

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2022 AT 5.30 PM

Present	Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Jag Sharma, Cllr Michelle Dunning.
Deputy Clerk	Angie Pickersgill
Apologies	Cllr Angie Dale
In attendance	Barry Robertson, Groundsman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The groundsman gave a verbal report of work carried out weekly and also had a written report of the winter jobs that have now been completed.

GROUNDSMAN REPORT OF WORK CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING

All weekly jobs have been carried out as normal, all the play parks have had their monthly inspections carried out by the Groundsman and Cllr Burnham.

Other work carried out since last meeting

- The fencing repairs have been carried out at Albermarle play park to make safe the gaps in the hedge rows.
- 2 steel rods which were a hazard in the woods, by the entrance to the Chase have been removed after they were reported to the office.
- Prepared, sanded and painted the fence at Bridge Close.

Work still to be carried out

- The runway for the arial slide at Albermarle needs some attention and new grass matting need to be fitted.
- Grass cutting season begins this week.

BROADWAY RAISED BEDS

A working party is to be organised for clearing the beds when the weather permits. A skip will be needed to place the garden waste in. This will be organised at the next meeting.

LITTER BINS

Street scene sent out a map of the current bins and asked the office to plot the new bins onto the map. Councillors discussed the extra A6136 bin sites and that there is nowhere to pull in to empty the bins which RDC always request. The groundsman reported that the bins that were there already, were being used and they seemed to be sufficient for the rubbish. It was **RESOLVED** to take the two bins for the A6136 off the list to be ordered.

LITTER PICKS

The litter pick dates April & May are Saturday 16th April, 7th May, & 21st May 2022. Deputy Clerk to advertise it on website and social media page.

POT HOLE ON BROADWAY UPDATE

The office has contacted the contractor and the repair should be taking place next week.

COLBURN IN BLOOM

All the daffodils, bulbs and tubs are all blooming and looking lovely brightening up the areas. A discussion regarding the watering took place. It was **RESOLVED** to carry on with the current system of watering when required. Cllr Burnham to give a report to the council at the next TC meeting.

UPDATE ON VAS SIGN

We now have received the counter signed agreement for the VAS sign. The company has been contacted, quote received, the Councillors asked if the sign could be fitted in both directions Deputy Clerk to contact the company to check. Onsite training will be given to the Groundsman and Cllrs when the VAS sign is installed.

Grants applied for and received 2021-22 Colburn in Bloom Project

Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP08 – £1000 applied for 21.9.21. Purpose to provide 2 posts for VAS sign (will not be required as sign will use lamp posts).

Grant confirmed 28.9.21. Accepted 4.10.21.

NYCC Locality Budget LB5\100188 – Purpose to purchase VAS equipment for A6136. £2565 offered 8.10.21. **Received** 2.11.2021.

Meeting Closed at 6.15 pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 5.30pm