

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 8.35pm.

Committee members present Pat Thew (Chairman), Tasmin Smith (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, Chris Harper, Chris Wye.

Parish Councillor Chris Harper, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans, David Jenkins.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Keith Slack reported that the dog bins maintained by Winchester City Council were recently emptied after a month of no service. **Action Clerk to raise issue with WCC.**
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **It was noted that SSE is not yet responding to requests for repairs to newly adopted street lights. Action Clerk to report faulty lights directly to HCC.**

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues

4.2.1 To receive budget costs for upgrading the Meadowside play area mulch surface (Clerk) **Remove from agenda, it has been agreed to install tiles under the swings.**

4.2.2 To consider request for a fitness trail from a resident (Clerk) **Refer to next meeting, resident who made the request is away.**

4.2.3 To receive update on sponsorship of dog bins (Clerk) **Refer to next meeting, the potential sponsor, Whiteley Vets, has not yet moved into premises in Whiteley.**

4.2.4 To receive update on project for inclusive play equipment for disabled children (Clerk) **Steering group to meet shortly to plan a consultation exercise.**

4.2.5 Request for additional seating on the recreation ground (Cllr Achwal) **Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to look at potential sites for additional seating.**

4.3 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Remove from agenda until July 2104.**

4.4 To receive update on plans for events

4.4.1 Feed back from Fireworks 27th October 2013 (Cllr Bielckus) **Cllr Bielckus meeting with the fireworks operator and fairground rides provider in February 2014.**

4.4.2 Proposals for other events – 2014 Music in the Meadow (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Meeting to be arranged in January 2014 with all participants.**

It was agreed budgets for events should be included in the 2014/15 precept to avoid reliance on outside funding.

4.5 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees, enquiry about Solent 2 SINC, proposal for next boxes (Cllr Croft-Phillips) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.6 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of the OCS contract for landscape maintenance **Contract to be reviewed in 2014 prior to ending or renewing in October.**

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** It was agreed to take up an offer of free hedge saplings from the Woodland Trust, hedges proposed at the back of the skatepark/shopping centre and around Saffron Way play area.

Meeting closed 9.20pm