

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2023 AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Aquila Tutora, Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Wayne Garbutt.

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED Cllr Angie Dale
2. "DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS" – None
3. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Wayne Garbutt to the Open Spaces and Play Parks committee.

4. GROUNDSMAN REPORT

Jobs Done

Grass cutting of the parks and grassed areas, litter picked all parks. Sprayed weeds in Piper Hill, Bridge Close & Albermarle parks. Also, the A6136, Colburn Village, Chestnut Crescent & Business Park to the Fire Station has been sprayed. All litter bins emptied. Litter picked Colburn Sidings woods, and cleared paths in the woods. Checked the 3 bins on the A1636, emptied bin at White Shops. Inspections of the parks done with Cllr Burnham and the VAS sign has been moved to its other location. Tip run completed, to dispose of the rubbish from the litter bins and litter picks. Weekly inspections completed. Groundsman to hardcore and place rubber matting in the entrance to the muga in Piper Hill to fill the hole that has appeared.

5. BLUE TUBS

Cllr Crowe reported that all the blue tubs are now planted with the summer planting and Barry is watering regularly. Cllr Crowe to inform the office of the winter list for planting which will be sent to the nursery this month.

6. LITTER PICK DATES

The dates for next litter picks are 29th July. August no litter picks as holiday time. They will begin again on Saturday 2nd & 16th September

7. GARDENING COMPETITION

Gardening competition was a success. The feedback from the judges was that the categories need to be made clearer. If only one garden it needs to be classed as either small or large and can not be both unless there are two separate gardens. Feature Category needs to be defined as well.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

All the flower benches have now been secured with new bolts by Cllr Towers & Cllr Tutora. Cllr Garbutt also offered his help and will be involved in securing the NHS benches & new bench when it has been delivered. Date to be confirmed. Thank you all for your help.

Closed Session to discuss the Groundsman Review.

The committee were very happy and have no concerns regarding the groundsman's work. The Chair would make an agreed recommendation to full council for the year 2023/24 at the next meeting to be held on Mon 17th July.

Meeting closed at 5.55pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 11th September 2023 at 5.30pm.

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