

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10th JUNE 2024
AT 5.30 PM

Present

Councillors: Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Angie Dale & Cllr Wayne

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson, Groundsman

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR PERSON

Cllr Wayne Garbutt was proposed by Cllr Dale and seconded by Cllr Tutora and all in favour of Cllr Garbutt as the new Chair of Open Spaces

2. APOLOGIES RECEIVED Cllr Miles Burnham

3. “DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS” – None

4. FINANCES

Finances approved and all in favour.

5. GROUNDSMAN REPORT

Jobs Done

Litter picked all parks. 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. Cleared woods on A6136 checked areas were clear of litter and tidied Piper Hill, Bridge Close, Albermarle, A6136, Chestnut Avenue & Colburn Village

Other jobs completed

- Bridge Close Park, climbing frame repaired
- Park Inspections completed
- Tip runs completed
- Hole in Grange Park filled in

The groundsman reported that Grange Park trees and bushes were very overgrown and it was decided that they needed to be cut back. Also, the VAS sign at the bottom location is still not working; Deputy Clerk will contact NYC again and see what is happening with this as several people have now asked why it is not working.

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The groundsman reported that the gullies at the back of Grange Park are full of debris. It was agreed that the office will contact NYC and ask to have it cleared as this is essential to the overall drainage of the area. It was noted that the grassed areas around Colburn are not been cut as frequently as previously and the whole Richmond area is looking untidy. Office to contact David Lodge at NYC Richmond and see why we are not been cut regularly.

6. RAISED BEDS AT BROADWAY

Cllr Crowe reported that she had stripped two of the blue pots of weeds but they all needed doing as soon as possible. Cllr Garbutt volunteered to do them on Wednesday. Cllr Dale and the Deputy Clerk will go shopping for plants on Thursday afternoon and planting will take place on Saturday morning meeting at the Village Hall at 9 am. Information to be put on the WhatsApp group for Open Spaces. An email will be sent to all Cllrs asking for any help with the planting.

7. LITTER PICK DATES

The litter picks will be on the 15th June, 13th July & 27th July meeting at the Village Hall. The 27th July litter pick will be the last one until September. August no litter picks. All will be advertised on the Colburn Clean-up Crew FB page and Town Council FB page as normal.

8. BIODIVERSITY POLICY & ACTION PLAN

It is a live document and can be changed or added to at any time. The Plan will be reviewed annually in January.

9. GARDENING COMPETITION DATE

The gardening entry forms are coming in slowly but more entrants are needed. It is being advertised on social media and forms are out around the community. Please pass the word around as entries are needed for both the Garden and Scarecrow sections. Judges are sorted and certificates are in progress.

Meeting closed at 5.50pm Date of next meeting Monday 8th July 2024

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