

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

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 AT 5.30 PM

### **Present**

**Mayor** Cllr Angie Dale Chair  
**Councillors:** Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Jag Sharma,  
Cllr Michelle Dunning.

**Deputy Clerk:** Angie Pickersgill

**Apologies** Cllr Colin Lyne

**In attendance** Barry Robertson, Groundsman.

**“DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST”** – None

### **3. GROUNDMAN’S REPORT**

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

- Grass cutting season is underway, the planters have been watered. Bolts on the Chase 1 play park have been replaced, climbing rope repairs completed. The groundsman & Cllr Burnham have completed the monthly inspections, no major issues and inspection sheets have been completed.
- The grassed area at the side of Piper Hill play park was covered in litter.

Office to contact RDC and report it as a hot spot for litter. The parks and grassed areas are looking very smart. The grounds team were thanked for all of their hard work.

### **4. BROADWAY RAISED BEDS**

A discussion took place regarding the raised beds now the weather has improved and it was **RESOLVED** that a skip would be hired for the Friday 27<sup>th</sup> until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The office to order the skip with lights for overnight safety. A working party will be formed, it will be advertised on our social media pages, so that anyone who would like to, will be able to come and help with the project. The beds will be cleared, top soil added and plants and bulbs planted in the beds. Refreshments will be provided on the Saturday. Posters are to be printed to advertise the event.

### **5. LITTER PICKS**

The litter picks will continue to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month apart from Bank Holiday weekends. It was **RESOLVED** to set up a separate social media page for advertising the litter picks, gardening competitions etc. It will be called **Colburn Clean Up Crew**. This may be seen by more people and may help get more volunteers. Cllr Dunning and the Deputy Clerk to arrange.

Some areas of Colburn do not seem to have been sprayed and the weeds are still a problem. The office is to contact Colin Dales to thank him for his team’s hard work, but state that the Piper Hill footprint seems to have been missed as the weeds are flourishing.

### **6. POT HOLE ON BROADWAY UPDATE**

The office to contact the contractor as the pot hole has not yet been filled despite many telephone calls and messages to them.

## **7. GARDENING COMPETITION**

A discussion took place to arrange this year's event. It was **RESOLVED** that this year's Gardening and Scarecrow competition trophy presentation will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall with an afternoon tea held in the hall. The judging will commence the week of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The Scarecrow competition will be judged on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of July.

There will be no set theme for the Scarecrows this year. Gardening and Scarecrow competition judges to be arranged.

Cllr Dale suggested that Richmond Allotment Association be contacted via Richmond Town Council to see if any members would like come and judge the Colburn allotments this year. Office to contact RTC. A discussion took place regarding people being able to look around people's gardens and scarecrows. It was **RESOLVED** that on the entry form that it asks 'Would you give permission for members of the public to enter your property to view your garden & Scarecrow'. The closing date for entries would be earlier to give the office chance to compose a list of addresses for the viewings and get them published.

## **8. COLBURN IN BLOOM**

All the daffodils, bulbs and tubs are blooming and looking lovely brightening up the areas. Cllr Crowe was thanked for her expert advice on the planting structures. Plaques need to be on the planters now, office to contact the plaque printer for date of completion.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Dale reported that the Garrison Gathering was still looking at gaining further funding for the Jubilee celebrations. Further discussion would take place at the full council meeting as it is on the agenda.

### **Grants applied for and received 2021-22 Vas sign**

**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 6.30pm