

## MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
AT 6.30 PM

**Present** Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea Crowe  
Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Akuila Tutora  
**Deputy Clerk** Angie Pickersgill  
**Apologies** Cllr Charlene Thirlwell & Barry Robertson, Groundsman

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

### **GROUNDMAN'S REPORT**

Groundsman's report deferred to next meeting due to illness

### **BULB PLANTING**

The Second stage of bulb planting will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with Cllrs forming a working party to plant the bulbs.

### **COLBURN IN BLOOM**

The New Benches are all in place. The planters will be placed either side of each bench by the Groundsman. The plants and extra compost for the planters are due to arrive next week, but a working party has been arranged for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for bulb planting. A discussion took place and it was suggested that the plants are put in same day as the bulbs. It was **RESOLVED** that the office contact Ravensworth to see if an earlier delivery could be arranged.

The Water Bowser has been ordered and delivery has been arranged for this week. Groundsman will inform office when it arrives.

### **LITTER PICKS**

The litter picks will remain fortnightly and the dates for the next four litter picks are as follows 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 & 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022. The Office to contact Street Scene at RDC to find out the zone schedule for their litter picks so that we are not doing the same times.

### **PLAY PARK UPGRADES**

The Bridge Close and Grange play park upgrades are all now completed and have new equipment added for the children to enjoy. Streetscape to be thanked for the work carried out.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

A discussion took place regarding the Christmas lights. It was **RESOLVED** that the total prize money would be £100 and have 10 winners of £10.00 each. The Open Spaces committee members will go around the Town and each pick two winners. The winners will receive a certificate and prize money. The Mayor will be

donating additional prizes if required for good effort on the light displays too. The judging will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December and prizes awarded on the 20<sup>th</sup> December to the winners.

### **RAISED BEDS AT BROADWAY**

The raised beds are in need of an overhaul and members of the Open Spaces committee would like to brighten up the beds. RDC has been contacted regarding this and we have been given the option of taking care of them. A discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the beds and the cost to the Council. Cllr Dale raised the matter of 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. It was RESOLVED that a letter would be sent to Callum McKeon and Colin Dales requesting that this matter is looked into and for a response be sent to the Town Council.

### **Any Other Business.**

The Dog bin down by the Hildyard Arms turning had been knocked off its post by a car and is damaged beyond repair a replacement is required. Office to inform RDC that a replacement is to be ordered.

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

**Awards for All** - £10,000 grant applied for 26.3.21. Confirmed 16.4.21. Purpose to provide more benches and flower planters along A6136 and in the Siding Woods. **Received** 23.4.21.

**NYCC Locality Grant LB3-100433** - £1000 applied for 3.2.2020. Agreed immediately with an extension to August 2021 to spend the money due to covid restrictions. Purpose to add money for Flower Planters. **Received** 14.9.21.

**Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP10**- £1000 applied for 10.12.20. Confirmed 3.2.21. Purpose to provide another bench along the A6136 (Sunflower design). **Received £700.04** 3.12.21. This is 74% of original application for an NHS bench £1350. Sunflower design subsequently chosen £1000.

**NYCC Locality Grant LB5-100033** - £1000 agreed 9.6.21. Purpose to provide another bench along the A6136. **Received** 23.6.21

**Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP09** - £1000 applied for 21.9.21. Purpose to provide funding for the plinths for benches (total cost £4500). Grant offered and accepted 4.10.21. **Received** 3.12.21

**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\100189** - £1700 offered 8.10.21. Purpose to support cost of plinths (total cost £4500). **Received** 2.11.2021.

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

Meeting Closed at 7.30 pm

**Next meeting to be arranged.**