

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 8.05pm.

**Parish Council Committee members present:** Pat Thew (Chairman), Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Pat Wright.

Parish Councillors Peter Inman and David Jenkins, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Lydia Sullivan.
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 Area K issues (Chairman) **Management bills have just been sent out with a very short pay by period. It was agreed to research whether the Parish Council could adopt the Area K play areas to reduce costs for residents.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Cllr Evans) **Plaque installed by OCS.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Arrangements need to be made to secure the skatepark with cctv, at present WCC / DC Leisure will not give the Parish Council permission to access the camera that covers the skatepark for data protection reasons. The DC Leisure manager is unable to use the equipment effectively at present and the engineer that installed the system has recommended some servicing and replacements are carried out. WCC does not think this is necessary. Installing an independent system to cover the Parish Council's assets may be necessary.**

4.4 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues please forward requests to Chairman **prior to meeting.**

4.4.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Chairman) **OCS staff are carrying out tidying work and maintaining the path edges when grass cutting isn't possible.**

**Remedial work to prevent the greenway next to the compound flooding is needed. Action Clerk.**

4.5 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **The conservation area has been cut as required by the management plan. This has caused some residents to complain so any plans to introduce fencing and cattle need careful consideration.**

4.6 To receive update on plans for events

4.6.1 Olympic event summer 2012 (Cllr Sullivan) **Progress has been slow, a further meeting to be arranged in January.**

4.7 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman)

4.7.1 Preparation of risk assessments for new assets **Await transfer of land which is currently managed on a licence.**

4.7.2 Remedial work required to open spaces and play areas **Work includes reducing the size of the compound, remove the cricket mat and making good, replace the second gate at Mollison Rise, fill trip hazards in the Caraway play area, paint the container in the compound, fit a toddler cradle swing set to the Cheshire Close play area.**

4.8 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2011/12 **Objectives to be circulated for approval. Action Chairman.**

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** Explanation of the work being carried out in the conservation area to be included in the next Whiteley Voice.

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

Meeting closed 8.50pm