

**OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREAS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**AT COLBURN VILLAGE HALL AT 2.00 PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Melanie Bell, Angela Dale, Helen Grant,  
In attendance Barry Robertson.

**Deputy Clerk** Angie Pickersgill

**Apologies** Cllr Keith Chadwick (On First Aid Course)

**Matters Arising**

Sally Dixon from RDC emailed to say we were having 2 poo bag stations put in Colburn. She suggested 2 areas, one near to the Primary School and the other in between Peppermint Drive & Forest Drive. The Committee said that the one by the Primary School was not a good place to put it and requested that it be placed at the bottom of Colville Crescent and Forest Drive. The other bag station was suggested to be by the front of the path the near Taylor Wimpey Development or the Broadway. Sally will be contacted with these proposals.

**Groundsman update**

Barry reported that he had been working on the Wild flower planting for 2 days this week. The turf has been cut away ready for the raking and seeding on Monday. He has also cut away some areas at Albermarle Park.

Cycle track now has 3 extra ramps at Albermarle Park and has now been completed.

All brambles have been cut back

Goal post section is ongoing.

He has been seeking advice on how to deal with the fencing at Grange Park due the type of paint used on it. Barry now has more information on how to deal with it, he will be painting once the weather improves.

A Jet washer has been ordered for the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March to jetwash all the play parks.

Grass Cutting will re commence shortly.

No Maintenance issues.

Barry will be on holiday from the 19<sup>th</sup> April until 3<sup>rd</sup> May. He has already organised the litter picks to be done and the bins to be emptied while he is away.

**No Dog Signs**

7 No Dogs signs to be ordered to put on the play park gates

**Open Spaces Money.**

Clerk to clarify the amount that is in the open spaces and play parks pot, the committee have requested more details on this and asked for a report at the next meeting of the Open Spaces committee.

## **The Woodland Project**

This has been put on hold due to not as yet having ownership of the woodland. We have decided as a committee that we are unable to start due to nesting birds, animals and the woodland growth. Therefore we will be looking at this to start at the back end of the year.

## **Colburn Beck Phase 2**

The bank of the Ford is eroding badly, there has been fly tipping of the green waste, trees etc, onto the bank of the ford making it very unsafe.

Another letter with photographs of the fly tipping is to be sent to all the residents of Colburn Village stating that severe action will be taken if this does not stop. Phase 2 of the project will be our project for the first part of the year.

The Open Spaces committee are going down to the Ford to assess the area and the damage on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 3 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am in the Town Council Office