

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023 AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Aquila Tutora, Cllr Angie Dale

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Groundsman Barry Robertson

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Michelle Dunning

2. **"DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS"** – None

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

Jobs done

Jobs Done weekly

Grass cutting of the parks and grassed areas, litter picked all parks. The groundsman reported a lot of beer cans in Piper Hill Park this last week, office to inform the police and ask for patrol round there. All litter bins emptied. Litter picked Colburn Sidings 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. Due to the theft of one of our benches the Groundsman has been researching secure bolts. It was **RESOLVED** that this is actioned immediately. The groundsman will source the bolts for the remaining benches.

4. **BROADWAY RAISED BEDS & BLUE TUBS**

Cllr Crowe reported she has added a few plants into the raised beds and when the weather improves a working party will be adding more top soil, which will be kindly donated, and then more plants will be added to the beds. Cllr Dale informed the committee she had found a nursery with reasonably priced plants. A trip to the nursery and a working party for planting of the raised beds is to be arranged. The plants for the blue tubs may be arriving this week. Plans are in place for planting when they arrive.

5. **LITTER PICK DATES**

The dates for next 3 litter picks are this Saturday 17th June, then 1st July & 15th July.

6. **GARDENING COMPETITION**

The office reported that entries are coming in and some trophies have been returned. The judges have been organised. The prize money will be as follows Gardening & Scarecrow competition 1st prize £20.00, 2nd Prize £10.00, 3rd prize £5.00. The In-House categories prize money will be 1st £10.00, 2nd £5.00, 3rd £3.00. All prizes and trophies will be presented to the winners at the Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8th July.

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7. COLBURN BECK/FORD, COLBURN VILLAGE

There was a good turn out of Councillors at the Ford. The Councillors looked at the Fire Hydrant and it was decided that a sign be erected. The office contacted eye-catching signs and received a quote for an A3 sign. The quote is £15.00 + VAT. Cllr Towers volunteered to source a pole and fixings for the sign and will be able to put it in place. It was **RESOLVED** that the sign is ordered, office to take this forward. Councillors looked at the bank and Cllr Dale explained the previous work that had taken place. She also pointed out the part of the bank which is the next problem. There has a lot of fly tipping and very overgrown with nettles. This matter will be discussed further at the full council meeting and a plan of action made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Burnham suggested that we purchase a new bench from the money given to the Council from the Land Trust. Office to obtain a quote for the bench and matter to discussed at Full Council.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10th July 2023 at 5.30pm.

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