

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA ZOOM
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY AT 7 PM

Present **Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Michelle Dunning,
Cllr Miles Burnham**

In Attendance **Cllr Colin Lyne & Groundsman**

Deputy Clerk **Angie Pickersgill**

Apologies **Cllr Jag Sharma ~ work commitments.**

MATTERS ARISING - none

GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The Village Hall has kindly let the council share their bin for the disposal of the rubbish for a long time but it has become a problem as we have more bins to empty and with the warm weather, it is causing odour problems. A discussion took place to see if the situation could be resolved and it was **RESOLVED** that the Groundsman will empty the bins on the Thursday before the Friday emptying of the Village Hall bin then that bin can be cleaned and disinfected before more rubbish is placed in it. The grassed area outside of the Bridge Close play park was discussed and it was suggested that wild flowers be sown there since the display along the A6136 has had many positive comments. More discussion will take place at a future meeting.

PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS

It was **RESOLVED** that play park inspection are re-instated once all restrictions are lifted, the Open Spaces committee will do the walk round of the play parks. Dates to be arranged and sent out from the office.

COLBURN IN BLOOM

The 15 Planters have arrived and are in the Village Hall. The Benches are going into manufacture next week and the office will be contacted when they are ready for delivery. A site visit for the positioning of the plinths with the contractor to be organised by the office. Dates to be sent out for availability.

AMENDMENT 19TH JULY FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Due to there being no further meetings until Wed 1st Sept clarification was sought on the planters which were currently being stored in the Village Hall, taking up a large amount of space. It was agreed that Cllr Dale with the help of 2 volunteers, Richard and John, would put the planters out starting at the Broadway to replace the disintegrating wooden tubs. Advice on suitable plants was being obtained from a previous councillor who had returned to Colburn and was responsible for the excellent floral displays in Northallerton. It was agreed to plant up with the winter in mind, probably one central shrub surrounded by perennials or suitable bulbs. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Angela Dale.

GARDENING & SCARECROW COMPETITION

The gardening and scarecrow competition has attracted quite a few entries. It was **RESOLVED** that the competitions that will be held on the afternoon of the Gardening & Scarecrow competition in the Village Hall be advertised on our social media pages and website.

LITTER PICKS

The next litter pick to take place will be on Saturday 17th July meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am. It will be advertised on our social media pages as usual.

PLAY PARK QUOTES

The office had emailed all the councillors the quotes for the play parks which they have reviewed. It was **RESOLVED** that the committee would wait to see if we were successful with the grant applications and, if successful, it was **RESOLVED** to put the choices on our social media pages for the public to choose which equipment they preferred.

Grants received for 2021-22

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.

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

Garrison Area Partnership Grant - £1000 applied for 10.12.20. Confirmed 3.2.21. Purpose to provide another bench along the A6136.

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

Meeting Closed at 7.35 pm

Next meeting Wednesday 1st Sept 2021