

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

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6.30 PM

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

**In Attendance** Groundsman

**Deputy Clerk** Angie Pickersgill

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

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The Groundsman reported that he had been grass cutting and maintaining the play park equipment. An External inspection had taken place of the play parks and 4 serious defects that required immediate action were found which have been rectified by the groundsman. 3 minor defects were found and they are being actioned now. The hedge at Albermarle is to be cut down so that it thickens up; this is in the diary to be cut Dec/January when the contractor is available to carry out the work. The small gaps in the hedge at Albermarle play will be filled in to prevent children crawling through. This is on the winter jobs list as well as re painting the goal post at Albermarle and other maintenance jobs to be carried out once the grass cutting season ends.

### SPRING BULBS & WILD FLOWERS FOR 2022

The Councillors praised the Groundsman for the wonderful display of wild flowers which we have had on the A6136. The Councillors discussed what they would like to do for next year and how to improve the display. It was **RESOLVED** that the wild flower bed would be extended future up the A6136 so that more of the grassed area would have flowers. It was **RESOLVED** that the groundsman would contact the suppliers again for quotes for wild flower seed and spring bulbs to plant ready for next year so that we have a good display from Spring to Autumn.

### PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS

A discussion took place regarding reinstating the walk round of the play parks now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Burnham would take up the post of doing the monthly Play Park risk assessments, he has a health and safety background and said he would be happy to take on the roll. Cllr Burnham will do this monthly with the groundsman and report back to the Committee and the Office. He will now sign the inspection sheets in place of the Deputy Clerk. The Open Spaces & Play Parks committee will do a walk around of the parks quarterly. Dates to be arranged.

### COLBURN IN BLOOM UPDATE

The Benches are expected to arrive the end of September; the office is working with Highways to secure a street furniture licence which is required for some of the plinths which will be placed near a highway. The contractor is

aware of where the plinths are to be placed. Once the licence is signed and authorised work can go ahead. The plinths cost has come in at £600.00 each, the plinths will have a bench and a planter at either side secured onto it. The office has asked the contractor for a cost of the plinth and pathway bench going down the lane to the Village as there will be more work involved. The cost of materials has increased drastically since Brexit and the Covid pandemic.

Councillor Dale reported that she had approached local business owners regarding the sponsorship of plants for the planters at £50 per year per planter. She has been successful in securing sponsorship for all the 16 planters. Also for the 3-tier planter at a cost of £162 for the year. She has also secured some free compost from a local firm who will donate it to the project, the planters will need extra compost which will be purchased from the Colburn in Bloom fund. The Winter & Summer plants have been ordered; the winter ones will arrive 1<sup>st</sup> week in Oct. The committee thanked Cllr Dale for her hard work. Planting will take place in October.

The Mayor Cllr Angie Dale told the committee that her mayor's charity this year would be Colburn in Bloom.

### **LITTER PICKS**

The next litter pick to take place will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am. It will be advertised on our social media pages as usual.

### **PLAY PARK CONSULTATIONS**

The play park consultation took place on social media and at Colburn Leisure Centre the children voted for the equipment which they would like to have in Bridge Close and Grange Road parks.

There was a clear winner in Streetscape. It was **RESOLVED** that the office contact the contractor to inform them that they had been successful and start the process for the park's upgrades.

### **AOB**

A task and finish group will look at the Climate Change Action Plan for the website. Date to be arranged.

A Christmas lights competition will be held this year to be discussed at the October meeting.

### **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. 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.

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

Meeting Closed at 7.50 pm

**Next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 commencing 6.30 pm**