

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 16th January 2013 at 8pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft- Phillips, Roland Diffey, Peter Inman, Tazmin Smith

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
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 asked for an update on repairs to the Caraway play area tea cup. Clerk advised that it is in hand.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **Ongoing issues being reported to Countrywide.**

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. **Agreed to proceed, action Clerk.**

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

4.3.1 To receive update on project to install a bench on the recreation ground to replace the grasshopper **Bench installed.**

4.3.2 To receive update on project to install replacement fox proof waste bins to the recreation ground **Bins installed.**

4.3.3 To consider proposal for new council notice boards **It was agreed three new boards are needed and that a grant application to Cllr Patricia Stallard should be made. Action Clerk.**

Other issues:

Bark levels in the Area K play area need checking

Barriers to entrance to Meadowside from Thyme Ave need repairing (WCC)

Damage to Meadowside verges by vehicles

Replacement signage to play areas when transferred

4.4 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Weather has been too poor to allow cutting back in 2012.**

4.5 To receive update on plans for events

4.5.1 Fireworks autumn 2012 (Cllr Bielckus) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.5.2 Fun Day for 2013 **Cllr Smith to research dates of other events happening in 2013.**

4.6 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman) **WCC has given a date of 17th February 2013 for completion of the transfers.**

4.7 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts. **The Parish Council has co-ordinated the printing and delivery to every Whiteley household of a WCC/DC Leisure consultation on proposals to convert the tennis courts to a 3G all weather football pitch.**

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

4.9 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of OCS contract for landscape maintenance **No current concerns.**

4.10 Proposal to campaign for improved Broadband for areas with poor coverage **Cllr Mike Evans to liaise with HCC Cllr Ray Ellis to see how Whiteley can benefit from the proposed County wide improvements.**

4.11 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2013/14

The following objectives to be carried forward from last year:

1. **Continue to research potential youth facilities.**
2. **Support a project to install a floodlit all weather football pitch on the site of the tennis courts at Meadowside Leisure Centre.**
3. **Hold community events eg 2012 Fun Day and fireworks.**
4. **Maintain play areas to keep them safe for the children of Whiteley**
5. **Continue to maintain existing assets**
6. **Research the status of all oak trees in Whiteley and have Tree Preservation Orders added where necessary.**
7. **Oversee the reinstatement of landscaped areas and woodland to the satisfaction of the residents of Mollison Rise following the completion of the National Grid works.**
8. **Manage the landscaping contract to ensure there is a high standard of work and value for money for residents**

Additional objectives:

To prepare a feasibility study for a new concrete skatepark adjoining the existing

To prepare a feasibility study for a replacement multi-use games area if there is sufficient demand

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** News and updates included in the Whiteley Voice as appropriate.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 9pm