

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 7pm.

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

Parish Councillors: Roland Diffey, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, three members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Lydia Sullivan
- 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 asked how much the new bench for Marjoram Way was going to cost. The Chairman advised it will cost about £700 which includes installation on a concrete slab base and concrete fixing points.

Resident Vic Hatch reported a complaint from one of the HCC rangers about bins in the Round Coppice entrance. The Chairman advised that this was Winchester City Council's responsibility and has already been raised with WCC by the Parish Council.

Parish Councillor Brenda Hatch noted that Fareham Borough Council is offering free use of its parks for Royal Wedding related events.

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

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **There has been some progress with the request for grit bins. Cllr Evans has raised the problem of privately managed estates with the HALC board and it will be taken forward to NALC and Central Government. The Chairman noted that the main problem was that existing legislation prevents local governance.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **Installation of the plaque is in hand.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Discussions are taking place between the users and potential contractors to determine needs.**

4.4 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues **Cllr Menzies has cleaned the notice boards and has started work on the grasshopper bench and re-oiling of the map boards. Cllr Menzies was thanked for her work.**

4.4.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies) **Included above.**

4.5 To receive report and recommendations from Environment Champion/ Whiteley Action Group (Cllr Menzies) **Electricity monitors are on constant loan.**

4.6 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **Refer to next meeting.**

4.7 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area
The Chairman is looking at costs for fencing the area to allow grazing.

4.8 To receive update on proposal for an outside gym area for Meadowside (Cllr Achwal) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.9 Proposal to install a bench in Marjoram Way (Chairman) **The Committee has carefully considered a number of sites and agreed the position for the bench at the Saffron Way/ Marjoram Way junction. The seat will be accessible from the footpath and be in a sheltered, sunny space away from tree cover**

4.10 Proposal to investigate the possibility of a Parish Council led event in 2011 such as a fete, following the success of the WAG and the Whiteley Energy Weekend (Cllr Sullivan) **Refer to next meeting, ideas for an event to mark the 2012 Olympics are being researched.**

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 7.40pm