

Whiteley Town 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 10th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

2 members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Mike Evans.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

A member of the public asked whether the Town Council's play areas have been finished with lead paint. The Clerk advised that the equipment suppliers have provided statements stating there is no lead in their products. RoSPA advice is that lead paint may have been used in play areas installed prior to the 1980s, the paint can become a hazard if it has deteriorated and is flaking. The Town Council's maintenance programme ensures the play areas do not reach this level of deterioration.

It was agreed to purchase a lead paint testing device and to carry out checks on all the play areas. Action Cllr Smith.

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) **Cllr Butler advised that WCC Head of Planning Julie Pinnock has offered to speak to residents to advise on how the management agreements have been set up.**

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 – to receive proposed design from successful ESPO tendering contractor Sutcliffe and to place order for the project to a value of £230,000 + VAT as approved.(Chairman/Clerk) **Agreed to recommend to Full Council.**

4.2.2 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark in 2017 **Agreed to ask installers to carry out consultation workshops during the Easter holidays. Notices to advertise the events to be displayed at the skatepark.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 30th October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Planning is ongoing.**

4.3.2 Meadowside Music Festival 9th July 2016 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Regular planning meetings being held.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **No work has been carried out on the tree reported at the last meeting.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions

4.5.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Jenkins) **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 Information about lead paint and the TC's play areas and an update on the skatepark refurbishment and Meadowside Extraordinary Park included in the February edition of the Whiteley Voice.

7. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee

10th February 2016 Chairman and Clerk met with Sutcliffe to confirm the final design proposals for Meadowside Extraordinary Park.

Meeting closed 8pm