

**OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**  
**AT COLBURN VILLAGE HALL AT 5.00 PM**

**Present:** Cllrs A Dale, Melanie Bell, Helen Grant,  
**In attendance** Barry Robertson  
**Deputy Clerk:** Angie Pickersgill

**Discussion of the Gate for Albermarle Play Park-**

Barry had sourced 3 Quotes for the gate.

£1,050.00 - Monohinge  
£890.00 - Easy-gate Ltd  
£650.00 - Jackson's

All of the quotes were discussed and the committee decided on the quote from Jacksons at £650.00. Barry said that he felt that was the best style gate for the park. It will be Galvanised and have a polyester powder coated finish to it. The colour will be yellow so that the exit is clear to children. Barry will fix it into position when it is delivered.

**Goal posts at The Chase –** Gary Hudson was contacted regarding erecting 2 goal ends on the large green area adjacent to the main play area. He has replied and told us that, he does not believe that this area is suitable for the installation of the goal ends, as it would have the potential to encourage anti-social behaviour with youths playing ball games that could cause a nuisance to other residents. As we had already stated youths are already causing a nuisance by using the area for ball games and he thought we should encourage them to use appropriate areas for ball games. If we were to install goal ends this could require planning permission as it would be a change of use from a public open space area to a play area. So the Goal Ends cannot be erected.

**Christmas Tree -**

Christmas tree has been ordered from Croft Christmas Trees at a price of £150.00  
Fencing has been ordered from Swale Valley Construction at no cost to us.

**Groundsman Winter Work Plan –**

Barry stated that the grass cutting season was now coming to an end, and would like to know what needs doing through the winter. He has now been given a list of tasks to be done over the winter months. He will continue with litter picking & keeping areas clean and tidy, but also he will undertake the following tasks

- Repairing the slight damage to the Poppy WW1 memorial bench it has been scraped in two places.
- Looking into having a part fabricated for the Slide at Piper Hill Play Park and repair it.
- Planting various bushes along the side of Albermarle Park where the fence has been damaged.
- Building up the bicycle track at Albermarle Park making it more defined.
- Cleaning down and repainting Grange Road Play Park Fencing.
- Getting information and pricing on Wild Flower planting for the grass verges.
- Sourcing prices for new litter bins and fitting them in place.
- Looking into possible cigarette bins for Piper Hill Park.

Arranging a meeting for with Barry for an update next week. Meeting closed at 6.00pm.