

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS ZOOM MEETING
HELD ON 10th MARCH 2021 AT 6.30 PM

Present **Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Helen Grant, Cllr Michelle Dunning,
Cllr Charlene Thirlwell, Cllr Miles Burnham**

In Attendance **Cllr Kevin Foster, Cllr Colin Lyne, Cllr Colin Mincher**

Deputy Clerk **Angie Pickersgill**

Apologies **Cllr Jagannath Sharma Barry Robertson (Groundsman)**

“DECLARATION OF INTERESTS” None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 17th February 2021 were approved as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

GROUNDMAN’S REPORT

The Groundsman emailed a report to the office as he was unable to attend the meeting. All Councillors were happy with the report however they were not pleased that the wild flower seeds had not been planted. A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** the groundsman is asked to go ahead with the planting of the wild flower seeds as planned. Office to check with groundsman regarding the woodland walk footpath to check they have been jet washed so they are free of moss etc.

COLBURN IN BLOOM

The Chair and the Deputy Clerk are working on the grant application and it will be completed soon.

BENCHES

A site visit took place on Saturday 6th March of the Open Spaces Committee at the A6136 and discussed the siting of the next bench. It was **RESOLVED** that the bench be sited near to the crossing opposite to Premier Meats.

ALBERMARLE PLAY PARK FENCING

3 Quotes have been received for the metal fencing at Albermarle play park. Cllr Dale had spoken to Gary Hudson who is responsible for the Open Spaces at RDC about the problem with the hedgerow and they had a discussion on how we could resolve this. Cllr Dale was advised that the gaps should

be filled with wooden fencing rails and bushes planted that Gary recommends to fill the hedgerow and prevent children going through. A barrier has to be created to prevent anyone getting through the fence. It was stated that crawling underneath the hedgerow would not be running out into the road, and Councils must do their best to make a barrier. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the groundsman regarding planting bushes and making safe the gaps on the hedgerow.

LITTER PICK

The litter pick poster competition which the children of Colburn School took part in was judged this week and a winner from each class was chosen. Cllr Dale stated that there were some fantastic entries and judging was difficult. The Mayor of Colburn will be presenting the Children with their prizes and a laminated copy of the winning poster on Friday virtually via Zoom in School. The litter picks will recommence on Saturday 1st April and will be on the 1st Saturday of every month; social distancing measures will be in place. It was **RESOLVED** that a Facebook event be created to advertise the monthly litter picks and advertise widely. Also, posters encouraging people to pick up their litter to be placed around the community and in shop windows.

MEMORY TREES

The Office had gathered some information from RDC regarding the planting of Memory Trees. A discussion took place on whether members of the public would purchase a tree or just give a donation in memory of a person or persons. Also, a map of the area where the trees were planted was suggested to help identify the trees. It was **RESOLVED** more information and research is needed for this project. Meetings concerning tree planting will be taking place soon which some Council members will be attending and they will report back to the Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Lyne reported that the Marne play park gates were open and the cable ties had been cut on the gates. The bins are overflowing and children are still playing in the park despite the park been closed by the owners. Deputy Clerk to contact the company again to report this matter.

A dog bin and a litter bin had been requested for Woodside Chase. A litter bin will be installed by RDC free of charge for the residents to use. A dog bin will not be installed as Woodside Chase is still under the ownership of the developers and not under RDC. If a dog bin was to be installed it would have to be purchased by the developer and would need to be purchased from RDC to be emptied by them weekly.

The groundsman to be asked if he could do the edging of the cycle path on the A6136 from the Fire Station to the business park sign.

Meeting Closed 7.45pm.

Next meeting to be confirmed.