

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021
AT 6.30 PM

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

In Attendance Cllr Charlene Thirlwell & Groundsman.

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

Apologies Cllr Jag Sharma ~ work commitments

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

Matters Arising

Sign for Piper Hill play park agreed and all signs to be checked for correct opening times of the office. Deputy Clerk to arrange for all signs to be checked for correct times and days of office opening our and replacement signs to be purchased if required.

Wet Pour kit has been purchased and delivered. Groundsman to repair wet pour areas of damage.

Christmas Tree has been ordered and will be switched on, Thursday 2nd Dec. Colburn School has been contacted and will arrange for some children to come and sing around the tree.

Grassed area at the back of Colburn Sidings is to be flailed and bulbs planted.

GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The Groundsman reported that he had been working in the play parks, in Albermarle the Ariel swing has been levelled and new matting put down. Bushes at Bridge Close and Chase One parks have been cut down for the winter. All the side sloping grassed area at Piper Hill has also been cut down and cleared. Pathway into Piper hill has also been cleared and cleaned. The wild flower beds have been cut down and now are ready for the bulbs to be planted for spring. The new wild flower beds are also being prepared and will be planted with bulbs and then wild flower planting early next year. The second litter bin has been put into the Piper hill play park to help cut down on the litter in the park. Cllr Burnham had accompanied the groundsman on the monthly inspections of the parks and has signed off the inspection sheets. The Open Spaces committee thanked the groundsman for all his hard work and for keeping our play parks and open space areas looking excellent.

WATER BOWSER FOR PLANTER WATERING

The groundsman was asked at the last meeting to research a water bowser. After some research he found one that would be suitable for our requirements. A discussion took place with the Groundsman and he explained that the bowser will hold 500 litres of water and would need to be filled twice to water all of the planters. It is able to travel on the highway and has a pump to the water into the planters. The cost of the bowser is £2,185 plus VAT & delivery. It was **RESOLVED** that the bowser would be a necessary purchase for the Colburn in Bloom project to succeed. The groundsman will send over the information to the office to contact the company once it has been ratified at the Town Council meeting in November.

REPLACEMENT DOG BIN

The office was informed that the dog bin at the bottom of Colburn Lane had rotted away and needed replacing, a new dog bin has been ordered by the office and will be in place with the next 4 weeks.

COLBURN IN BLOOM UPDATE

The plinth contractor has begun work on the plinths for the benches this week. The benches are due to arrive early next week. Bulb planting will commence Sunday 7th November on the existing wild flower beds on the A6136

LITTER PICKS

The next litter pick to take place will be on Saturday 6th November meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am. It will be advertised on our social media pages as usual and Cllrs will also share it to see if we get more people involved.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The Contractor has informed the office that work will commence on Bridge Close Park upgrade in 2 weeks' time and will be followed by Grange Park upgrade. Bridge Close Park will remain open during the works, Grange Park will have to be temporarily closed due to wet pour been put down. The contractor will fence off the park while work is taking place. Signs will be placed on the gate which will be locked and notice will be given on our social media page and our website.

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 - £1000 applied for 10.12.20. Confirmed 3.2.21. Purpose to provide another bench along the A6136 (Sunflower design).

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.

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 8.00 pm

Next meeting Wednesday 1st December 2021 commencing 6.30 pm