

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 7.20pm.

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; three members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

The business to be transacted at that meeting will be:

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Vic Hatch handed the Chairman a copy of HCC's Older People's Well being Strategy consultation.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Liaison with Countrywide continues to pursue repair work. An article on management charges to be included in the next Whiteley Voice.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project (Chairman) **The bench is completed to the satisfaction of all concerned. It was agreed to release the final payment to artist Russell Jakubowski when the invoice is received.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (James Wade)
4.3.1 To receive an update on graffiti project **There is no majority view in favour of the project from the skatepark users.**

4.4 To receive update on WCC proposals to refurbish Angelica, Caraway, Cheshire, Mollison and Thyme Avenue play areas. (Chairman) **A list of remedial work has been forwarded to WCC.**

4.5 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues. **A list of remedial work required has been sent to WCC David Taylor.**

4.5.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies) **The grasshopper has been repeatedly vandalised which is very disheartening in view of the repairs carried out by Cllr Menzies. The Chairman thanked Cllr Menzies for all her work.**

The footballer has lost his ball and it was agreed to provide a replacement when the repairs are carried out.

4.6 To receive report and recommendations from Environment Champion/ Whiteley Action Group (Cllr Menzies) **Plans for the Energy Weekend are progressing well,**

attractions will include a prize of £1,000 worth of electricity, a pedal powered smoothy maker and a pedal powered hovercraft. Cllr Menzies and the WAG team were thanked for their input into the event.

4.7 To receive update on proposals for additional youth facilities (Chairman) **Nothing further to report.**

4.8 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 to be arranged to follow up on this request.**

4.9 To consider small projects, cost £300-£10,000, that may be eligible for a community grant from the Lottery. **Floodlights for the MUGA may be a possible project.**

4.10 Proposal to pursue a management plan for the Meadowside conservation area **Chairman and Clerk to research available help and advice.**

4.11 To review Committee Terms of Reference and make recommendations to Full Council. **Terms reviewed, recommended alterations as attached.**

- 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 8.06pm

Committee Terms of Reference recommended for adoption at Full Council 6th September

1. The Recreation and General Purposes Committee is constituted as a Standing Committee of Whiteley Parish Council. The Committee composition shall be a minimum of five Councillors as voting members with three members of the Committee constituting a quorum.
2. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected annually by the Committee.
3. All correspondence should be conducted through the Clerk of the Parish Council wherever possible.
4. Minutes of all meetings are to be kept by the Committee and forwarded to the Parish Clerk for circulation at full Parish Council meetings.
5. The Committee will ensure compliance of all Health and Safety Regulations for Council employees and property.
6. The Committee will liaise with other authorities regarding issues concerning recreation facilities, open spaces and the environment to ensure maximum benefits are derived for Whiteley residents.
The Committee will consider all other matters not obviously within the remit of the other Standing Committees and not allocated or covered by any other Committee.
7. The Committee is authorised to commit Parish Council funds to a limit of £500 (Five hundred pounds) without formal Parish Council approval provided that this amount has been provided for in the annual precept.
8. The Committee will meet as workload requires, at least every other month.

** Please note the Chairman of the full council is an exofficio member of all committees and entitled to vote.*