

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at 8pm.

**Committee members present:** Pat Thew (Chairman), Tasmin Smith (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus Chris Wye.

Parish Councillor Vivian Achwal, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Chris Harper, David Jenkins.
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) **Barratt is making progress with Area K street light and road adoptions. These adoptions will not include Bluebell Way which has more than one owner.**

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  
4.3.1 To receive budget costs for upgrading the Meadowside play area (Clerk) **Budget costs for upgrading the play area were discussed. Replacing the bark with wetpour will cost around £36,000. Refer to next meeting to allow more committee members to join the debate.**

4.3.2 To consider request for a fitness trail from a resident (Clerk) **Feedback from resident on a proposed route awaited.**

4.4.3 To discuss whether sponsorship of the dog bins should be considered **It was agreed to negotiate with the new vet once her practice is installed in Whiteley.**

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 of £14,000 has been received for hand cutting the area, mechanical cut is £1,000. It was agreed to proceed with mechanical cutting this year.**

4.5 To receive update on plans for events

4.5.1 Fireworks autumn 2013 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans progressing.**

4.5.2 Proposals for other events - Access all Areas 14<sup>th</sup> August, Zurich staff barbeque, Rotary event (Cllr Thew/Clerk) **All Councillors are invited to attend the Whestival event, a meet and greet area will be available for councillors to meet residents. The Zurich barbeque is booked for 29<sup>th</sup> August 3-8pm as a private event. A Rotary / Parish Council event to be arranged for next year.**

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 (Clerk) **The draft circulated was approved for adoption.**

4.7 To receive an update on the installation of an all weather pitch on the site of the tennis courts **Project completed remove from future agendas.**

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) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.10 To receive any issues regarding the ongoing review of the OCS contract for landscape maintenance **Daily litter picking, play area sweeping and bark raking have been requested for Meadowside together with weekly grass cuts in Council's other play areas during the summer holidays.**

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 9pm