

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE OF COLBURN  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

**Present:** Chair Angela Dale  
**Councillors:** Helen Grant, Michelle Dunning, Miles Burnham & Charlene Thirlwell  
**In Attendance** Cllrs Colin Lyne & Colin Mincher, Barry Robertson  
**Deputy Clerk** Angie Pickersgill

**Apologies:** Cllr Jag Sharma

**“Declarations of Interest”** - none

**REPORT FROM THE GROUNDS MAN**

The Groundsman gave a report on works completed. All parks without grass have been treated with wet & forget to clear the moss & dirt from over winter. Extra litter picks of the Colburn Sidings woods have taken place and are now all clear of rubbish. Weed spraying has been completed at all play parks. Dangerous pieces of wood have been removed from Albermarle play park. A hole has appeared in the tarmac in Grange park the grounds man is dealing with this and making safe. The wild flowers have been sown and they are now showing signs that they have germinated so we hope to have a good show of wild flowers this year. When rules allow a walk round of the play parks will take place with the Open Spaces committee and the Groundsman. Grass cutting season has now began. Most of the groundsmans hours will be taken up with this and maintaining the parks equipment throughout the Summer months.

**COLBURN BECK CLEAR UP**

While litter picking down in Colburn Village, it was noticed by Councillors that the area by the Ford is very over grown and now preventing people enjoying the area as it is inaccessible due to brambles and overgrown branches. The Town Council are responsible for the area and a discussion took place regarding clearing the area.

It was **RESOLVED** that a joint working party consisting of Councillors and members of the community would arrange to go and clear the area. Other areas were mentioned that required attention and it was **RESOLVED** that the working party would be asked if they would help clear other areas too. It was **RESOLVED** that a Facebook events page is to be created which will be more user friendly, to advertise these and other activities & events that Colburn Town Council are holding so that more people are aware of what is taking place. This will allow anyone who would like to volunteer for the clear up to get the information.

**LITTER PICK**

The litter pick of 3<sup>rd</sup> April was very successful and a great turn out of volunteers. Volunteers requested fortnightly picks in summer months which was agreed so the next date is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April which will be advertised on a Facebook events page. After Saturday’s litter pick the litter collection was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the litter pick be zoned, arrangements for the bags to be picked up by cars and brought to hall for collection after litter pick as bags are too heavy when full to carry back to hall by hand. Also Clerk to request more litter pickers black bin bags and High Viz vests from RDC

### **COLBURN IN BLOOM**

Awards for all application has been completed. The office has had confirmation of it having been received for consideration.

### **GARDENING COMPETITION**

The Gardening competition and the Open Garden idea which was suggested last year was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that the Open Gardens part of the competition will depend on the Covid restrictions as to whether that will take place this year, it will be decided nearer the time. The Scarecrow competition was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the Scarecrow competition will have a theme and the theme will be SUPER HEROS this year. A Facebook event page will be advertising the Scarecrow and Gardening competition and hopefully we will have greater interest and more entries this year. A discussion took place regarding judges and names were put forward. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contacts the people concerned and ask if they are willing to judge the competition.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A discussion took place regarding having a yearly independent inspection of the play parks. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair would ask the advice of Gary Hudson at her meeting with him on Thursday morning and action the advice given by him.

**The meeting ended ats 7.40 pm**