

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS MEETING**  
**HELD ON FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**  
**AT COLBURN VILLAGE HALL AT 9 AM**

**Present** Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Helen Grant,  
**Deputy Clerk** Angie Pickersgill

**Apologies** Cllr Melanie Bell, Cllr Keith Chadwick, Cllr Charlene Thirlwell.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

*Matters Arising* - No matters arising

**Groundsman Tasks completed**

- All inspection files are up to date.
- March inspections have been carried out and any urgent problems have been actioned.
- Monthly report sent to the office.
- Town Council notice board moved and re sited.
- New Bench at White Shops installed
- Colburn Sidings Woods paths cleared and cleaned, Stumps ground down and a lot more of the trip hazards have been removed. Woodland pathways also cleared for easier access
- Litter Picks of Play parks completed and bins emptied once or twice a week depending on whether full.

**Ongoing work from 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Barry will be cutting the grass, spraying and looking after the play parks every week until October.

The planting up of the Buddleia and Laurel bushes in Colburn Siding Woods when plants arrive and weather is right.

**Woodland Project**

Three new litter bins have been ordered, they will be situated along the edge of the Colburn Sidings Woods. Barry has agreed to site the bins and he will also be emptying the bins on a regular basis. If litter picking the woods is to be included in the groundsman's tasks further discussions will have to be held with Barry. A meeting is to be arranged by the office to discuss this and other matters.

A community litter pick has already taken place and the gentleman who organised is to be contacted to ask to inform the TC when the next litter pick is so that equipment can be provided, and it can be advertised in the community and any Councillor who is willing to volunteer is aware of it also.

### **Lecterns for the Colburn Sidings Woods**

Lectern quotes have been received and are very expensive. Cllr Dale has been in touch with a teacher from Risedale Sports and Community College who would like to be involved with the Woodland Project and also include the Children at Risedale. Mr Thomson had told Cllr Dale that the Lecterns may be able to be made in the wood work department in the School and the Colburn Sidings Woods project pay for them. A meeting is to be arranged with Mr Ewan Thomson regarding the woods project with the Open Spaces & Play Park committee. Barry has said that he is willing as an individual to support the Woodland Project as a volunteer and would give his knowledge and advice to the Woodland working party. The pathways will remain natural walkways through the woods as already advised by Retired Major Crease from Foxglove Covert. If we were to make a permanent pathway, the TC would then become liable for health & safety of the area. Further planting is being researched as to what other species of plants could be added to the woods to attract wildlife and insects.

### **Litter Bins at the Chase Play Parks**

4 New Litter bins have been ordered for the Play parks at the Chase.

### **Linden Homes New Play Park Area**

While visiting the Chase play parks to look at the bins and also visit the woods with Barry, the members of the committee expressed concern regarding the flooding issues & drainage of the site where the new play park is to be situated which is presently flooded. Linden homes to be contacted by the office for a meeting with them regarding this, Matthew Day from Street Scene who is going to build the park and Barry are to invited to the meeting also. All Councillors will be invited to this meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.30am

**Next meeting Thursday 3rd May 8.45am Colburn Village Hall**