

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2022
AT 6.30 PM

Present Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Michelle Dunning,
Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Akuila Tutora

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

Apologies None

In attendance Barry Robertson, Groundsman

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The Groundsman gave a comprehensive written report which is below. The Groundsman has been using his own house as a water source for jet washing. He has taken meter readings to show how much extra water is consumed. Yorkshire water is going to be approached next week at the meeting for a more permanent solution to the watering problem. The Groundsman and Councillor Burnham will do play park monthly inspection next week. Wild flower seeds for the new wild flower beds are to be ordered by the office.

GROUNDSMAN REPORT OF WORK CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING

All bins in the play parks, White shops, Marne Grange play park and the three bins in front of the Sidings Woods are emptied regularly.
General maintenance on the play equipment in the parks.
Conducted the weekly and monthly inspections of all the park equipment, inspection sheets have been completed and sent to the office.
Parks have been jet washed the parks. Currently I am using my own water supply to fill the bowser as a temporary measure until a more permanent water source can be secured.

- All wet pour repairs have been carried out in the parks.
- Sidings Woods, the dead wood has been cleared, raised the crowns on trees, cleared all the paths, collected all the dead leaves and made habitat piles with them for the wild life.
- Removed and cut up the trees that have been maliciously cut down and now put on habitat piles. Fence and equipment at Grange Park have been repainted.
- Gate at Grange Park has been painted a different colour, to clearly show entrance & exit.
- Taken delivery of the bowser from the company, and it is now fully assembled and fitted with a numberplate. It has been filled with oil and fuel and is now ready for use.

- Christmas tree has been taken down and recycled.
- Paths have been jet washed and the moss has been treated to keep it at bay.
- Chase 1, all the wet pour has been jet washed, the equipment has all been cleaned, and the seats re-painted.
- Chase 2, all the wet pour and the path have been jet washed, the equipment and fence have all been cleaned, and the seats re-painted.
- New wild flower bed which will be on the A6316, has been marked up and the grass sprayed off in preparation for the wild flower seeds.
- Hedge at Albermarle is being flailed on the 28th January. I will be there to clear away the debris. When the hedge has been cut, I will be able to cut any area that could not be reached, and then repair the fence areas which have gaps.

LITTER PICKS

The next two litter picks will take place on Saturday 5th February and then Saturday 19th February 2022. Deputy Clerk to advertise it on website and social media page.

BROADWAY RAISED BEDS

RDC has written a licence document with plan which has been signed by the Chair on behalf of the Town Council and the counter signed final draft will be returned shortly. There will be an annual fee of £20 payable to RDC. When the licence has been received, a working party will start to clear the beds of the plants which are not required and make the raised beds look brighter and more colourful. Grants will be looked into to fund the project. RDC to be contacted again to ask about the Colburn Broadway Environment Improvement grant of £10,000 from the Section 106 for which the Council produced plans and research for and sent to RDC some years ago.

LAND BY THE COLBURN HEALTH CENTRE

The office reported that the land to the right of the building on the corner of the road does belong to the Health Centre but has been neglected and left in a dreadful state. The office is contacting the health centre to ask if they may look after the area and possibly make it into a memorial garden.

Any Other Business.

A pothole on Broadway has been reported to the office by a Councillor, quotes have been requested, we have received one quote and are waiting for the responses to others as we need 3 quotes for the work. Local contractor has been contacted for quote.

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 7.00pm

Next meeting Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 6.30pm in Town Council Office.

Limited space so only committee members can attend.