

## MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 6.30 PM

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

**In Attendance** Groundsman

**Deputy Clerk** Angie Pickersgill

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

### GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

The Groundsman reported that he had been grass cutting and maintaining the play park equipment. Cllr Burnham had accompanied the groundsman on his latest inspection of the parks and has signed off the inspection sheets for the month. 11 of the jobs on the external inspection by Zurich Insurance have now been completed. contractor has been contacted and will be cutting down the Albermarle hedging area soon to encourage thicker growth next year.

### OS & PP COMMITTEE PLAY PARK INSPECTION FEEDBACK

The Open Spaces and Play Parks committee had the first walk round of all of the play parks on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. A report has been written and discussed at the meeting last night. The Groundman's will add the points raised to his winter job list. One of the points was damage to wet pour areas. Cllr Crowe told the committee that she has knowledge of repairing wet pour. It was **RESOLVED** that a wet pour kit be purchased and that Cllr Crowe will accompany the Groundsman on the first wet pour repair to give advice on the procedure. It was also noted that more litter bins are required inside the Piper Hill Park. The groundsman stated that we do have one litter bin in stock. It was **RESOLVED** that we purchase one more litter bin for Piper Hill play park.

### SPRING BULBS & WILD FLOWERS FOR 2022

Spring bulbs have been ordered and volunteer groups will be contacted for helping with the planting of the bulbs when they arrive. Wild Flowers will be ordered later for seeding in March.

### COLBURN IN BLOOM UPDATE

The plinth contractor has sent in paperwork to NYCC waiting for notification so they can begin construction of the plinths. Bench manufacturer will contact the office when benches are ready for delivery. All planters have been sponsored by local firms and they will each have a small plaque on to state the sponsor. The Committee discussed with the groundsman the matter of watering the planters when they are in place. It was **RESOLVED** that the groundsman look at bowsers and report back to the committee for further discussion and make a plan for watering.

The Committee were informed that the grants from C Cllr Helen Grant's NYCC Locality Budget which was a Grant of £1700 for the plinths & the Garrison Area Partnership Grant for £1000 towards the cost of the plinths for securing the benches had been agreed as cost of materials had risen so much.

## **LITTER PICKS**

The next litter pick to take place will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am. It will be advertised on our social media pages as usual and Cllrs will also share it to make sure more people see that it is taking place.

## **NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Contractor has been in touch and has given the Council an 8-week time scale for the new equipment to be in place in Bridge Close and Grange Park Play Parks

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION & BROADWAY CHRISTMAS TREE**

The committee discussed the return of the Christmas lights competition. It was **RESOLVED** that the committee will go ahead with the Christmas lights competition and will spend a couple of evenings in December going round the community to judge the competition. The Groundman has been asked to arrange the purchase of the Council Christmas tree for Broadway again this year. It was **RESOLVED** that the office is to contact Colburn School to see if a group of Children would like to sing carols round the tree when we have the official switch on of the lights on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **AOB**

To look into who owns the grass at the rear of Colburn Sidings. Office to check map of Woods.

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

**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. Received 23.4.21.

**NYCC Locality Grant LB3-100433** - £1000 applied for 3.2.2020. Agreed immediately with an extension to August 2021 to spend the money due to covid restrictions. Purpose to add money for Flower Planters. Received 14.9.21.

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

**NYCC Locality Grant LB5-100033** - £1000 agreed 9.6.21. Purpose to provide another bench along the A6136. Received 23.6.

**Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP09** - £1000 applied for 21.9.21. Purpose to provide funding for the plinths for benches (total cost £4500). Grant offered and accepted 4.10.21.

**Garrison Area Partnership Grant GAP08** – £1000 applied for 21.9.21. Purpose to provide 2 posts for VAS sign. Grant confirmed 28.9.21. Accepted 4.10.21.

**NYCC Locality Budget LB5\100189** - £1700 offered 8.10.21. Purpose to support cost of plinths (total cost £4500).

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

Meeting Closed at 7.30 pm

**Next meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 commencing 6.30 pm**