

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023 AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea Crowe

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In attendance Cllr Paul Towers & Groundsman Barry Robertson.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Angie Dale, Cllr Akuila Tutora

2. **“DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST”** – None

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

The new Christmas tree lights were put on the tree in time for Christmas and the committee commented on how lovely they looked. The tree now has been taken down and cut up and put in our woods in the habitat piles for the wild life. Also, the trees have been trimmed of their dead branches in the woods and they have also been added to the habitat piles. All the paths in the woods have been cleared.

On the park inspections in Chase 1, holes and chips in the pin curb were noticed and the groundsman said he would fill the holes and monitor the pin kerb. In Chase 3, the rubbish bin has been secured again, one of the metal fence railings has been loosened at the bottom and requires welding. Cllr Towers will enquire if a colleague is able to re-attach the railing and report back to the office. Albermarle park has been cleared and dens removed again. Piper Hill Park, the wooden climbing equipment is beginning to split again, the groundsman will monitor this. Basket swing in need of replacing, a new basket swing and matting has been ordered. Jet washing of the parks is planned for February.

The Groundsman reported that a few tip runs have been necessary with the litter bags as village hall bin was too full and bags cannot be left by the bin.

4. **QUOTE FOR THE OVER GROWN TREE**

The committee discussed the quote received regarding the work which is needed on the tree overhanging a house at Colburn Sidings. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote and for it to go to full council to be ratified.

The groundsman left the meeting at 5.50 pm.

5. **BROADWAY RAISED BEDS**

Cllr Crowe has been working on them and more work will begin in the new year with the committee on the beds. Project still in progress.

6. LITTER PICK DATES

The dates for next 3 litter picks are Saturday 21st Jan, Saturday 4th February and 18th February 2023.

7. BLUE TUB SPONSORSHIP

The office advertised the blue tub sponsorship on social media and has had a fantastic response from the public. We now have sponsors for all of the blue tubs for the year. A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that the sponsorship will run from 1st February for 1 year. The sponsors will be contacted in November to see if they wish to continue for another year and if not, they will be advertised again.

The office will contact the plaque provider to have the new plaques made ready for 1st February.

Meeting closed at 6.10pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 13th February 2023 at 5.30pm