

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 19th June at 8pm.

Committee members present: Tasmin Smith (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Chris Harper, David Jenkins.

Parish Councillor Vivian Achwal, five members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Pat Thew, Chris Wye.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Simon Hawthorn outlined a proposal for a fitness trail in Whiteley, this would comprise stand alone stations at certain points on a running route. The equipment would be static, so no moving parts. Each station would cost in the region of £1,000.

4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **Refer to next meeting.**

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 **Refer to next meeting.**

4.3 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues
Two new fence panels are required for the Caraway play area, supply cost is £180 per panel.

4.3.1 Proposal to resite the memorial bench (Clerk) **The family who sponsored the bench have agreed for it to be resited, it was agreed to carry out the necessary work. PC Chairman to respond to resident affected.**

4.3.2 Feedback from meeting with WCC to discuss estate tree and shrub management (Cllr Smith) **Cllr Smith circulated a comprehensive report on a meeting held with WCC. WCC has had difficulties with contractors which has meant some work has been carried out later than usual which has resulted in complaints from residents and concerns about nesting birds. WCC will be keeping the Parish Council informed of future plans which will allow the Council to notify residents before work starts. WCC has agreed to the Parish Council's request to place a new bin near the Marjoram Way entrance to Gull Coppice.**

4.3.3 To receive budget costs for upgrading the Meadowside play area (Clerk) **A quote from Kompan has been requested, comparison quotes will also be sought.**

4.3.4 To consider request for a fitness trail from a resident (Clerk) **See item 3 above. It was agreed to work with Simon to develop a formal costed proposal.**

4.3.5 Update on installation of vandal proof dog bins (Clerk) **Bins have been installed.**

4.3.6 To discuss whether sponsorship of the dog bins should be considered **Refer to next meeting.**

4.4 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) – to receive quote to scythe by hand in lieu of using mechanical cutter (Clerk) **A quote has been requested from OCS.**

4.5 To receive update on plans for events

4.5.1 Fireworks autumn 2013 (Cllr Bielckus) **The event is being planned for 27th October. It was agreed that side shows should not offer toy firearms or live animals as prizes.**

4.5.2 Proposals for other events - Access all Areas 14th August, PC 10 year anniversary **Proposal for an anniversary event to be made to the July Full Council meeting.**

4.6 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman) **Land transfers still awaited.**

4.6.1 Proposal to develop a formal lettings policy and terms and conditions for Meadowside recreation ground and football pitches (Clerk) **Clerk to circulate draft for next meeting.**

4.6.2 Proposal to purchase a set of under 9 goals from Harrod for the sum of £630, grant approved from Hampshire FA for half the cost (Clerk) **Agreed to recommend to Full Council.**

4.7 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts **Work to the pitch is almost complete, there are concerns about the safety of the dividing rebound fence.**

4.8 Proposal to prepare feasibility study for a multi-use games area – to receive suggestions for locations. (Chairman/Cllr Smith) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.9 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees, enquiry about Solent 2 SINC (Cllr Croft-Phillips) **The Clerk advised that WCC Damian Offer has asked their contractor to review the Solent 2 SINC.**

4.10 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of OCS contract for landscape maintenance **OCS is preparing Meadowside Recreation Ground for a Whiteley Wanderers Youth Football Club all day tournament on Sunday 23rd June.**

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** Request for a fitness trail to be considered. See items 3 and 4.3.4 above.

Meeting closed 8.50pm