

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 20th July 2011 at 8.03pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Lydia Sullivan (Vice-Chairman), Mike Evans, Pat Wright

Parish Councillors Colin Bielckus and David Jenkins; one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Roland Diffey.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Keith Slack raised concerns about cuts to the bus service and drifting. These are being dealt with by the Highways Committee.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Clerk to order grit bin.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **Plaque will be fitted shortly.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Defer until ownership of the skatepark is devolved to the Parish Council.**

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) **Repairs to the grasshopper bench and Eric the footballer sculpture to be arranged. Action Clerk.**

4.5 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **Agreed to remove from future agendas as the football club has been advised how to make appropriate grant applications.**

4.6 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Defer until land devolved to the Parish Council.**

4.8 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) **Some ideas were discussed and will be developed for the next meeting. The firework event is looking promising with a proposed date of 30th October 2011.**

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

4.9.1 To consider tender evaluation criteria for appointing a management contractor
A draft was considered and further amendments will be circulated.

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