

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.46pm.

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

Parish Councillors David Jenkins and Sheen King, five members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

**1. To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft- Phillips, Tasmin Smith.

**2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.

**3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Questions were asked about the location of notice boards, no new locations are proposed; siting of bins, comments will be considered and consultation on proposed changes to the tennis courts, consultation will be carried out as part of the planning process.

**4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **No new issues to report.**

4.2 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Forum to be resurrected when the land transfers are completed.**

4.3 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues,

4.3.1 To receive update on proposal to install a bench on the recreation ground to replace the grasshopper **Bench will be installed shortly.**

4.3.2 To receive update on proposal to install replacement fox proof waste bins to the recreation ground **Two quotes for new bins have been received, it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that a quote from OCS for £4,824 plus VAT be accepted.**

4.3.3 To consider proposal for new council notice boards **It was agreed to seek quotes for replacing the Marjoram Way and Thyme Avenue notice boards which are difficult to open and need two people to operate.**

4.4 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **The conservation area will be cut when the weather and ground is dry enough.**

4.5 To receive update on plans for events

4.5.1 Fireworks autumn 2012 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans are progressing well, WCC has approved the event management plan.**

4.5.2 Fun Day for 2013 **It was agreed to run another event, planning to begin in the new year.**

4.6 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman)  
**The PC and WCC's solicitors have agreed all outstanding issues and it is hoped the transfer will take place in the very near future.**

4.7 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts **No further news.**

4.8 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees (Cllr Croft-Phillips) **No further news.**

4.9 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of OCS contract for landscape maintenance **A contract review meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, Chairman and Clerk attended. A number of issues were discussed including the need for OCS to have replacement machinery available when breakdowns occur to prevent a backlog of maintenance. The TUPE issue was discussed, the parish council does not wish to pay towards the cost of unworked hours during the winter. If this proves impossible it will be expected that the operative in question spends the additional hours working in Whiteley.**

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** Meetings reported above as appropriate.

Meeting closed 8.30pm