

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS ZOOM MEETING
HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30 PM

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

In Attendance Kevin Foster, Colin Lyne, Colin Mincher, Miles Burnham

Maintenance person Barry Robertson

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

Apologies Jagannath Sharma

GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The Groundsman reported that the many of the jobs on his winter job list had now being completed. He produced a new job list of ongoing jobs which is attached to the minutes. The grassed area on the A6136 planned for the wild flower seeds has been sprayed, (weather permitting) this will kill off the grass ready for rotavating in 2 weeks' time. Wild flower seeds will then be sown. Also, bulbs have being ordered for planting on the A6136 Cllrs volunteered to help plant the bulbs. It was **RESOLVED** that we would wait until we hear what the Government announcement is regarding meeting up etc before we plan the planting of the bulbs by Cllrs. If it is possible the groundsman will mark out the area's where the bulbs need to be planted so it will not interfere with the grass cutting. The Groundsman was thanked for his sterling work.

NHS BENCH ON A6136

A discussion took place regarding another NHS bench which the Council has received a grant for. A couple of areas were suggested. It was **RESOLVED** that the Open Spaces committee would do a socially distanced site visit to see the appropriate area for the 3rd bench on the A6136. More funding will also be looked at in the future for more benches along the A6136.

RECYCLED BENCHES FOR PLAY PARKS

The Deputy clerk was asked to research recycled bench prices for the play parks for a future project, quotes have been received. It was **RESOLVED** that the committee would have a socially distanced visit to the play parks to see where benches could possibly be placed. This project would be part of a grant that the Chair and Deputy Clerk are working on a present.

FENCING AT ALBERMARLE

A site socially distanced visit to the Albermarle play park took place on Wednesday afternoon with the Chair and Deputy Clerk as the groundman was concerned about the boundary fence. There are holes in the fence and the hedge row in places has damaged areas and possibly flattened by the recent weather. It was **RESOLVED** to look at replacing the hedge row and get quotes for a metal fence.

This is a future project that would need to be funded through grant funding to move the project forward. Chair and Deputy Clerk to look into funding opportunities.

COLBURN IN BLOOM

Prices for compost, plants and self-watering planters which the Council would like to purchase to place near to the NHS benches along the A6136 have been obtained and this will be part of the grant that the Chair and Deputy Clerk are working on at present.

MEMORY TREES

Cllr Lyne spoke about where he lived previously, they had planted Memory trees and in keeping with our Green agenda the Councillors all agreed it was a lovely idea. An area would have to be found to plant the trees where there would be able to grow and mature possibly near the bench areas. All Councillors felt that they would be a perfect way of remembering people and leaving something behind for future generations It was **RESOLVED** that the office would contact Just the Job for information.

Meeting Closed 7.15pm.

Next meeting to be confirmed.