

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 8.45pm.

Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, John Butter, Mike Evans, David Jenkins, Chris Wye.

Three members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Tasmin Smith.
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 reported that litter has been left in ditches cleared by Winchester City Council.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **A resident has written to the management company to challenge fees. At the North Whiteley Forum a resident was wrongly advised that Area K open spaces would be adopted when Bluebell Way is extended through to Botley Road.**

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues **Current play area repairs and maintenance requirements and costings were circulated. It was agreed to permit Richard Frampton to place plaques on the benches in return for re-staining on an annual basis.**

4.2.1 To receive update on project for inclusive play equipment for disabled children (Clerk) **Survey will go out in August.**

4.2.2 Request for additional seating on the recreation ground (Cllr Achwal) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2.3 Update on hedge planting & maintenance of existing hedges (Chairman) **Hedge planting and maintenance completed.**

4.2.4 Update on refurbishment of skatepark (Clerk) **Refurbishment completed apart from surfacing repairs. Quotes to be sought to resurface.**

4.2.5 Update on request to rotovate and re-bark the Meadowside play area (Clerk) **Work completed.**

4.2.6 Proposal to widen path from leisure centre to all weather pitches – update (Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2014 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans are progressing well.**

4.3.2 Meadowside Music Festival 2014 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **The event was very successful, thanks to all those involved particularly Rotarian John Hall who provided a great deal of volunteer support.**

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) and request for a site tidy (Cllr Wye) **Cllr Wye awaiting an update from District Cllr Sam Newman-McKie on the enforcement proceedings.**

4.5 To review the OCS contract for landscape maintenance which ends or is renewed in October 2014 **Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Smith have carried out a review of the contract documents, some minor amendments to wording are suggested.**

It was agreed to renew the OCS contract for a further two years from October with the condition that the council can use independent contractors for 'daywork' additional works if OCS are unable to deliver within a reasonable timescale.

4.6 To receive costed project suggestions with regard to possible offer of funding from Dawnus and opportunity to bid for the HCC Have Your Say grant **Dawnus to be asked whether they would resurface the skatepark.**

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**
September agenda item – review committee terms of reference

Meeting closed 9.25pm