

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11th JULY 2022 AT 5.30 PM

Present

Councillors: Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Miles Burnham,
Cllr Michelle Dunning.

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

Apologies Cllr Jag Sharma Cllr Angie Dale

In attendance Barry Robertson, Groundsman.

“DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST” – None

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Councillors all happy with financial report and thanked the clerk.

4. GROUNDSMAN REPORT

All weekly jobs have been carried out as normal, all the play parks have, had their monthly inspections carried out by the Groundsman and Cllr Burnham. There has been no more vandalism. The Zip wire at Piper hill park needs to have some parts replaced due to wear and tear. The parts have been ordered by the office and the Groundsman will fit them when they arrive. There has been broken glass found in the Muga at Piper hill which has now been removed. The brambles and hedges have been trimmed at Grange Park, also Colburn Sidings wood have been trimmed and tidied up to prevent people catching themselves on branches.

5. BENCH ON LAND TRUST LAND

The committee had all received the email regarding the land trust and are happy to meet with the Estate Manager either on a Tuesday or a Thursday morning. Office to arrange suitable meeting date.

6. BROADWAY RAISED BEDS

Cllr Crowe reported to the committee that the ton of soil which was purchased to fill the raised beds hardly made a difference at all. For the planting to be shown off at its best, the beds will need about 10 more bags of soil. A discussion then took place, and it was **RESOLVED** that the soil be ordered 2 bags at a time at a cost of £50 a bag. This will have no cost to the Open Spaces budget but will come out of the Mayor's charity donation from last year. A plan for planting will be devised by Cllr Crowe for the next meeting in Sept.

7. LITTER PICK REFRESHMENTS & DATES

The litter picks will continue to be the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month and will continue over the summer holidays. The Town Council will fund the next two litter pick refreshments after which a new arrangement needed to be made. A discussion took place regarding the cost of refreshments and it was decided that bacon and sausage sandwiches would be too costly to the council. Cllr Tutora proposed that we provide just tea and biscuits which would be a much lower cost. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Dunning and a unanimous vote was taken.

8. BLUE BENCHES ON BROADWAY

The Deputy Clerk reported that Cllr Mincher had commented on the blue benches looking slightly untidy on Broadway. Those benches are not the responsibility of the T Council. The Office will email RDC regarding this matter and ask if they could be smartened up.

9. GARDENING / SCARECROW COMPETITION

The gardening and scarecrow competition has had quite a few entries this year. The judging will take place this week. The presentation of the trophies and prize money will take place on Saturday 16th July at the Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall. Also, in house competition will be taking place on the afternoon in the hall. The Deputy Mayor will present the trophies and prizes.

The Open gardens will be advertised on social media and will be available for viewing on Friday and Saturday this week.

10. COLBURN IN BLOOM

The new three tier planter should be arriving on Wednesday 13th July. The metal planter will be moved to the Village Hall and the new one will be put in its place at the front of the Broadway. This is self-watering so it will keep the plants healthy and blooming.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Meeting Closed at 6.45pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 12th September at 5.30pm