

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at 7pm.

**Committee members present:** Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Kairen Goves, Brian Hughes, Pat Thew

Parish Councillors Vivian Achwal, Lesley Dennis, Brenda Hatch, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Chris Cousin.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items:** none.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.** Resident Vic Hatch commented on agenda items.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley. **Nothing further to report.**

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment and hub proposals. **Update on plans for the hub and s.106 negotiations to be requested.**

4.3 To receive update on proposal to develop an action plan following the completion of the Parish Plan survey. **Agreed to recommend that Full Council adopt the action plan circulated.**

4.3.1 To note response from HCC Leader asking that the Whiteley Access Plan and a decision on whether Yew Tree Drive could be opened to all traffic be fast tracked now that the SATURN study for the area has been completed. **Cllr Thornber has delegated the response to Cllr Freddie Allgood who will report at the February Full Council.**

4.4 To receive update on proposal to provide a new building for use by young people including funding opportunities and the development of a procurement and management plan. **It was agreed to recommend that Full Council adopt the project plan circulated.**

4.5 To discuss opportunity offered by Winchester City Council to take responsibility for Meadowside recreation ground, skatepark and play areas at the end of the current maintenance contract in 2011 following a full consideration of financial and operational issues.

**WCC Director of Operations has written to confirm that there is an opportunity for the PC to adopt Meadowside recreation ground, the skate park and play areas during 2011.**

**At present the maintenance of these areas is paid for using developers funding, and not through the council tax. The fund will be exhausted by about 2011 at which time there are two options: WCC continues to maintain and charges residents as a 'special expense' or the PC adopts and raises funds through its precept. Both options will mean increased costs of a similar amount for Whiteley residents, the PC adoption offering local control and management.**

**It was agreed to continue to research the costs and management possibilities prior to making a decision.**

4.6 To receive update on the review of the 2007/8 Parish Council Strategy. **A draft strategy was circulated, it was agreed the document should be finalised for recommendation to Full Council in March.**

4.7 To develop procedures to carry out an annual risk assessment of financial & non-financial risks and internal audit controls as required by audit regulations. **A draft risk assessment was circulated, it was agreed the document should be finalised for recommendation to Full Council in March.**

#### **5. Recent correspondence**

WCC Steve Tilbury - Future management of Whiteley open space facilities.

HCC Ken Thornber - Whiteley access issues

Meeting closed 7.32pm