

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 16th December 2009 at 7pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Al Menzies (Vice-Chairman), Paul Beaumont, Mike Evans, Kairen Goves

Parish Councillors: Brian Hughes, David Jenkins, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on plans for 2010 Annual Parish Assembly (Clerk) **Nothing further to report.**

4.2 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Some potential buyers have been discouraged by their solicitors due to uncertainty over road adoptions and estate management charges.**

4.3 To receive an update on project for new sculpture benches (Chairman) **Work is progressing, the possibility of a design interpretation board was discussed together with landscaping options around the bench.**

4.4 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (James Wade) **Nothing further to report.**

4.5 To receive update on WCC proposals to refurbish Angelica, Caraway, Cheshire, Mollison and Thyme Avenue play areas. (Chairman) **All agreed the consultation process with residents was very successful; members have held meetings with WCC to look at the tenders for refurbishment and are in agreement with the majority of contractors proposed.**

4.6 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues.

4.6.1 Proposal to repair footballer sculpture bench approximate cost £100 to be funded through the Committee budget of £500. **Agreed.**

4.7 To receive report and recommendations from Climate Change Champions (Cllr Menzies/Cllr Bielckus) **WinACC has been looking for a potential 'green' project involving a £500,000 grant, Cllr Menzies has been in discussions to see if bus improvements would be a possibility, unfortunately the grant criteria does not cover this.**

4.8 To receive update on proposal for a youth shelter (Chairman) **Plans for consultation with young people and residents were discussed, Cllr Beaumont agreed to speak with young people to gather their views on the project and a potential location. Permission to be sought to install the shelter from WCC. Updates on progress to be provided in the Whiteley Voice.**

5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit None.

6. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available Plans for the youth shelter to be included in the Whiteley Voice, together with a reminder to keep dogs under control on Meadowside.

7. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee

Meeting with WCC/WPC/Sarisbury Green Cricket Club/Whiteley Football Club 9th December, report from Chairman circulated to members, no changes to the current sports pitches needed.

Copy complaint from resident to WCC about uncontrolled dogs on Meadowside, agreed this is a problem at times, an article reminding dog owners of their responsibility to keep dogs under control to be included in the next Whiteley Voice.

Meeting closed 7.43pm