

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRAURY 2022
AT 6.30 PM

Present Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Andrea Crowe,
Cllr Akuila Tutora
Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill
Apologies Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Miles Burnham
In attendance Barry Robertson, Groundsman

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Open Spaces committee held on the 24th January were approved as a true and correct record and would be signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

Land by the Colburn Health Centre: The Centre have been contacted by letter regarding CTC taking over the maintenance of the land to the right of the Centre.

GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The groundsman gave a verbal report of work carried out weekly and also had a written report of the winter jobs that have now been completed. Wild flower seeds for the new wild flower beds have now arrived.

GROUNDSMAN REPORT OF WORK CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING

- All hedges at Albermarle have been flailed and cut down to a manageable height, so each year the hedge can now be easily flailed and will then thicken up and become denser, creating a better barrier for the children playing in the park and aesthetically and environmentally better for the birds and wild life in the area.
- Grass at the side of the Doctor's surgery at Colburn and the area behind the Fire station has been flailed.
- All equipment in Bridge Close has been jet washed, the paths and fence have been cleaned and are ready for painting.
- All the equipment, wet pour & tarmac at Grange Park has been jet washed.
- Sidings woods, paths have been jet washed and all the woods are now clean and tidy.

Further winter jobs to be completed are

- Re Paint the goal at Albermarle
- Re level the ground under the goal at Albermarle
- Paint Climbing frame at Chase 3
- Replace bolts at Chase 1
- Wild flower seeds are to be sown next week in the new beds on the A6136
- Old empty sign posts on the A6136 to be sawn off and dug out to make safe.

BROADWAY RAISED BEDS

The Licence has been received from Richmondshire District Council and signed by the Chair Cllr Dale and returned. The Open Spaces committee will take part in a site visit on Saturday 12th February to the Broadway to look at the beds and make a plan of action for going forward with the project.

LITTER PICKS

The litter pick dates for March & April will take place on Saturday 5th & Saturday 19th March and then Saturday 2nd & Saturday 16th April 2022. Deputy Clerk to advertise it on website and social media page.

A Litter bin has been requested by a householder on Forest Drive and the litter pickers have mentioned that this is an area of concern for litter. Office to contact RDC regarding the funding for the new litter bins.

UPDATE ON VAS SIGN

The office spoke to Mark Sykes at NYCC regarding the VAS sign. The problem with the lamp post at the junction of Fourth Avenue has now been resolved. The office received an amended quote for the VAS sign this week. The committee discussed the quote and it was proposed by Cllr Tutora and seconded by Cllr Crowe and all councillors were in favour of the VAS sign project going ahead. Mark will send out a plan of the locations of the VAS sign for approval. Sign will be ordered by NYCC when approved. The Open Spaces committee will all take part in the training of the VAS sign. After a discussion, Cllr Tutora and the Groundson Barry Robertson put their names forward, and they will be responsible for moving the sign periodically between the two sites.

POT HOLE ON BROADWAY UPDATE

2 quotes were received for the repair of the pothole at Broadway. The committee reviewed the quotes and agreed the cheaper quote. It was proposed by Cllr Crowe and seconded by Cllr Tutora. The work will be carried out by a local contractor at a cost of £1450. Cllr Dale declared a non-pecuniary interest but was still able to vote.

Grants applied for and received 2021-22 Colburn in Bloom Project

Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP08 – £1000 applied for 21.9.21. Purpose to provide 2 posts for VAS sign.

Grant confirmed 28.9.21. Accepted 4.10.21.

NYCC Locality Budget LB5\100188 – Purpose to purchase VAS equipment for A6136. £2565 offered 8.10.21. Received 2.11.2021.

Meeting Closed at 7.25pm

Next meeting Monday 7th March 2022 at 5.30 pm in Town Council Office.

Limited space so only committee members can attend.