

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2022 AT 5.30 PM

Councillors: Cllr Angie Dale, Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Michelle Dunning.

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

Apologies: Cllr Jag Sharma, Cllr Akuila Tutora & Cllr Colin Lyne

In attendance Barry Robertson, Groundsman.

Cllr Angie Dale, thanked all of the Open Spaces committee for their hard work in the past year, all the projects that have been completed, a great achievement and she hopes it continues.

1. ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIR

Cllr Dale proposed Cllr Miles Burnham, seconded by Cllr Crowe and a unanimous vote was made in favour of the proposal.

Cllr Burnham was duly elected and thanked Cllr Dale for all of her hard work in leading the committee.

2. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR

Cllr Dale proposed Cllr Michelle Dunning, seconded by Cllr Crowe and a unanimous vote was made in favour of the proposal.

“DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST” – None

3. GROUNDSMAN’S REPORT

The groundsman gave a verbal report of work carried out weekly and also jobs that have now been completed.

Grass cutting season is underway, the planters have been watered. Climbing frame rivets at Albermarle have been replaced. The groundsman & Cllr Burnham have completed the monthly inspections, no major issues and inspection sheets have been completed. The groundsman reported some vandalism at the Piper Hill, bolts been loosened and swings been tampered with also rubber matting damaged. Office to report to the police. Wild flowers are starting to bloom. Groundsman was asked about the bench at Albermarle which had been reported with bird poo etc on, he stated that it is under a tree where nesting birds are and it is nature, he does not have time to keep cleaning the benches.

4. BROADWAY RAISED BEDS

A working party cleared the raised beds they now look much better. They are now ready for top soil and planting. The top soil is arriving this week and Cllrs will be adding this to the beds. Lidl have very kindly donated some plants for the raised beds and a letter of thanks is to be sent to the manager of Colburn Lidl. Cllr Dale and Cllr Crowe will be going to purchase more plants once the soil is in place. Cllr Dale has £1000 from her mayor’s charity which will fund this project.

5. COLBURN IN BLOOM BROADWAY 3 TIER PLANTER

The 3-tier planter which is currently on the front of the Broadway is not a self-watering planter. This requires watering more than the others and consequently the plants have died. The committee discussed how they could solve this problem as the Groundsman does not have time to water the number of times it requires. It was RESOLVED that a 3 tier self-watering planter would be ordered at a cost of £381.00 plus VAT for the Broadway. The current planter would be re located to the village hall where it can be watered regularly.

6. POT HOLE ON BROADWAY UPDATE

The pot hole has been filled and the work has been completed.

7. GARDENING & SCARECROW COMPETITION

The entry forms are out around the area and available online to fill in and return or print out and return. The office will email Colburn School to ask them if the form can be added to the newsletter, so that the families of the children will be aware of the competition. The question of judges was raised and it was decided that Cllr Burnham and Mrs Burnham and possibly another Cllr would be the judges for the competition this year.

8. COLBURN IN BLOOM

Ravensworth has been contacted for delivery date of the summer planting; the office will be advised on the delivery date. A working party will be planting up the plants. Anyone wishing to help please let the office know.

9. LITTER PICKS

The litter picks will continue to be held on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month apart from Bank Holiday weekends. Cllr Dale informed the committee that for the last 2 years the refreshments for the litter picks had been funded from her mayor's allowance and asked if this would continue. Office is to contact the new Mayor in office to see if they wish to carry on supporting the litter pick refreshments. Note - Mayor provided food for the Broadway raised beds clearance and would like to focus on his own charities.

10. VAS SIGN UPDATE

The Vas sign has now been installed Cllr Burnham, the Groundsman and the Deputy Clerk went to observe the installation. It is currently on the lamp post near the fire station. At present it is facing the oncoming traffic from White shops, it will be turned to face the oncoming traffic from the roundabout in about 4 weeks' time. It will then be re located to the other site at outside Sadlers garage for the same amount of time and will be then moved between the 2 sites regularly.

11. HILDYARD ARMS SIGN

Cllr Burnham had received complaints regarding the visibility of the Hildyard Arms sign, Cllr Dale reported that it is the responsibility of the Hildyard Arms to keep the sign advertising their business visible. Cllr Burnham will inform the Hildyard Arms.

12. MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR

The Open Spaces meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month of the year, unless a bank holiday falls on that week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting Closed 6.45pm

Date of next meeting Monday 11th July