

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE AT 6.30 PM**

**Present**                      **Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Michelle Dunning,  
Cllr Miles Burnham**

**In Attendance**            **Cllr Colin Lyne, Cllr Colin Mincher, Cllr Helen Grant**

**Deputy Clerk**             **Angie Pickersgill**

**Apologies**                 **Cllr Charlene Thirlwell, Cllr Jag Sharma ~ work commitments.**

**MATTERS ARISING**

Office is looking into who the contractors were at Bridge Close Play Park who caused damage to the grass. RDC has been contacted regarding the Colburn Dale One Broadway project and they will get back in touch with information shortly.

Play parks reps have been contacted and have been out to look at the park now waiting for the 3 quotes to come in. The request for the extra street lightning has been sent in and RDC will be back in touch in June. Zurich Insurance have been contacted regarding the annual inspection of the play parks and we are waiting to hear back from them. The new benches are on a 12-14 weeks delivery date and we also need a contractor to make the plinths for fixing benches. Contacted one local contractor who have no availability until end of Sept. They are all very busy but will explore other contractors.

**GROUNDMAN'S REPORT**

Groundsman sent in a report; he had been mainly been grass cutting, weed killing, strimming. Litter picking has increased in quantity, this is a busy period being the grass cutting season.

**COLBURN IN BLOOM**

15 Planters ordered at the cost of £2732.25 + VAT. Cllr Dale suggested nurseries and people to purchase the plants and compost for the planters from who donate profits to charities. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Dale look into purchasing the plants and compost.

**GARDENING & SCARECROW COMPETITION**

The poll for the Scarecrow and Gardening competition was held on Facebook and the most popular date was Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. It was **RESOLVED** that the date for the Gardening Competition presentation is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July with judging taking place the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Judges to be contacted for availability.

## **LITTER PICKS**

The Office was asked to find out quotes for litter pickers and bag rings. The bag ring cost were more expensive than expected at a cost of £10.00 each. It was **RESOLVED** that 10 quality litter pickers would be purchased at a cost of £11.00 each and no rings would be purchased due to high cost. Another litter pick will be taking place at the weekend.

## **MARNE GRANGE MEMORIAL WALK**

A letter was received from a resident informing the Council that horses were been ridden through the Memorial Walk at Marne Grange. This is causing concern to the residents who pay for the up keep of that area and the Council are very concerned about this. It was **RESOLVED** that the office contact the developers Vistry and ask them to erect signage at both ends of the walk displaying No Horses allowed along the Memorial Walk in hope to deter this from continuing to happen.

## **BUSHES AT COLBURN LANE**

It had been reported by a Councillor that some residents bushes are over hanging the path of Colburn Lane and making it difficult to walk past. A discussion took place regarding this matter. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Dale would go and look at the area and report back to the Council.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Dale had been contacted by a past resident of Colburn who now lives in Camden about doing a One Acre wild meadow in Colburn and a One Acre wild meadow in Camden like a twinning garden project. It would be in people's gardens and free seeds would be given to people who wish to take part thus making a One Acre wild meadow in each area. Councillor Dale is researching the funding for this and will bring more information when available

## **Grants received up until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021-22**

**Awards for All** - £10,000 grant applied for 26.3.21. Confirmed 16.4.21. Purpose to provide more benches and flower planters along A6136 and in the Siding Woods.

**NYCC Locality Grant**- £1000 applied for 3.2.2020. Agree immediately with an extension to August 2021 to spend the money due to covid restrictions. Purpose to add money for Flower Planters.

**Garrison Area Partnership Grant** - £1000 applied for 10.12.20. Confirmed 3.2.21. Purpose to provide another bench for along the A6136.

Meeting Closed at 7.05 pm

Next meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021