

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Committee members present** Pat Thew (Chairman), Tasmin Smith (Vice-Chairman), Malcolm Butler, John Butter, Hazel Croft-Phillips, David Jenkins.

Town Councillor Brenda Hatch, one member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Colin Bielckus Mike Evans.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**  
Cllr Hatch asked whether the music festival was profit making. The Chairman advised it was cost neutral thanks to sponsorship from Whiteley Shopping, the fairground operator and bar provider.  
Cllr Hatch also advised she did not support the Town Council funding a Christmas tree in the shopping centre.
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 this month.**

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

**Fence around Jubilee tree needs to be removed.**  
**Trees without leaves around Saffron play area to be monitored.**  
**Bark in Meadowside play area needs raking.**  
**If any unemptied bins are noticed let the clerk know.**

4.2.1 To receive update on project to refurbish Meadowside play area:  
(Chairman/Clerk) **Grant applications are being prepared.**

4.2.2 Update on proposal for two benches, two picnic benches and a litter bin for the recreation ground (Cllr Smith) **All installed.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2014 feedback & 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 (Cllr Bielckus) **Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

4.3.2 Meadowside Music Festival 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015 feedback (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Date for next year's festival 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **Cllr Jenkins has looked at trees reported as diseased around the Saffron play area. He advises no action and to monitor from time to time.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions

4.5.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Jenkins) **Nothing further to report.**

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 7.56pm