

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 8.15pm.

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, 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:**

The resignation of Lydia Sullivan was noted with regret. Election of vice-chairman to be agenda item for next meeting.

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Clerk has written to Countrywide to enquire whether the Council can take on the play areas under licence.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **Plaque installed, remove item from future agendas.**

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 please forward requests to Chairman **prior to meeting.**

4.4.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Chairman) **OCS to be asked to remove the remainder of Eric the footballer sculpture from the bench nearest to the compound. Action Clerk.**

Remedial work is needed to the land drains on the recreation ground, liaison with WCC is taking place to progress. Action Clerk.

4.5 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **No further work is planned to the conservation area in the short term.**

4.6 To receive update on plans for events

4.6.1 Olympic event summer 2012 **Clerk to arrange a further meeting with organisations willing to assist with the event.**

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 **Completion of land transfers awaited.**

4.7.2 Remedial work required to open spaces and play areas **Ongoing repairs being carried out.**

4.8 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2012/13. It was agreed to recommend the following to Full Council:

- To fully research a project to hold an Olympic/Jubilee event and progress if appropriate
- To support a project to install a floodlit all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts
- To maintain the play areas to keep them safe places to play for the children of Whiteley
- To fully research the status of all the oak trees in Whiteley and have Tree Protection Orders added where appropriate
- To oversee the OCS contract for landscape maintenance to ensure there is a high standard of work and value for money for residents

4.9 Proposal to replace the Leafy Lane notice board, to consider quotes received. **It was agreed to investigate whether repairs could be carried out to both Leafy Lane and Thyme Avenue notice boards before considering replacement. Action Clerk & Cllr Wright.**

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 Article on management of conservation area to be included in the next Whiteley Voice.

7. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee Ongoing correspondence regarding the progress of the land transfers.

Meeting closed 8.55pm