

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

**HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 5.30 PM**

**Present** Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Miles Burnham,  
Cllr Michelle Dunning.

**Apologies** Cllr Angie Dale, Cllr Jag Sharma, Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

**In attendance** Barry Robertson, Groundsman.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

### **GROUNDMAN'S REPORT**

The groundsman gave a verbal report of work carried out weekly and also had a written report of the winter jobs that have now been completed.

### **GROUNDSMAN REPORT OF WORK CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING**

All weekly jobs have been carried out as normal, all the play parks have, had their monthly inspections carried out by the Groundsman and Cllr Burnham.

#### **Other work carried out since last meeting**

- Re concreted litter bin in place near White shops due to bin leaning, all secure and in place now.
- Removed old sign posts near the Business Park, post and concrete removed area made safe.
- Old post near to Fire Station removed and area made safe.
- New flower bed has been rotavated and wild flowers seeds have been sown.
- Main gate at Chase 1 play park had issues closing, has been stripped and re greased and now back in working order.
- 2 shackles on left hand swing in Chase 1 replaced as they were showing wear.
- Two bolts in the fence railings at Chase 1 have been replaced and glued in to prevent children from removing.
- All wooden equipment at Bridge Close has been treated with wood preserve.
- Timber and parts have been ordered for the fence repairs at Albermarle. Collection will be on Thursday, job to be completed on Thursday and Friday.

### **BROADWAY RAISED BEDS**

A working party is to be organised for clearing the beds. A skip will be needed to place the garden waste in.

### **LITTER BINS**

The office has been in contact with Street Scene at RDC a survey will now be carried out on the areas that CTC have requested to site new litter bins. The Council will be informed of the outcome when it has been completed.

## **LITTER PICKS**

The litter pick dates for March & April are Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March and then Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Deputy Clerk to advertise it on website and social media page.

## **UPDATE ON VAS SIGN**

The office spoke to Mark Sykes at NYCC regarding the VAS sign. The agreement has been received and will be signed by the chair and returned to NYCC. The VAS sign will then be ordered lead time is estimated at 6 weeks for delivery.

## **POT HOLE ON BROADWAY UPDATE**

The office has contacted the contractor and asked for the repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

## **COLBURN IN BLOOM**

Further work will be carried out this year on this project.

## **HEALTH CENTRE LAND UPDATE**

The office contacted the surgery at Colburn to find out the land owner's name. The company is called ASSURA and they were most helpful. The Deputy Clerk spoke to the person who manages that area, Mr Phil Hume. He apologised for the land being left unattended. They did not realise it belonged to them. A grounds team is going to be appointed to come and clear the area and maintain it. The Deputy Clerk suggested that maybe wild flowers could be sown and the gentleman liked the idea. He will inform the office of progress on the project.

## **Grants applied for and received 2021-22 Colburn in Bloom Project**

**Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP08** – £1000 applied for 21.9.21. Purpose to provide 2 posts for VAS sign (will not be required as sign will use lamp posts).

Grant confirmed 28.9.21. Accepted 4.10.21.

**NYCC Locality Budget LB5\100188** – Purpose to purchase VAS equipment for A6136. £2565 offered 8.10.21. **Received** 2.11.2021.

Meeting Closed at 6.00 pm

**Next meeting to be arranged**

**Limited space so only committee members can attend.**