

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

**Parish Council Committee members present:** Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus.

Parish Councillors Hazel Croft-Phillips, Chris Harper, Tasmin Smith , two members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Roland Diffey, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** A resident of the Bellway development and PC Mark Barber outlined concerns about anti-social behaviour affecting a particular property and asked for the nearby bench to be removed. It was also asked that dog bins be changed so the contents can not be easily removed by vandals. **The Chairman advised the Council would consider the requests but noted that the bench was purchased and sited by a local family in memory of their father.**
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley and reports to be made to the North Whiteley Development Forum **The Consortium will be discussing the masterplan at the next Forum meeting due to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March. A meeting with the Consortium, Whiteley Parish Council and the neighbouring parishes to be held in early March to discuss further.**

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment – cinema proposals **WCC has confirmed the footpath from Meadowside to the cinema has been removed from the proposals. The Parish Council requested this in response to the feedback received at the consultation event in November where the potential for anti-social behaviour was raised by residents of the Bellway development.**

4.3 To review issues concerning the Parish Rooms **British Land is preparing plans to partition the boiler room to provide storage space.**

4.4 To review issues regarding the proposals for a temporary primary school **The Parish Council has raised concerns about highway safety with HCC's design team at the two meetings held to discuss the project. The access and egress to and from the site onto Bader Way is particularly challenging.**

4.5 To progress campaign to secure the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all vehicles **HCC has opened Yew Tree Drive whilst work is carried out the motorway bridges, the Council has been advised that survey work is ongoing and safety measures will be implemented as required.**

4.6 To review Broadband availability issues for Whiteley residents **An informative meeting was held with HCC and residents on 13<sup>th</sup> February. All areas of Whiteley should be upgraded in the next two years either by**

**commercial interests or by HCC's rural Broadband scheme. Details have been included in the March edition of the Whiteley Voice.**

4.7 To progress an emergency plan for Whiteley **It was agreed that Cllr Chris Harper should lead on this project.**

4.8 To review policy statements for:

- Hire of football pitches
- Hire of Parish Rooms
- Social media management

### **Policy statements reviewed for recommendation to Full Council**

4.9 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2013/14 **Refer to next meeting.**

**5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit**

**6. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available**

**7. Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** The new manager of Whiteley Shopping Centre has asked to be able to use the Parish Rooms in the event of an emergency. It was agreed that this was acceptable and that Chris Harper would liaise to co-ordinate the overall emergency plan for Whiteley.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

### **Policy statements for recommendation to Full Council**

#### **Hire of football pitches**

Priority shall be given to Whiteley football clubs when hiring pitches. No pitch to be played more than three times during a weekend.

Hire rates to be reviewed annually.

#### **Hire of Parish Rooms**

Local organisations may apply to hire the Parish Rooms and each application will be considered on its merits.

Hire rates to be reviewed annually

#### **Social Media Management**

Social media sites will be used by the Parish Council to provide information and to encourage debate with Whiteley residents.

The sites will be closely monitored and any posts or members considered to be offensive by councillors or clerk will be removed immediately by the administrators.