

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 13th February at 9.05pm.

Tasmin Smith (Chairman), Hazel Croft-Phillips, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans

Parish Councillor David Jenkins, two members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Pat Thew.
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:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **There are ongoing issues regarding costs of services being charged to residents that could be the developer's responsibility. Remedial work has been carried out to the streetlights but HCC is still unwilling to adopt them. Residents of the Bellway development are looking for advice concerning their management contract.**

4.2 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk)

4.2.1 Proposal to prepare a feasibility study for a new concrete skatepark adjoining the existing. **Article to go in the next Whiteley Voice and notices at the skatepark to gather support for the project.**

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

Bark levels have been increased in the Meadowside play area, more may be required. The damaged barriers between the Meadowside/Thyme Avenue greenway are on HCC's list for repairs.

Repairs to the verges on Meadowside recreation ground are on OCS's list for remedial work.

4.3.1 Proposal to install three new council notice boards supply only cost £4,461.30 + VAT and installation from Greenbarnes (grant of £3,000 towards project from HCC) **Agreed to recommend to Full Council.**

4.3.2 Proposal to update play area and Meadowside signage : to consider quote from Allspeed for adhesive stickers or new signs **Draft wording for signs circulated, comments to be forwarded to the Clerk as soon as possible.**

4.4 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.5 To receive update on plans for events

4.5.1 Parish Assembly (Clerk) **Plans have started for the Assembly on 7th May.**

4.5.2 Fireworks autumn 2012 (Cllr Bielckus) **Wash up notes to be circulated.**

4.5.3 Fun Day for 2013 – to agree date **It was agreed to postpone the Fun Day for 2013 due to events that will be arranged for the opening of the shopping centre.**

4.5.4 Proposals for other events **Refer to next meeting.**

4.5.5 Request to use Meadowside recreation ground for a dog show **Resident has been asked to suggest a date outside of the football season, insurances and an event management plan will be required.**

4.6 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman)
4.6.1 Proposal to develop a formal lettings policy and terms and conditions for Meadowside recreation ground and football pitches **Refer to next meeting.**

4.7 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts **128 responses were received from the consultation, 82% in favour of the proposals. Cllr Thew and Clerk have met with a group of tennis players and some research is being carried out to see if the group can use the courts at Burr ridge on a Thursday and Friday morning.**

4.8 Proposal to prepare feasibility study for a multi-use games area **Refer to next meeting.**

4.9 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees (Cllr Croft-Phillips) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.10 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of OCS contract for landscape maintenance **Meeting to be arranged on 1st March for a review, action Clerk.**

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** None.

Meeting closed 10pm