

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 19th May at 7.10pm.

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

Parish Councillors: David Jenkins, Roland Diffey, Brenda Hatch and Brian Hughes; one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year** Pat Thew elected.
2. **To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year** Al Menzies elected.
3. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal.
4. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** Pat Thew registered an interest in item 6.2 as Chairman of ARK.
5. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Geoff Rogers asked a question about the sculpture bench which was dealt with under agenda item 6.3.
6. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

6.1 To receive feedback on 2010 Annual Parish Assembly (Clerk) **The Assembly went well and those that attended enjoyed the evening. Ideas to encourage more people to attend to be developed over the next year.**

6.2 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Nothing to report.**

6.3 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project (Chairman) **The artist is committed to improving the unsatisfactory finish to the bench and is researching possible solutions with concrete consultants. It was agreed to write to the artist to record that the Council remains unhappy with the finish. Action Clerk.**

6.4 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (James Wade) **Nik Williams, Head of Art at Henry Cort Community College, would like to pursue a project for graffiti art on the skatepark. The users would also like a more exciting facility. It was agreed to set up a meeting to consult with users. Action Clerk.**

6.5 To receive update on WCC proposals to refurbish Angelica, Caraway, Cheshire, Mollison and Thyme Avenue play areas. (Chairman) **Some minor works are required to finish the play areas, WCC will not be releasing the contractor's payments until work is completed.**

6.6 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues
6.6.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies)
Cllr Menzies has again repaired the grasshopper and will chase up the return of footballer.

A successful litter pick was held on 16th May and will be held on a quarterly basis and advertised in the Whiteley Voice. Thanks are due to Cllr Thew and Cllr Menzies for organising the event.

6.7 To receive report and recommendations from Climate Change Champion (Cllr Menzies) **WinACC has offered to help with the energy efficiency event in September.**

6.8 To receive update on proposal for a youth shelter (Chairman) **It was agreed to change this agenda item from youth shelter to youth facilities and to consult further with young people on what they would like to see in Whiteley.**

6.9 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **A meeting was held with DC Leisure on 14th April who agreed to look at likely costs for a new surface and floodlighting for the MUGA.**

6.10 To consider small projects, cost £300-£10,000, that may be eligible for a community grant from the Lottery. **Ideas for future projects to be forwarded to the Chairman.**

It was agreed to refer the following agenda items to the next meeting:

- 7. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit**
 - 7.1 Committee Terms of Reference to be reviewed.
- 8. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available**
- 9. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee**

Meeting closed 7.55pm