

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 24th April at 8.46pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Tasmin Smith (Vice-Chairman), Roland Diffey, Mike Evans.

Parish Councillors Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Chris Harper, David Jenkins, three members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Brenda Hatch asked for the Meadowside play area bark to be raked more often, for the gate to be self closing and raised a complaint about uncontrolled dogs on the recreation ground. **The Chairman noted the comments.**
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **Barratts continue to work towards the adoption Bluebell Way.**

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.
Quotes to be sought to replace the bark in the Meadowside play area with 'wet pour' safer surfacing and for the replacement of the web climbing structure which is looking tired.

OCS have been asked to ensure the recreation ground is in top condition for the opening of the shopping centre on 23rd May when the number of residents walking through the ground will increase.

4.4 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **Work as the contract is expected to be completed this year.**

4.5 To receive update on plans for events
4.5.1 Parish Assembly (Clerk) **Plans for the Assembly are progressing well.**
4.5.2 Fireworks autumn 2012 (Cllr Bielckus) **Date for 2013 event to be agreed.**
4.5.3 Proposals for other events **Fareham and Winchester Community Safety Partnerships have asked to hold an Access all Areas event (Fun Day) on 14th August 2013 11am – 3pm.**

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. Transfers of land is imminent.**

4.7 To receive an update on the proposal for an all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts **There has been a slight delay in starting the project.**

4.8 Proposal to prepare feasibility study for a multi-use games area **Potential sites to be researched.**

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 **Management review meeting to be arranged with OCS**

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 9.15pm