

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023

AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

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

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson Groundsman

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Angie Dale
2. **“DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS”** – None
3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

Jobs Done

Grass cutting of the parks and grassed areas, litter picked all parks. All litter bins emptied. Litter picked from Colburn Sidings woods and cleared paths in the woods. Checked the 3 bins on the A1636, emptied bin at White Shops

Other jobs completed

Hedge reduction Albermarle park

Pruned Trees at Albermarle, trimmed branches at head height for health and safety reasons.

Built all the swing seat equipment for erecting in the play parks

Fitted the new chains and seats Grange Park

Collected the Christmas tree from Leyburn and installed it at Broadway & checked Christmas lights.

Turned the Christmas lights on at Broadway for the carol service

Moved the VAS sign to new location, checked and reset the internal settings all in working order now.

Attended a Rospa Play equipment course in York. Certificate will be sent to the office.

Replaced the anchor on the Witches hat in Albermarle and adjusted all anchors.

Replaced all bushes and greased the internals of the Zip wire in Albermarle, now working well.

Reduced and cut back the rose bushes in the 2 planters at White shops.

Re attached the Christmas lights after youths removed the plug.

Park inspections completed with Cllr Burnham

Tip run to dispose of litter from litter picks and rubbish bins.

4. RAISED BEDS AT BROADWAY

Three of the raised beds have been tidied & weeded. Bushes trimmed up and shaped. 10 bags of garden waste were filled. More beds to do when weather permits.

5. PLANTER SPONSORSHIP

The deputy clerk reported that she had contacted the present sponsors of all the blue tubs and to date has had replies from those who would like to continue for a further year. She also has four new sponsors waiting to take on a blue tub next year. The deadline for reply is end of December then the remaining tubs will be advertised on social media and our website in the New Year for new sponsorships.

6. REPORT ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AND PLAN FOR 2024

The Christmas tree light switch on was a huge success, the refreshments were gratefully received by the community. The children sang and were each given a Christmas card and a selection box as a thank you. Some kind people gave a donation for the refreshments too which were not asked for but given; we have a total of £8.65p in donations. The Mayor of Colburn thanked everyone who had donated to the event; Mrs Karen Garbutt, Brough St Giles Parish Council, Nisa Garage, Tesco Community Champion, the Co-op at Colburn and The Mayor of Colburn. A discussion took place regarding the plan for next year and it was **RESOLVED** that next year the switch on will take place on Thursday 28th November 2024 and the deputy clerk will contact the Salvation Army band to see if they would be able to come and play for us before we sing the carols around the tree with the school children.

7. LITTER PICK DATES

The first litter picks of the 2024 will be on Saturday 6th January followed by the 20th January. Meeting at the Village Hall. Cllr Dunning asked if we could purchase a thank you gift for the ladies in the kitchen on a Saturday who provide the refreshments for after the litter picks. Deputy Clerk to organise.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Garbutt expressed his concern on the amount of dog waste that he has seen lying around and dog bags not put in bins. A post will be put on face book to remind people to pick up after their dogs and that you can use any bin for the dog waste.

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 5.30pm.