

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 24th June 2009 at 8.45pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Al Menzies (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Kairen Goves

Parish Councillors: Vivian Achwal and Brenda Hatch, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

The business to be transacted at that meeting will be:

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Lesley Dennis, Mike Evans, Pat Thew
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items:** none.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Concerns raised that water ingress is damaging the map board frames. Cllr Menzies/Clerk to address.

4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on plans for 2010 Annual Parish Assembly– date for Assembly and invitation to Mayor. **11th May 2010 booked and Mayor to attend.**

4.2 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr P Thew) **84 home owners have signed up to the Residents' Association. It has become apparent that *The Right to Manage* legislation only covers leasehold flats, further advice is being sought.**

4.3 To receive an update on project for new sculpture benches (Clerk) **Following the workshops with the two schools, Annual Parish Assembly presentations and voting, an order has been placed with Russell Jacobowski. He is preparing ideas for the final installation with the two schools. Stage payments are being negotiated for the project. An update on the budget for the project was circulated prior to the meeting.**

4.4 To receive an update on proposal to prepare a management plan for the conservation area (Chairman) *defer until September*

4.5 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum

- 4.5.1 To receive an update on request to paint ramps. **WCC plans to resurface the ramps and carry out some minor repairs before the summer holidays**

4.6 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues
4.6.1 To receive an update on request for additional grass cutting to play areas. **Requests have been repeatedly made with little success. WCC David Taylor is inspecting the grass cutting this week and has said he will report back to the PC.**

4.7 To receive report and recommendations from Climate Change Champions (Cllr Menzies/Cllr Bielckus) **WCC hosted an event for parishes to discuss climate change and opportunities for local councils. Delegates were asked to identify two actions they could adopt to help tackle climate change. Whiteley PC's Climate Change Champions have taken this a stage further:**

The PC has joined Winchester Action on Climate Change - WinACC with the following aims proposed for the coming year:

- **Raise awareness of climate change in Whiteley through the Whiteley Voice.**
- **Suggest ways councillors can reduce their own carbon footprints.**
- **Encourage walking/cycling within Whiteley and discourage car use.**
- **Encourage companies in the business park to switch off their lights at night.**

Other measures agreed:

- **To include Climate Change as a standing agenda item for the Recreation and General Purpose committee**
- **Devote a page of future editions of the parish magazine to Climate Change issues (next issue August 2009).**
- **Start discussions to contact all businesses in the local business park with a view to reducing the light levels overnight.**
- **Continue to campaign for improvements in public transport through the Transport and Highways Committee.**

4.8 To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit: **none.**

5. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available: ongoing.

6. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee: none.

Meeting closed 9.32pm