

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8th JULY 2024
AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Wayne Garbutt

Councillors: Miles Burnham & Akuila Tutora

In Attendance: Barry Robertson, Groundsman (still working, unable to attend)

Apologies Received: Deputy Clerk, Angie Pickersgill

"DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS" – None

GROUNDSMAN REPORT

Usual 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.

A new part had had to be ordered for the water bowser.

BLUE TUB PLANTING

This had been a success with many councillors arriving to help. Cllr Burnham thought that now the plants had settled, the tubs looked very colourful and attractive. Sponsorship of one of the tubs had still not been paid despite recent reminders. It was agreed to make one more attempt to get payment and then remove the sponsorship name plaque if it remained unpaid.

LITTER PICK DATES

The litter picks will be on the Saturdays 13th & 27th July, 7th September, meeting at the Village Hall. August no litter picks. All will be advertised on the Colburn Clean-up Crew FB page and Town Council FB page as normal.

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.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Cllr Akuila suggested for next year, posting applications through people's doors in order to reach more applicants. Cllr Garbutt felt this would be quite an undertaking for anyone involved owing to the size and complexity of Colburn (including Albermarle & Horne Road areas). It was then agreed to leave the present online and poster advertising in local shops system as this year.

Cllr Garbutt noted the addition of the participant's telephone number would be a useful addition to the application. He judged this year and found a few addresses difficult to locate.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9th September 2024

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

M Burnham
15/7/24 ✓