

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 at 8.32pm.

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

Parish Councillor David Jenkins, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Pat Wright
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Cllr David Jenkins has received a query from a resident asking why Portsmouth Football Club was not allowed to use the football pitches at half term. The Clerk advised that Portsmouth FC booked the main hall of Meadowside Leisure Centre for a half term football course and were told that outdoor pitches needed to be booked and paid for if required. Portsmouth FC used the outdoor pitches regardless and was asked to vacate by OCS as the pitches were unsuitable for playing and by DC Leisure as the pitches had not been booked. (Subsequently DC Leisure advised that Portsmouth FC owe them a great deal of money and further bookings from the Club are not being accepted.)

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

4.1 To elect a vice-chairman for the committee **Hazel Croft-Phillips elected.**

4.2 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Response from Countrywide on whether the Council can take on the play areas under licence being pursued.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Repairs to the tarmac skatepark base have been carried out following requests from users.**

4.4 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues, **Repairs to wet pour at Mollison and Saffron play areas are being trialled. Minor safety issues raised in fortnightly checks are being actioned.**

4.5 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **An article on current plans for the conservation area was included in the February 2012 edition of the Whiteley Voice.**

4.6 To receive update on plans for events

4.6.1 Olympic event summer 2012 (Chairman/Clerk) **Event booked for 14<sup>th</sup> July, there is sufficient interest to progress the plans with a number of local organisations and businesses offering to help.**

4.6.2 Fireworks autumn 2012 (Cllr Bielckus) **Event booked for 28<sup>th</sup> October which is the Sunday before half term.**

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 **Risk assessments to be completed ahead of the handover which is expected to take place before the end of March. Action Clerk.**

4.8 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts **There has been no progress despite a number of meetings with WCC and DC Leisure. Meeting arranged with Cllr Patricia Stallard and Whiteley Wanderers Youth Football Club to progress on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

4.9 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees **Cllr Hazel Croft-Phillips would like to take on the role of Tree Warden which was fully supported by the committee. Clerk to research training opportunities.**

4.10 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of OCS contract for landscape maintenance **Following a review meeting held with OCS, Cllr Thew and the Clerk, OCS has advised it will do all possible to use the TUPE'd member of staff instead of employing a casual worker during the summer months which will reduce costs for the Parish Council.**

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 as appropriate.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** Meetings reported in minutes.

Meeting closed 9.20pm