

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 17th March 2010 at 7.25pm.

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

Parish Councillors: Roland Diffey, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, David Jenkins, three 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**
Resident Geoff Rogers requested that the lighting for the Mollison underpass be on a timer. **The Chairman advised that the lighting is still the responsibility of the developer but a timer can be requested once it is adopted.**
Resident Brian Arnett requested that lids of dog bins be replaced on the green at the top of Leafy Lane. **Request to be made to WCC.**
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) **Nothing further to report.**

4.3 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project (Chairman) **Following a meeting with representatives from the schools, works to complete the project have been agreed. The approved landscaping has been completed and following advice from a concrete specialist, remedial work to the surface of the bench is in hand.**

4.4 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (James Wade) **See agenda item 4.8.**

4.5 To receive update on WCC proposals to refurbish Angelica, Caraway, Cheshire, Mollison and Thyme Avenue play areas. (Chairman) **Work is progressing well.**

4.6 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues.
4.6.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies) **Work on the footballer is still with the carpenter, Cllr Menzies will repaint the grasshopper when the weather improves. It was agreed to fund the installation of paving under the grasshopper from the Committee budget.**

4.7 To receive report and recommendations from Climate Change Champion (Cllr Menzies) **The first meeting of the local group has taken place, notes have been circulated to members. The group has chosen the name Whiteley Action Group (WAG) and plans are being made to organise an 'Eco Market' in Whiteley working with Whiteley Village if possible.**

4.8 To receive update on proposal for a youth shelter (Chairman) **A Facebook Group has been set up, Voice 4 Whiteley, to engage with young people; at present there is some support for a youth shelter but much more for a redesigned skatepark.**

4.9 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **A meeting with DC Leisure has been arranged for 14th April to discuss this and other issues. A report will be made at the next meeting.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** Continue to monitor.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** The Voice 4 Whiteley Facebook Group is proving successful and plans to take forward ideas will be needed. Complaints about uncontrolled large dogs on Meadowside Recreation Ground to be mentioned in the next Whiteley Voice with a reminder for owners to maintain control at all times.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee**
Meadowside and DC Leisure correspondence regarding MUGA surface and floodlighting. **See agenda item 4.9.**

Meeting closed 8.15pm