

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 27th April 2011 at 8.17pm.

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

Parish Councillors: Roland Diffey, Brian Hughes, David Jenkins, two members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
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 complained about litter on the recreation ground, particularly after football matches.
Cllr Achwal has asked WCC to increase litter collection. SERCO do not work at weekends or on bank holidays so litter was noticeable over Easter.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **The Residents Association is going to approach Cllr Allgood for a grant towards a grit bin.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **It was agreed to stick the plaque to the bench as the concrete is too hard to drill for screw fixings.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Nothing further to report.**

4.4 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues **The Chairman has reported repairs needed to the entrance to the Area K play area to WCC. An order has been placed for the work.**

4.4.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies)
Cllr Menzies was thanked for looking after the benches.

4.5 To receive report and recommendations from Environment Champion/ Whiteley Action Group (Cllr Menzies) **Cllr Menzies was thanked for her input as Environment Champion as she is retiring from the Council.**

4.6 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **Clerk to correspond with the football club for an update on funding requirements.**

4.7 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Working party to be arranged to progress.**

4.8 To receive update on proposal for an outside gym area for Meadowside (Cllr Achwal) **Cllr Achwal to forward quotes for maintenance to Chairman and to ask for some equipment to display at the Parish Assembly.**

4.9 To receive update on project to install a bench in Marjoram Way (Chairman) **Bench will be installed shortly.**

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) **Working party to be arranged to progress.**

4.11 To receive update on plans for Parish Assembly (Clerk) **Whiteley Primary School, Henry Cort Community College and LJ's School of Dance and Drama are providing entertainment. A number of local organisations will be attending. The Whiteley Academy and Whiteley Village redevelopment team to be invited. It was agreed to deliver an invitation to every household in Whiteley. Action Clerk and all councillors.**

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** Updates included in the Whiteley Voice.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** WCC invitation to parishes to arrange an Olympic event.

Meeting closed 9.20pm