

# 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 on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.45pm.

**Committee members present** Pat Thew (Chairman), Tasmin Smith (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, John Butter, David Jenkins, Martin Neal.

3 members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

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

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues  
**Shrub beds and cinema hedge need additional litter picking Action Clerk to liaise with OCS.**

4.2.1 To receive update on project to refurbish Meadowside play area including inclusive play equipment for disabled children (Clerk) **Four contractors have been asked to draft proposals based on a budget of £300K. This will require fund raising of £200K. Selected contractors to be invited to exhibit and explain proposals at the Meadowside Music Festival. It was agreed to hold a drawing/art competition to engage the views of Whiteley primary school children on how the play area can serve both their needs and those of their friends with additional and special needs. Action Clerk.**

4.2.2 Update on proposal for two benches, two picnic benches and a litter bin for the recreation ground (Cllr Smith) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2014/2015 (Cllr Bielckus) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.3.2 Meadowside Music Festival 2015 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Next Festival planning meeting due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Plans are progressing well.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **Sub Committee to comprise Cllrs Smith, Jenkins, Butter and Croft-Phillips. Sub Committee to draw up terms of reference for approval and to focus initially on The Spinney in Lady Bettys Drive.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions

4.5.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Wye) **Cllr Jenkins to research costs.**

4.5.2 Litter bin for Marjoram Way (Cllr Achwal) **It was unanimously agreed that a bin is not required at the current time.**

4.6 To agree key objectives for the committee for 2015/16 – The following objectives were agreed for recommendation to Full Council

1. Hold community events eg Meadowside Music Festival and Fireworks, work towards increasing the number of events held on the recreation ground.
  2. Maintain existing assets and particularly play areas to keep them safe.
  3. Manage the landscaping contract to ensure there is a high standard of work and value for money for residents
  4. Refurbish and extend the recreation ground play area
  5. Research the status of trees in Whiteley and have Tree Preservation Orders added where necessary.
  6. Oversee the reinstatement of landscaped areas and woodland to the satisfaction of the residents of Mollison Rise following the completion of the National Grid works.
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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 8.20pm