

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREAS MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2017
AT COLBURN VILLAGE HALL AT 11 AM

Present: Cllrs Melanie Bell, Angela Dale, Helen Grant, Charlene Thirlwell

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

Apologies Cllr Keith Chadwick

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday 9th May were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Matters Arising -

Benches at Whiteshops – Neil Linfoot to be contacted to see what progress has been made regarding the seating area since the meeting back in May.

Grand Litter Pick

A community litter pick morning has been arranged for Saturday 4th November at 10am. Meeting place is the Village Hall and areas will be given to volunteers to go and litter pick. All rubbish is to be brought back to hall for collection. The Colburn Community Café & Hub will provide Bacon Butties and a hot drink to all volunteers. The refreshments will be funded by Colburn Town Council. It will be advertised on our web site and face book page.

Report from Barry

Grass cutting has been full on, spraying the weeds and litter picking every week. There are a few jobs which need to be done. They are going to be done when the grass cutting season ends and he can concentrate on those tasks and any others. These are some of the tasks planned -

- No Dogs signs to be put in place
- Cut back bushes at Grange Park
- Replace a post in Bridge Park.

The committee asked to have a 3 month plan for what Barry has planned going forward into autumn/winter and copies of the Inspection documents from the play parks to be brought in for the file in the office.

Woodland Project

Cllr Dale has secured a £1000 grant from the Garrison Area Partnership; she also met a representative from RHS at a function and spoke to her regarding the project. Cllr Dale is meeting Gillian Walls on Tuesday. Carillion Amey has offered free labour to start to clear out the woods. Cllr Dale to contact Libby Goodacre from RHS for advice and Lucy from Carillion Amey regarding dates for tidying the woodland.

Colburn Beck Phase 2

This has been looked into and this project has been put on hold as it was a much bigger project than was first anticipated. It will be looked at again at a later date.

Broadway Improvements update from Chloe

Quotes being sought for the Welcome to Sign brickwork alone– one local stonemason has quoted over £5,000 for the brick work alone therefore I'm seeking further quotes to reduce this cost. Electricity supply is being looked at for the solar panels (this is to site the generator mechanism) we marked out the site and the sign itself will be approximately 3 meters wide by 1.5 meters in height. Having spoken to Gary about the flower planters at the top of the pillars, he's advised against this, mainly as water and soil will run down the side of the pillars, causing mould and potentially making the pillars look quite unsightly after a while.

- Having counted the number of benches (13) currently on the site, and given the current ASB issues, we spoke to Cllr Dale as to whether there is an actual need for two more? (Cllr Dale seemed to think not) We also struggled to find a suitable place to site any additional benches unless they are to be placed next to the dog bin opposite the library (would people really want to sit next to a dog bin?). Gary suggested whether we could purchase the backing from one of the benches and install this within the end planter (near to Boots) as a sort of back drop, elevating either the poppy or 'lest we forget' design to help avoid any vandalism. The planter underneath, could then be adorned with poppies and flowers as a sort of remembrance garden.
- The planters all need tidying up – Gary has logged this
- Lampposts and bollards all need repainting – I've logged this with our Street Lighting Consultant.
- Current benches – these will be repainted (Gary is seeking costs on this per bench– depending on how many benches we will have).
- 5x bins including the dog bins– need repairing, I've logged this with Waste and Street Scene also.

Chloe also reported - We've also been in contact with our Housing Department as to whether there will be some sort of order placed on the land to alleviate the problems being caused by ASB, or whether the benches (in particular those which are located towards the Co-op end of the Broadway, outside the fish and chip shop) are removed altogether. As I understand it, these benches are a focal/gathering point for a group of youths who are causing anti-social behaviour and being problematic for local businesses and residents who are wishing to use the shops. I'm mindful of any work currently being done, which may either be damaged or vandalised, if these issues are not resolved before work starts.

Albermarle Play Park

With Becksid development currently being built, CTC will receive funding of £30,183 in two sections 1st part when the 15th Dwelling is occupied then the rest when the 25th Dwelling is occupied. Matthew Day, representing Streetscape is meeting with some of the committee at Albermarle to give them advice on new equipment to be purchased for the play park.

Linden Homes Play Park

Matthew Day from Streetscape is designing this project for Linden Homes and will liaise with CTC regarding what will be put in the play park as we will be responsible for it when it is built. A fund of £30,000 has been given to the council for the upkeep of this park.

Donut Van been parked on Broadway

Lady to be contacted regarding a trial period on the Broadway

Meeting closed at 12 noon. **Next meeting to be held on Friday 3rd November 11am** in the back room of the Village Hall