

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Councillors Vivian Achwal and Chris Harper, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To elect a chairman for the ensuing year** Pat Thew elected.
2. **To elect a vice-chairman for the ensuing year** Tasmin Smith elected.
3. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
4. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
5. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Parish Councillor Vivian Achwal asked whether the council is going to celebrate its 10th year, District Councillor Sam Newman-McKie asked for an update on the memorial bench and resident Brenda Hatch asked for the Solent 2 SINC to be monitored as there is a lot of builders rubbish on the site. **The Chairman advised the 10 year anniversary has yet to be discussed, the bench has been re-installed but not in its original location. Cllr Croft-Phillips to look into the SINC issue.**
6. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

6.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **There are some concerns regarding a charge made by managing agent Countrywide when a property changes hands, the seller pays £220 land registry fees and the buyer £450 to change the names on the register. There is no legislation to protect homeowners in this respect.**

Oak Coppice is being prepared for adoption and there have been complaints about the removal of shrubs on the verge. HCC requires space between the kerb and planting for maintenance and visibility before it will adopt a road.

6.2 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.**

6.3 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues **Some additional work to be instructed to OCS: remove shrub beds by the tennis courts, (non native conifers that are overgrown), make good the hole in the main hedge, fence behind the container to the boundary with the shopping centre car park to be made secure, free up the Jubilee oak from its tie and install a larger deer protector if necessary.**

The goal posts will be removed for summer maintenance in the next few days. A new set of goal posts and a smaller pitch are required for under 9 teams next season. Clerk has applied for a grant towards 50% of the cost of £630.

6.4 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Quote to be sought for scything rather than mechanical cut.**

6.5 To receive update on plans for events

6.5.1 Parish Assembly (Clerk) **Parish Assembly went well, there was a good turnout, the musicians from Whiteley Primary School and Henry Cort College were excellent as usual.**

6.5.2 Fireworks autumn 2012 (Cllr Bielckus) **Date for 2013 event to be arranged.**

6.5.3 Proposals for other events **Details of the Access all areas event on 14th August awaited from the Community Safety Partnerships.**

6.6 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman)

6.6.1 Proposal to develop a formal lettings policy and terms and conditions for Meadowside recreation ground and football pitches **Refer to next meeting.**

6.7 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts **Work has begun and should be completed within 6 weeks.**

6.8 Proposal to prepare feasibility study for a multi-use games area **The Chairman and Vice Chairman to look at potential sites.**

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

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

7. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit None.

8. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available Update on the committee's work will be included in the annual report in the June edition of the Whiteley Voice.

9. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee None.

Meeting closed 8.15pm