

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023
AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Michelle Dunning

Councillors: Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Angie Dale

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson Groundsman

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Wayne Garbutt
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.

4. **UPDATE OF ANNUAL PARK INSPECTIONS**

Annual inspection carried out 5 items which need attention and items replacing. Cllrs looked at the quote and were all in favour. The committee then had a discussion regarding play park equipment spares and replacements. It was **RESOLVED** that in future we also seek a quote for Streetscape to compare prices.

5. **LITTER PICK DATES**

The dates for next litter picks are 16th Sept & 21st October.

6. **OLD PATH IN COLBURN VILLAGE UPDATE**

The office has spoken to various people regarding the path and gained information that was relayed to the committee. Cllr Dale requested that Helen Grant was asked about the history of the path. Helen Grant confirmed that the hand rail was installed by the Parish and a subsequent repair were carried out by RDC as a favour and not official works. It is now resolved that the path is definitely ownerless.

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7. PLANTS FOR TUBS WINTER PLANTING

After the shock closure of Ravensworth nurseries, the office and Cllr Crowe have been searching for a new supplier of plants for the winter planting. With the time scale been very short, and our Council not ordering enough for some larger nurseries, it was decided that plants would be ordered from West Layton nursery. Plants will be delivered on Friday 6th Oct and planting will take place on the Friday afternoon. Any Cllr available to help with the planting please let the office know. The Groundsman will empty the tubs of the old plants and recycle some of the compost up to the raised flower beds at Broadway the week before. This will make the planting of the tubs more efficient. A discussion then took place where Cllr Dale proposed that we look at perennial planting for the future and sustainability. It was **RESOLVED** that for future planting perennials will be purchased for the tubs and some annuals added if required.

8. CHRISTMAS TREE & LIGHTS

The groundsman will look into the purchase of a Christmas tree for Broadway as soon as the Christmas tree business opens in October and will inform the office for ordering and arranging collection or delivery. New lights were purchased last year and are in working order.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk informed the committee that new pads for the defibs were required to be purchased. The Cllrs asked the Clerk to set up a What's App group to keep Cllrs informed on Council issues and when planting etc is taking place. A more efficient way to communicate for them than emails. Deputy Clerk to action.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 9th October 2023 at 5.30pm.

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