

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023 AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea Crowe.

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Angie Dale, Cllr Paul Towers, Cllr Aquila Tutora & Groundsman Barry Robertson

2. **“DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS”** – None

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

The area outside the gate of the MUGA has been churned up with all the wet weather during the winter months and it is now really bad. In the Summer warmer months, it will dry up.

During the inspections this week a discussion took place with Cllr Burnham regarding this problem and it was suggested that the area is dug out and hard core put down, then flag stones to be placed on top to prevent this happening. The flags could only go out a very short distance due to the proximity of the aerial slide.

Jobs done

Tip run done to get rid of the rubbish from the garage clear out and from the litter bins.

Completed the monthly play park inspections with Cllr Burnham.

First grass cut of the season done, it was a tricky first cut due to the conditions being so wet.

All parks sprayed and around all the equipment to prevent damage from the strimmer.

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.

4. **BROADWAY RAISED BEDS & BLUE TUBS**

Cllr Crowe reported she has added a few plants into the raised beds and when the weather improves a working party will be adding more top soil, which will be kindly donated, and then more plants will be added to the beds. A date to be arranged. The plants for the blue tubs will be arriving the last week in May, Cllr Crowe informed the committee that we would need extra compost ordering to fill up the tubs. Office to contact Ravensworth to order and be delivered with the plants.

5. **LITTER PICK DATES**

The dates for next 2 litter picks are Saturday 15th & 29th April. May dates to be confirmed.

Michelle
17/4/23

6. GARDENING COMPETITION

The Gardening competition will be advertised on social media and our website and the forms will be available from the end of May onwards.

7. COLBURN BECK/FORD, COLBURN VILLAGE

This item was deferred to the next Open Spaces meeting.

8. LAND TRUST UPDATE

The office received an email from Ian Kendal at the Land Trust and the payment for the upkeep for the area owned by them will be paid to Colburn TC quarterly. He also requested another visit. Any Open spaces committee member will be welcome to attend. When the meeting date has being arranged, the office will inform Cllrs of the date and time.

Meeting closed at 5.45pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 5.30pm due to Bank Holidays.

C. Lee
17/4/23