

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 October 2011 at 7pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Pat Wright.

Parish Councillors Peter Inman and David Jenkins, 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** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **A handy man has been employed to carry out repairs rather than a contractor.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Cllr Evans) **Ongoing refer to next meeting.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Members are disappointed by the volume of litter around the skatepark and a 'keep it clean or loose it' notice may be a solution.**

4.4 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues
4.4.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Chairman)
Repairs to Eric may not be possible due to rotten timber.

4.5 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.6 To receive update on plans for events
4.6.1 Firework night 30th October 2011 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans for the evening are progressing. It was agreed to underwrite the cost of advertising banners and leaflets from the committee budgets if necessary. Approximate cost £600.**
4.6.2 Olympic event summer 2012 (Cllr Sullivan) **First meeting with all volunteers arranged for 31st October.**

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 play areas **Remedial work required includes: repairs or replacement gates, spread new play bark and replace toddler slide to Meadowside play area, replace gate to Mollison play area, replace fence panels to the grounds compound. Action Clerk.**

4.8 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2011/12 **Objectives agreed to be running special events and developing the conservation area.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** Repairs to play areas and the grounds compound due to vandalism and wear and tear to play areas are in hand.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Residents are contacting the Council to report repairs needed as a result of publicity regarding the land transfers.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee.** The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting to discuss the land transfer and contract with Winchester City Council on 17th October. Some advice was received and apologies made for communication errors.

The Chairman attended a meeting of the Meadowside User Forum, also attended by the football club and badminton team.

Meeting closed 8.10pm