

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: **Vice Chair** Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Angie Dale
Cllr Wayne Garbutt

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson Groundsman

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** None
2. **"DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS"** – None

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

Jobs Done

Grass cutting of the parks and grassed areas, litter picked all parks. Sprayed weeds in Piper Hill, Bridge Close & Albermarle parks. Also, the A6136, Colburn Village, Chestnut Crescent & Business Park to the Fire Station has been sprayed. 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. Inspections of the parks done with Cllr Burnham. Tip run completed, to dispose of the rubbish from the litter bins and litter picks. Weekly inspections completed. The Groundsman reported that he is still awaiting delivery of the parts which are required for the play park equipment. As soon as the parts arrive the work will be carried out.

4. **WATERING OF THE TUBS**

The cost of watering has increased due to the long spell of dry weather that we had over the Summer. The committee discussed the figures which had been calculated by the clerk for the extra cost. It was **RESOLVED** that the council refunds the total of £50.60 for the extra watering. The Groundsman will send in a final invoice next month which will cover the final fill of the tubs ready for the winter planting in 2 weeks' time.

5. **LITTER PICK DATES**

The next dates for the litter picks are as follows 21st October, 4th & 18th November & 2nd December, this will be the last litter pick of 2023.

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6. PLANTS FOR TUBS WINTER PLANTING

The committee discussed the plan for the winter planting; the date of delivery has been put back as the planters are still blooming. Cllr Crowe will devise a planting plan for the winter plants. Bulbs will also be purchased locally to be added to the winter tubs. A discussion took place regarding the wild flower beds as this year's display the councillors felt was disappointing. It was **RESOLVED** that the wild flower beds be cut back and further discussion will take place for the plan for next year as purchasing more wild flower seeds would be at great expense. The committee are looking to use more perennials for planting across all the planting areas.

7. CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH ON DATE

A discussion took place for the date of the Christmas lights switch on and Thursday the 30th November at 5 pm was suggested. The Deputy Clerk has contacted Colburn School and the children will be available to sing around the tree as usual. Last year was a great success with many people attending. A discussion took place regarding getting refreshments and treats for the switch on. It was **RESOLVED** that the office write to the Coop, Lidl & Aldi to see if they will sponsor or provide some refreshments for the evening. The groundsman will look into the purchase of a Christmas tree for Broadway as soon as the Christmas tree business opens in October.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm

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

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