

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea, Crowe Cllr Angie Dale, Cllr Akuila Tutora.

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In attendance Cllr Paul Towers & Groundsman Barry Robertson.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
2. **“DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS”** – None
3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

All play park inspections have been completed for this month and there were no issues with any of the parks' equipment. The committee thanked Cllrs Towers and Tutora for repairing the fencing on the Chase parks. A full report of jobs and repairs to the parks from the Groundsman is below ~

Jobs Done weekly, Litter Picked all parks, emptied all bins, Litter picked Colburn Sidings woods, Checked the 3 bins on the A1636, emptied bin at White Shops, sprayed weeds in Piper Hill, Bridge Close, Albermarle, A6136, Chestnut Crescent, Colburn Village, Business Park to the Fire station, cleared leaves from paths in woods, Leaves blown from all parks, Cleared woods on A6316

Other Jobs Done

Liaised with Terry at GB Sorts and leisure for parts for equipment repairs

Striped and re-built the trolley of the aerial zip wire in Albermarle park

Park equipment and fencing painted and touched up where required

Swing and Matting replaced at Piper Hill Park, Hard core compacted, soil put down, turf laid and new matting put down

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Park inspection with Miles

Anchor bolt replaced at Albemarle

Removed bike/ broken toys and rubbish from Chase 3

Tip run to get rid of rubbish from litter picks and bins,

Notice board fixed twice due to wind bending it again after being fixed

Vas sign moved

Sprayed and cleared weeds from Grange Park

Weekly inspections of equipment

4. GARDENING COMPETITION DATE

The committee discussed different dates for the gardening competition. It was **RESOLVED** that the date for the Gardening competition presentation and Afternoon Tea this year will take place on Saturday 8th July 2023. Judging of the gardens will take place the week commencing Monday 3rd July until Thursday 6th July and the Scarecrow judging will be on Friday 7th July, the theme this year for the Scarecrows will be Royal.

The office will advertise the event on our social media pages and forms will be available nearer to the date of the competition.

5. BROADWAY RAISED BEDS

Cllr Crowe has been planting additional plants into the raised beds, but more soil is require to bring the beds up to a suitable level for more planting to take place. Cllr Towers informed the committee that he would make some enquires to see if he could secure some soil for the raised beds. A working party will then be formed in the near future to add more soil and plants and to regularly maintain the beds.

6. LITTER PICK DATES

The dates for next 3 litter picks are Saturday 18th February, 4th & 18th March 2023. Litter bags required. The Groundsman stated he had spare bags and would bring them to the office for the litter picks. It was reported that some of the litter picker grabbers are not working anymore. The last pickers purchased were not expensive and committee think that they should maybe invest in more expensive pickers so they have a longer life span. The Chairman will report to the full Council about this matter as the Open Spaces budget for this financial year has almost been spent.

The committee also requested a breakdown of the expenditure of the Open Spaces budget for the year 22/23 for the next meeting and for future meetings a running cost of expenditure.

7. BLUE TUB SPONSORSHIP

All sponsorship money has now been paid. The labels are in hand and will be put onto the blue tubs asap.

Meeting closed at 6.20pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 5.30pm