

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023

AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: **Vice Chair** Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Angie Dale
Cllr Wayne Garbutt

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson Groundsman

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED None
2. "DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS" – None

3. 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

Other jobs completed

Hedge reduction at Bridge Close

Hedges and trees pruned at Grange Park

Collected the parts required for the equipment repairs in the play parks

Liaised with the Christmas tree company in Leyburn regarding the tree

Hedge reduction completed at Chase 1 and general cut back of shrubs

Hedge reduction completed and cut back at Chase 2

Inspections of the parks done with Cllr Burnham

Tip run to dispose of litter from litter pics and CTC rubbish bins

The Groundsman reported that he had noticed that the VAS sign was not lighting up. He is going to move it to other lamp post to check if it is working on that location and will report back to the office.

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4. SUMMER PLANTING FOR TUBS & PLAN FOR WILD FLOWER BEDS

The summer planting plan will be drawn up by Cllr Crowe. The committee decided at a previous meeting that they would invest in perennial planting for the blue tubs in the future adding some annuals in when required. The wild flower beds are to be left as they are and no further seeds sown this year. The committee may invest in more spring bulbs for the wild flower beds next year.

5. LITTER PICK DATES

The next litter pick dates will be on the 18th November & 2nd December then a break for Christmas & New Year. First litter pick of 2024 will be 6th January then the 20th January 2024.

6. NOTICE BOARD

At the last meeting the committee requested a quote for a larger notice board. The office obtained a new quote of £248.00 for a larger notice board which will take 3 A4s across & 3 A4's down. A discussion took place regarding the cost and the fitting of the notice board to the Village Hall. It was **RESOLVED** that the committee were happy with the revised quote. The village hall committee have kindly given permission for the notice board to be fitted to the village hall wall. The village hall will then have space in the notice board be able to advertise events held in the hall. This proposal will now go to full Council.

7. CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH ON & REFRESHMENTS PLAN OF ACTION

The groundsman reported the tree was ordered and he will liaise with some Cllrs for help putting the tree in position on the 29th November. He will check the lights on the evening then turn them off ready for the switch on, taking place on Thursday 30th November. Refreshments were discussed and Cllr Garbutt informed the committee that his wife would very kindly bake some ginger bread trees or Santa's for the event. A further discussion took place regarding funding the refreshments and it was **RESOLVED** that the chairman Cllr Burnham speak to the Mayor of Colburton and ask if he would like to give a donation for the refreshments as previous years Mayor's had done. Cllr Owen Mincher

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Crowe informed the committee that she had been weeding some of the raised beds at the Broadway. She said some of the shrubs needed removing and more weeding is required before the compost is put in the beds. A working party has been arranged weather dependent for Saturday 25th Nov at 2pm or Saturday 2nd Dec 10.00 am.

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm

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

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