

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on 20th November 2013 at 8pm.

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

Six members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Tasmin Smith, Path Thew.
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 advised of some repairs and maintenance required in Whiteley: tree obstructing path in Round Coppice, damaged bollard at the entrance to Saffron Way, paved path outside Solent Hotel is lifting creating a trip hazard. **Clerk to investigate.**  
Resident Brenda Hatch asked for the reason for changing the name of the council to a town council and whether it would cost residents any money. **The Chairman outlined the reasons for the proposal and advised there would be no cost to residents.**
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 **Information from the Forum on 13<sup>th</sup> November included confirmation that the development may not provide 40% affordable housing, HCC is looking at the possibility of sixth form education provision, the Parish Council noted the disadvantages of 'privately managed' developments such as Area K and that this should not be repeated in North Whiteley. The Parish Council also confirmed its wish to take on the ownership and management of open spaces and the sports pitches in particular which should be provided as early as possible in the scheme.**
    - 4.1.1 To receive update on working with Curdridge PC and WCC to initiate boundary changes **WCC has acknowledged the requests from the two councils.**
  - 4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment – cinema proposals **British Land will brief the council on the latest developments in February 2014.**
  - 4.3 To review issues concerning the Parish Rooms **Plans for the storeroom are still awaited from British Land. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that funding be made available for computer and printing equipment for the offices, approximate cost £1,000.**
  - 4.4 To progress campaign to secure the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all car users **Work is due to begin on the traffic management measures in the near future.**

4.5 To review Broadband availability issues for Whiteley residents **Ongoing, refer to next meeting.**

4.6 To progress an emergency plan for Whiteley **Cllr Harper is progressing the plan.**

**It was confirmed to members of the public that the Parish Council was not consulted on the white lines installed in Marjoram Way. The lines are not considered to be effective or sufficient to prevent vehicles parking on both sides of the road which could prevent emergency vehicle access.**

4.7 Proposal to design a new council logo **Refer to next meeting.**

4.8 Proposal to change the name of the council to Whiteley Town Council **The proposal stems from the plans to increase the size of Whiteley by 3,500 dwellings, the completion of the shopping centre and Whiteley's increasingly urban nature. There are no costs involved and the powers are the same as that for a parish with the exception that a town council may have a mayor if it chooses. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the name be changed.**

4.9 Proposal to prepare a revised parish plan **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that a revised plan be prepared beginning early 2014.**

4.10 Proposal to create a sub-committee involving local parents to oversee a project to develop recreation facilities to meet the needs of disabled young people **Resolved. Action Clerk to progress.**

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** An update on the North Whiteley proposals to be included in the next Whiteley Voice.

7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** Notification from HALC that revised Standing Orders are available for consideration for adoption – agenda item for future meeting

Meeting closed 8.42pm