

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 21st September 2011 at 8pm.

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

One member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal.
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) **Nothing to report.**

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

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

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)
Quote to reinstall Eric still awaited.

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

4.6 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 Bielckus reported on plans for the Firework event on 30th October which are going well. Cllr Sullivan circulated an initial plan for an Olympic celebration next year. It was agreed to write to local groups to see if they would like to be involved. Action Clerk.**

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

The order has been placed with OCS Cannon and the staff are preparing to start on site on 3rd October, WCC will issue a letter of intent to the Parish Council ahead of the completion of the land transfer documents which are incomplete.

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** An article on devolution and an introduction to the new contractor was included in the September Whiteley Voice.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** A meeting has been arranged with the football club on 29th October.

Meeting closed 8.55pm