

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 18th November 2009 at 7.38pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Al Menzies (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Paul Beaumont, Colin Bielckus, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Kairen Goves

Parish Councillors: Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, David Jenkins, two members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
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) **The developer is currently refusing to maintain one of the amended play areas, the residents' association is pursuing.**

4.3 To receive an update on project for new sculpture benches (Chairman) **The artist has provided a background 'story' to the proposed final designs. It is hoped the bench will be installed shortly.**

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) **WCC has sent out tenders and will discuss results with members in early December.**

4.6 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues **Repairs to sculpture benches to be researched, request for bins on Meadowside to be lined, no-mans land behind the skatepark needs clearing of litter; WCC to be reminded not to cut back hedge on Meadowside as agreed to help protect it from damage.** Action Chairman/Clerk

4.7 To receive report and recommendations from Climate Change Champions (Cllr Menzies/Cllr Bielckus) **There has been a good response to the articles in the Autumn Whiteley Voice. Cllr Menzies is attending a conference on 20th November entitled The transition to low carbon: policy frameworks and community action.**

4.8 To consider project proposals and budget requests for 2010/11 precept including a youth shelter, explanatory paper from Cllr Goves circulated with the agenda.

**It was agreed to recommend to Full Council the following budget requests:
£2,000 for repair of sculpture benches / park bench maintenance.
£13,000 towards a Youth Shelter (total anticipated budget £15,000 to be met through grants)**

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** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.42pm.