

OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREAS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MAY
AT HILDYARD ROW WITH NEIL LINFOOT AT 9.30 AM THEN TO COLBURN VILLAGE HALL AT 10.00 AM

Present: Angela Dale, Helen Grant

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

Apologies Cllr Melanie Bell & Cllr Charlene Thirlwell

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the 4th April were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Matters Arising -

Fly Tipping in Colburn Village - Sally Dixon from RDC rang to say a gentleman had rung her to speak about the fly tipping and ordered a green bin. She thinks the fly tipping issue has been resolved. Area to be monitored by RDC and Colburn Town Council for further tipping.

Open Spaces Budget - Open Spaces Fund £5.000 a year has now been added to the budget for the Open Spaces fund which will encompass the play parks also.

White shops look around the benches and planters

It was decided that a new bench be installed and the committee are looking into designs to put forward to Neil Linfoot. Also the planters are to be totally removed as they are no longer suitable for purpose.

Groundsman update

Poppy Bench at Piper Hill has been repaired.

Wild flower planting areas are to be sorted.

Albermarle park ~ soil has now been removed and area re seeded

All areas down at the Ford have been cut back.

Hedges at Bridge Park Play Park have been cut.

All parks grass cutting has been done.

All parks have been sprayed with weed killer.

Litter

Litter pick of the Business park was well received and positive comments made.

Monthly litter picks have been arranged and will be advertised on CTC website and FB page and shared.

24th May ~ Entrance into Woodside Chase, Bluebell and continue down to Lorry Park and Doctors Surgery if a good up take of people attend.

19th July ~ Sports Centre Austin be contacted to asked if Richmond Leisure Trust will join in the litter pick to do the perimeter of the sports field also.

16th August ~

13th September ~

18th October

Any hot spots that people make us aware of and would like to join us in a litter pick will be done on the other arranged dates.

Weed Killing

It was noticed when delivering the Neighbourhood Plan leaflets that areas need weed killing and sorting. Deputy Clerk is to contact Gary Hudson regarding the weeds around Colburn and hedges and bushes which need cutting back.

Dog Bins

Sally Dixon to be contacted to ask if we can possibly have 2 more dog bins one in Woodside Chase and the other on the grass triangle by the new Development Beckside at Hildyard Row.

Waste Removal

Members of the village hall committee who declared an interest at the open spaces meeting, expressed their concern that the large village hall bin is being filled with town council rubbish and litter from the bins in the play parks.

This situation was exacerbated today as there are at least 6 bags on the ground. It was emptied on Saturday and filled on Saturday!

There is a need therefore for CTC to agree an extra weekly pick up as required at a cost of £10.30 or they will have to find an alternative solution to disposing of their litter.

This matter is to be discussed at the Full Town Council meeting.

Barry to be asked to remove the old rubbish bins from the Village Hall grounds also.

Next meeting to be arranged.