the beds.

5. PLANTER SPONSORSHIP

All planters are now sponsored. Plaques have arrived and will be going on this week, when weather permits it.

A date for purchasing the perennials for the pots need to be organised soon.

6. LITTER PICK DATES

The litter picks will be on the 20th April, 4th May & 18th May meeting at the Village Hall. All will be advertised on the Colburn Clean-up Crew FB page and Town Council FB page as normal.

7. BIODIVERSITY POLICY & ACTION PLAN

It is a live document and can be changed or added to at any time. It will be reviewed annually in January.

8. GARDENING COMPETITION DATE

The Gardening Competition presentation will be held on Saturday 29th June. The Cllrs had a discussion regarding the categories and theme for the Scarecrow competition. It was **RESOLVED** that a couple of changes be made. They have removed the feature garden category and state that if you only have one garden, you can only enter one category either large or small garden. The Scarecrow theme this year is Childrens books. The in-house competitions on the presentation day, also have had some changes made. The jam and chutney are now one category and a new category for children is included; Best Children's Book themed egg display with age ranges of 3-4, 5-7, 8-10 & 11-13 year olds. Judges have been sourced for this year. The gardening competition will be advertised on our social media pages and on our website. The forms will be available nearer the time at various places around the area and online.

9. COLBURN DRIVE GREEN

The signs are now up on the green and hopefully this will deter any further use of the grass by vehicles. The damaged area will be sown with wild flowers for this year and the committee will look at expanding the planting of the area for next year.

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10. LAND TRUST & BUGLIFE MEETING

Some of the Open Spaces committee and the Groundsman will be meeting Rachel on Monday 15th April to further discuss the wild flower planting and look at the woods to gather information on the future upkeep of the woods.

11. REPLACEMENT DEFIBRILLATOR

A new defibrillator cabinet is to be ordered this week in the new financial year and the electrician to be contacted to complete the installation when it arrives.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was requested that the Open spaces budget be on the agenda for each meeting so the committee are aware of the money available for projects.

Cllr Dale requested that we purchase more bulbs for next year to continue the Colburn in Bloom project.

Meeting closed at 6.25pm

Date of next meeting Monday 13th May 2024

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