

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Committee members present** Tasmin Smith (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, John Butter, David Jenkins, Chris Wye.

Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Malcolm Butler, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans, Pat Thew.
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 issues affecting privately managed areas of Whiteley (Cllr Thew) **Refer to next meeting.**

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

4.2.1 To receive update on project to refurbish Meadowside play area including inclusive play equipment for disabled children, feedback from survey (Clerk) **Playpark suppliers to be given a brief based on the results of the survey and asked for designs or a quote for design fees.**

4.2.2 Update on proposed additional seating on the recreation ground (Chairman) **Three park benches have been installed on the recreation ground and two additional benches outside the all weather pitch. There was some discussion over the provision of steps to the recreation ground benches as they are at the top of a slope. Usage to be monitored over the next few months to see whether the slope deters people from using the benches.**

**It was agreed to propose to Full Council that a further two benches, two picnic benches and a litter bin be provided on the recreation ground. Cllr Smith to confirm proposed locations.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2014/2015 (Cllr Bielckus) **Wash up meeting will be arranged shortly.**

4.3.2 Lantern workshop grant update (Clerk) **Clerk to withdraw grant request as too few participants came forward last year. It was agreed to try again this year.**

4.3.3 Meadowside Music Festival 2015 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Acts have been booked, plans are progressing well. Next festival planning meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

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) **It was agreed to set up a sub-committee to map and research important trees in Whiteley. Solent 2 SINC item to be removed from future agendas, issue has been passed to the district councillors to resolve.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions **Benches proposed in item 4.2.2 to be costed for next Full Council meeting. Agreed to add a proposal for a Christmas tree in the shopping centre to the next agenda.**

4.6 To agree key objectives for the committee for 2015/16 **Refer to next meeting.**

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 8pm.