

## **MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 5.30 PM**

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr Miles Burnham

**Councillors:** Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Jag Sharma, Cllr Andrea Crowe

**Deputy Clerk:** Angie Pickersgill

**In attendance** Cllr Paul Towers & Groundsman Barry Robertson.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Angie Dale

2. **“DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST”** – None

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

The Groundsman reported that he had done a few tip runs with the litter bags as village hall bin was too full and bags cannot be left by the bin.

The Christmas tree was collected and put in place with the help of Cllrs Tutora and Towers.

Bridge Close, Chase 1 & Chase 2 all the hedges and shrubs have all being cut down ready for winter, and all parks cleared of leaves. The paths leading to the Chase through the woods have been cleared. Rose bushes in the planters at White Shops have been cut back. Grange Park all strimmed. The office had been contacted by a resident of Colburn Sidings who had concerns about an Oak tree whose branches overhand their house. The Groundsman has been to check the tree and stated that limbs need to be taken off. He will send quote to office for this work. The VAS sign has been moved again back up to the Fire Station lamp post.

4. **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS**

The Christmas tree lights at Broadway are beginning to fail, a discussion took place in the meeting regarding replacing them. A quote of £358.49 had been obtained for new lights by the office and the committee were happy with the price. It was **RESOLVED** that the office order the new lights. The Groundsman will replace the lights when they arrive.

5. **BROADWAY RAISED BEDS**

Cllr Crowe has been working on them and more work will begin in the new year on the beds. They are still a work in progress.

6. **LITTER PICK DATES**

The next litter picks will be the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022, then the 7<sup>th</sup> January & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

**7. COLBURN IN BLOOM TUB SPONSORSHIP**

The office contacted the previous sponsors via email and has had 7 replies from sponsors stating they would be willing to sponsor a tub again this year. Also, we have one new sponsor, but we still need more. The office will contact the sponsors again before advertising on social media.

**8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

All of the committee members had looked at houses in their wards and have given the office the addresses of their winners. Prizes will be given out next week. Well done to all the houses.

**9. LITTER BIN UPDATE**

The last 7 bins that CTC have purchased will be put around Colburn this week. That is a total of 12 new litter bins in the community.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**Meeting closed at 6pm**

**Next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 5.30pm**