

Whiteley Town Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 7.53pm.

Committee members present Tasmin Smith (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Andy Baker, Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, Mike Evans, Pat Thew

Town Councillor Morene Pinder, one member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips, Martin Neal.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Keith Slack raised concerns about the lack of grass cutting by Winchester City Council, he feels the area looks very untidy and the long grass encourages ticks. **There have been ongoing problems with WCC's contractors, they have been given until 20th June to catch up.**
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 Thew has been dealing with parking issues. Cllr Butler to arrange a meeting with WCC regarding the history of appointing a management company.**

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

4.2.1 To receive update on project to extend and refurbish Meadowside play area **Work is progressing well, the aim is to open the park for Meadowside Music Festival.**

4.2.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options **The application to Veolia Trust was unsuccessful. An application has been made to Tesco under the Groundworks scheme. It is hoped that the Co-op will hold a fund raising day. The Rotary Club of Whiteley is also helping to raise funds which will include collections and a raffle at the Music Festival. A letter has also been sent by Rotary to 100 local businesses asking if they would support the project.**

4.2.3 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark in 2017 (Clerk) **Ongoing.**

4.2.4 To receive update on request for dog / litter bin for Marjoram Way (Clerk) **Order has been chased up, should be installed shortly.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Meadowside Music Festival 9th July 2016 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Plans are progressing well. Next meeting due to be held on 20th June.**

4.3.2 Fireworks 30th October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Next meeting due to be held after the Music Festival.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **A tree stump has been removed and the area backfilled to make safe and a dead tree unearthed and awaiting removal from the Saffron Way open space. The cage and stake has been removed from the Jubilee oak on the recreation ground. The Sub-Committee will be looking at all trees on Town Council owned land.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions

4.5.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Jenkins) **Ongoing.**

4.6 To review, identify and adopt key objectives for this committee **It was agreed to maintain the following objectives:**

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 8.26pm