

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 January 2011 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Councillors: David Jenkins and Brian Hughes, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Lydia Newman
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) **The Chairman is campaigning for grit bins in Area K, HCC won't provide as the roads are unadopted and the estate management contractor is also refusing to help citing insurance issues. Details of the insurance policy have been requested.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **Cllr Mike Evans and Cllr Al Menzies agreed to fix the plaque to the bench.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Members would like to see the Whiteley Fund NEAP capital used to provide an enhanced skatepark. Clerk to continue to ask WCC whether this would be possible and to chase up Gravity for the promised quotes.**

4.4 To receive update on WCC proposals to refurbish Angelica, Caraway, Cheshire, Mollison and Thyme Avenue play areas (Chairman) **The play areas are complete, remove the item from future agendas. The Chairman to ask WCC whether there is a solution to the muddy entrance to the Mollison Rise play area.**

4.5 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues

4.5.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies) **Nothing further to report.**

4.5.2 Review park bench maintenance (Chairman) Proposal to place order with Paul Hammond to refurbish benches as he carried out previously, for the sum of £515. **Agreed to recommend to Full Council, expenditure from the bench maintenance budget.**

4.6 To receive report and recommendations from Environment Champion/ Whiteley Action Group (Cllr Menzies) **The electricity monitors are still being promoted locally.**

4.7 To receive update on proposals for additional youth facilities (Chairman) **See agenda item 4.11.**

4.8 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **Cllr Mike Evans has given the football team manager details of grants available from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association.**

4.9 To consider small projects, cost £300-£10,000, that may be eligible for a community grant from the Lottery. **The outdoor gym proposal is a potential project, see agenda item 4.11.**

4.10 Proposal to pursue a management plan for the Meadowside conservation area **A meeting has been arranged with a representative from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust to ask for advice.**

4.11 To receive update on proposal for an outside gym area for Meadowside (Cllr Menzies) **An article is planned for the February Whiteley Voice asking for comments by 7th March.**

4.12 Proposal to investigate the possibility of installing a bench in Marjoram Way (Chairman) **The Chairman is preparing supply and installation quotes for a new bench manufactured from re-cycled plastic.**

4.13 Proposal to investigate the possibility of a Parish Council lead event in 2011 such as a fete, following the success of the WAG and the Whiteley Energy Weekend (Cllr Newman) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.14 Proposal to increase payment to Aqua Cleaning for bus shelter cleaning from £105 to £115 per visit beginning January 2011 (rates not increased for three years) (Clerk) **Agreed to recommend to Full Council.**

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 9pm