

OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREAS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016
AT COLBURN VILLAGE HALL AT 5.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Dale, Melanie Bell, Helen Grant, Lynn Nassau, Gareth Sutterby & Steve Wright
Clerk: Philippa Graves

Discussion of terms of new Groundsman/Maintenance man

Core duties – play park maintenance and inspections (training needed for inspections), equipment and fencing repairs, litter picking, grass cutting, weed control, hedge cutting and pruning back of vegetation. Extension of these hours and duties may be negotiated in future if major projects are taken on eg. New woodland walk around Chase, Arras Lines and Woodside Chase developments.

2 ½ days per week @ £15 per hour = 20 hours per week = £300

To present the play areas at their best, request to work ½ day on Friday, full day Monday and one other day of choice.

Contract to start from 1st April 2016 for a two year period with a probationary 6 months review at the end of September whereby either party can retract and cancel the arrangement.

Interim period during March to start work to prevent a backlog of duties before main season starts in April. Invoices showing hours and materials purchased to be paid by cheque through monthly meeting.

Work to be done – Grange Road Play Area – fill in gap under gate to farmland and ditch and jet wash surface. Remove dangerous tree limbs at Albermarle Drive, wood can be taken away by Just the Job, Steve Biggs to be contacted on 07724 635502.

Gary Hudson to be contacted about training. David Lodge may have to fill in until qualifications completed.

Waste bin – large size commercial bin being ordered for the Village Hall for litter bags. £120 per annum to be paid by CTC.

The Chase – clerk to contact Gary Hudson to ask if CTC can take over the large green area adjacent to the main play area and to allow 2 goal ends to be erected.

Contact Sue Farmer (Linden Homes) to confirm taking over wooded strip plus extra piece of grass behind Fire Station and houses. Planning on applying to Yorwaste for grant, Releafing Colburn.

Contact RDC Planning to inform that the air raid shelter has been demolished.

Contact Colin Boynton (boss Robin Hartley) to ask if CTC can take over the wooded area up to Harley Crescent to create a circular walk around the newly developed areas.

Discussion on infrastructure projects to emphasise Colburn is a town separate from Catterick Garrison. Development in Area D would offer the opportunity to provide a football pitch and community building.

Information is required from Hipswell and Scotton PCs as to what play and sport provision they each have, who owns and pays for upkeep, has it full public access – clerk to action. A power point presentation could then be created on the needs for an enlarged Colburn for appropriate open spaces, recreation, community buildings also showing the problems of sewerage flooding and large numbers of tankers using Colburn Lane passing through residential areas and the primary school.
Meeting ended 7.30 pm

**Next meeting – Wednesday 16th March at 5.30 pm in Colburn Village Hall.
All councillors are invited to attend.**