

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: Michelle Dunning, Akuila Tutora,

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In attendance Cllr Paul Towers

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Angie Dale, Cllr Jag Sharma & Groundsman Barry Robertson.
2. **“DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST”** – None
3. **MARNE GRANGE PLAY PARK UPDATE**

The office emailed Charles Marsh from Vistry, regarding the issue of the drainage at the play park and they are struggling to find a contractor to put in the drainage work. He will inform the office of any progress. Our maintenance person has checked the park and there are no safety issues with the play equipment but the park ground is becoming a safety issue in the wet weather and the office has informed Vistry that the Council may insist it be closed until the work is carried out for safety reasons.

4. **LAND TRUST UPDATE**

The office emailed Ian at the Land Trust but he was out of the office on leave. Subsequent to the meeting on Monday evening, the office received an email on Tuesday morning with a contribution offer of £1750 for 2023/24 towards the up-keep of the area besides the A1636.

5. **BROADWAY RAISED BEDS**

Cllr Crowe sent a brief report regarding the raised beds. She has been working on the beds and they are still a work in progress.

6. **BULB PLANTING**

Bulb planting is planned for Saturday 19th November, Cllr Crowe sent a report regarding the tubs she has cleared out, 8 of the tubs of the old planting. Cllr Crowe advised the committee that a bag of new compost will be required for each of the tubs to replenish them before planting. It was **RESOLVED** for the office to order 18 bags of compost from Ravensworth to be delivered with the plants this week.

7. **LITTER PICK DATES**

Litter picks will continue to be the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, this Saturday it is going to be advertised as bulb planting too. The volunteers can either plant up the tubs or litter pick. The dates for December Litter pick are Saturday 3rd & 17th December.

8. COLBURN IN BLOOM TUB SPONSORSHIP

The office contacted the previous sponsors via email and has had 6 replies from sponsors stating they would be willing to sponsor a tub again this year. The office will contact the sponsors again before advertising on social media for further sponsorships.

9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION DATE

Date to be arranged with committee members

10. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON DATE

A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that the Christmas Tree lights switch on will be on Thursday 1st December at 5pm. Colburn Primary School will be attending to sing carols around the tree. Office to contact Colburn School with date.

11. LITTER BIN UP DATE

RDC contacted the office and the litter bins are being put in place over the next few weeks

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting closed at 6 pm

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