

# The Parish Council of Whiteley

**The Minutes of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2003 7.15pm.**

**Present** Don Bate (Chairman), Vivian Achwal (Vice Chairman), Bob Backhouse, Ian Croft, Gaye Chesterton, Kevin Gristock, John Hall, Brenda Hatch (District Councillor), Caroline Watts (District Councillor), Pat Wright

Steve Tilbury Winchester City Council Director of Community Services

70 members of the public

Parish Clerk - Nicki Oliver

- 1. To received apologies for absence Ian McHugh**
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items**
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
- 4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

Does the Parish Council support the provision of a skatepark and/ or other recreational facilities behind the Meadowside Leisure Centre?

It was agreed to support the provision of a skatepark provided it can be used without disturbing neighbours.

It was agreed to support the provision of tennis courts/multi user games area with a separate basket ball area.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

## Notes from Full Council meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2003

The meeting was called to discuss what recommendations the PC should make to WCC regarding the provision of recreation facilities behind the Meadowside Centre. It follows a consultation carried out by Winchester City Council.

Chairman Don Bate introduced the meeting with some back ground information on the issues to be discussed.

WCC Community Services Director Steve Tilbury confirmed that the City Council would be guided by the Parish Council. It was confirmed there was £46K in the WCC budget ready to spend on recreation facilities. Fareham Borough Council is also ready to fund recreation facilities. It was confirmed that the site behind Meadowside is the best location for new facilities.

- Steve Tilbury apologised for the residents of Leafy Lane and adjoining roads not receiving the consultation but confirmed that this meeting also formed part of the consultation, together with the results from the appraisal carried out by the Parish Council.
- Fareham Borough Council has not been asked to fund the skatepark in its entirety.
- Funding from both Winchester CC and Fareham BC means other funding sources would not be required.
- It was confirmed that £46 would pay for two tennis courts, £50-£60K would be needed for a skatepark.
- A multiuser games area would be part of tennis court facilities.
- There will be no funding left from the NEAP facility.
- Winchester City Council will maintain the facilities.
- Skateparks are not usually managed but the proximity to Meadowside would assist with supervision but is not usually necessary. CCTV would be part of the scheme.
- A skatepark could be removed if it created excessive problems.
- About 120 residents returned the 'residents against skatepark' leaflet.
- The majority of those attending the meeting supported the provision of a skatepark; many young people spoke in favour of the proposal.
- Most councillors felt that teenage facilities were needed and the skatepark should be tried. The possibility of noise and nuisance was discussed and it was agreed that a group of local residents, parish councillors and young people should be set up to monitor the facilities.