

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Parish Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7.40pm.

Committee members present Pat Thew (Chairman), Tasmin Smith, (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, David Jenkins, Chris Wye.

Parish Councillor John Butter, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Chris Harper, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans
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) **Nothing further to report.**

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues

4.2.1 To consider request for a fitness trail from a resident (Clerk) **No contact from resident, refer to next meeting.**

4.2.2 To receive update on sponsorship of dog bins (Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2.3 To receive update on project for inclusive play equipment for disabled children (Clerk) **Contact is being made with local schools and support groups to gather interest in the project. It was agreed to fund 1,000 A5 leaflets promoting the project at a cost of £115.**

4.2.4 Request for additional seating on the recreation ground (Cllr Achwal) **A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Achwal to progress.**

4.2.5 Flooding issue to property in Coriander Way (Clerk) **The recent alterations to the drainage have proved effective. The resident most affected has reported no further problems.**

4.2.6 Proposals for additional hedging (free plants from the Woodland Trust) & maintenance of existing hedges **It was agreed to plant new hedges along the boundary with the shopping centre adjoining the skatepark and also the boundary with the Angelica flats/car park.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2014 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans are ongoing.**

4.3.2 Music in the Meadow 2014 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **A report from the meeting held on 7th February was made. Plans are progressing well. The event will be held on 12th July and will be renamed Meadowside Music Festival. Whiteley Shopping has agreed to provide significant sponsorship.**

4.4 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees, enquiry about Solent 2 SINC (Cllr Croft-Phillips) **Cllr Wye agreed to look into the ownership of Solent 2 to see whether a request to tidy the site would be considered.**

4.5 To review the OCS contract for landscape maintenance which ends or is renewed in October 2014 **The Committee and OCS would like to extend the contract, OCS to advise on the percentage uplift they will require. Cllr Smith to review the existing contract.**

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 8.26pm