

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN COLBURN VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023
AT 5.30 PM

Present:

Chair: Cllr Miles Burnham

Councillors: **Vice Chair** Cllr Michelle Dunning, Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Angie Dale

Deputy Clerk: Angie Pickersgill

In Attendance Barry Robertson Groundsman

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** Cllr Akuila Tutora, Cllr Wayne Garbutt

2. **"DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS"** – None

3. **GROUNDSMAN REPORT**

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

Other jobs completed

- Swings up new smaller chains fitted in Chase 1
- 2 x tip runs to dispose of rubbish from litter picks and rubbish bins
- Collected bags of hard-core and whacker plate to conduct jobs in play parks
- Dug out the area in front of the entrance to the MUGA replaced with hard-core, topsoil and under rubber matting, matting pegged and refitted.
- Dug out the area under the basket swing in Piper Hill Park. Replaced with hard core, topsoil and under rubber matting pegged and refitted.
- Removed roundabout at Bridge Close play park and re-levelled the ground using hard-core, topsoil then under rubber matting, pegged and refitted the roundabout greased all the bearings.
- Bought all hooks for matting from Sam Turners of Northallerton.
- Completed the monthly inspection, sheets sent to office for printing.
- Removed the Christmas tree from the Broadway and disposed of the tree to recycling.
- Made safe the fallen tree in the woods on Christmas Eve. Also took down unsafe hung-up tree on the same day.

4. **RAISED BEDS AT BROADWAY**

Cllr Crowe reported that she had re bagged the compost at the village hall ready to transport to the raised beds at the Broadway. A working party is needed to carry out more weeding and pruning. Cllr Crowe will put a message on the What's App group when she is going up to carry out some more maintenance and ask for volunteers to help. Hyacinth bulbs are ready to be planted in the blue tubs. Perennial plants to be purchased this year for the tubs.

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5. PLANTER SPONSORSHIP

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee and informed them that 5 further sponsors are required for the blue tubs for this year. It will be advertised on our website and on social media to see if anyone would like to sponsor a tub.

6. LITTER PICK DATES

The litter picks will be on the 20th January, 3rd & 17th February meeting at the Village Hall.

7. BIODIVERSITY POLICY & ACTION PLAN

Cllr Burnham drafted a policy and action plan. A discussion took place and some amendments were made to the action plan. This will now be taken to full council for ratification.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 5.30pm.

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Cllr