

Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 5th July 2010 at 7.15pm.

Councillors present: Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Roland Diffey, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, Al Menzies, Lydia Newman, Pat Thew.

PCSO Owen Reeves, seven members of the public

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** County Councillor Freddie Allgood.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Resident Don Bate asked the Parish Council to write to local estate agents requesting that advertising boards be kept within the curtilage of the relevant property. It was agreed to write. Action Clerk.

Resident Vic Hatch raised concerns about the grass around the sculpture bench. Cllr Achwal to raise with WCC.

Resident Pat Wright reported that crocodile teeth on open space near the Marjoram Way roundabout need to be replaced. Cllr Achwal to pursue. Mr Wright also requested that WCC attend a public meeting to explain why residents should be charged when the Whiteley Fund is exhausted. The Chairman advised that a presentation by WCC may be requested by the Parish Council as part of the devolution process.

Reverend Gary Snape and Matthew Potts presented revised designs for Whiteley Church and asked the Parish Council for a letter of support. It was agreed to support in principle subject to planning. Action Chairman.

3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive any concerns from residents PCSO Owen Reeves reported on local incidents which remain low. Fareham Station will be running activities for young people on Wednesdays during the summer holidays.

Cllr Menzies reported vandalism to the grasshopper bench and asked for it to be monitored, Cllr Diffey asked for speed checks in Parkway South

3.2 Report from County Councillor Cllr Allgood has advised that 175 children travel out of Whiteley to primary schools. This includes 25

children who gave St Anthony's Roman Catholic School as their first preference on religious grounds. More coherent bus time tables have been requested and are still awaited. A meeting has been arranged with the Chairman to discuss the Yew Tree Drive consultation results.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Report from Cllr Achwal circulated prior to the meeting. No progress on the burger van issue, Cllr Achwal has been advised the road is unadopted. Cllr Goves to pursue.

3.4 Chairman's announcements The Chairman has been invited to discuss Whiteley issues with MP George Hollingbery on 12 July. The Chairman made a robust presentation to the HALC County board meeting held on 26th June regarding the draft partnership agreement with HCC stating that HCC consultation with parish councils is inadequate.

4 Meeting resumed considering the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council meeting 7th June 2010
Minutes approved and signed.

4.2 To receive a report and recommendations from the Strategic Development and Policy Committee (Chairman)

4.2.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 23rd June 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.2.2 Proposal to make no changes to Committee Terms of Reference **Resolved with minor amendment.**

4.2.3 Proposal to adopt Parish Council Corporate Strategy for 2010/11 **Adoped with minor amendment.**

4.2.4 Proposal to adopt Parish Council Key Objectives for 2010/11 **Adopted with additional item: Pursue the development of a conservation plan for the unmanaged area of Meadowside.**

4.3 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee. (Cllr Thew) **Cllr Menzies has repaired vandalism to the grasshopper on two occasions during the last month. Work to remedy the surface of the sculpture bench is ongoing. A concrete hardness test on the bench was suggested. Clerk to pursue with artist.**

Plans for the Whiteley Energy Weekend 10th-12th September are progressing well, Southern Electric is contributing the main £1,000 prize. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Menzies and the WAG team

4.4 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Jenkins)

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 23rd June 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.4.2 Proposal to adopt revised Committee Terms of Reference **Adopted. It was agreed that reference to Chairperson in all the committee terms of reference should be replaced with Chairman.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee (Cllr Goves)

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 23rd June 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.5.2 Proposal to adopt revised Committee Terms of Reference **Adopted.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr Bielckus) **No report this month.**

4.7 Report from the Whiteley Voice Working Party (Cllr Goves/Cllr Menzies) **The summer edition is being prepared and will be delivered during the first week of August.**

4.8 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **There were 191 site visits and 238 page views during the last month.**

4.9 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended

2nd July Whiteley Action Group (WAG) lead by Al Menzies minutes circulated

7th June Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Partnership minutes circulated.

5. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting.

6. Accounts for payment It was resolved to pay the accounts below.

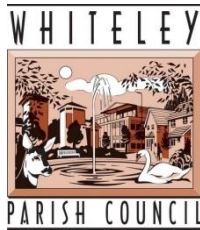
Accounts for payment July 2010

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	610	Pat Thew	£16.00	Whiteley Voice Delivery
2	611	Leisure and Community Partnership Ltd	£51.50	Room hire at Meadowside
3	612	HALC	£29.38	Councillor training
4	613	Ken Abraham	£170.00	Internal audit
5	614	Royal Mail	£41.00	*Postage
6	614	Octagon Blue	£42.50	*Computer repairs
7	614	Nicki Oliver	£631.64	*Clerk's salary July
8	614	Home as office	£21.92	*Clerk's expenses July
9	614	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses July
10	615	HCC	£357.68	Employee and employer's pension contributions (includes underpayments in May and June)
11	616	Mike Evans	£48.99	Chairman's expenses
Total			£1,375.62	

Meeting closed 9.12pm

Signed.....

Date.....



Whiteley Parish Council Corporate Strategy 2010/11

1.0 Vision

Whiteley Parish Council will strive to improve the quality of life for the residents of Whiteley by working closely with the community and appropriate service providers.

The Council will work in an open and accountable manner for the benefit of its residents.

2.0 Strategy

2.1 Pursue devolvement of responsibilities with District and County authorities including:

- Maintenance of the recreation ground/play parks and skatepark and other areas.
- Increased involvement with the management of Meadowside Leisure Centre
- Key role in planning and master planning ensure maximum local input through Local Development Framework (LDF) and Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in particular for:
 - Whiteley Village to ensure proposals reflect local requirements for a level of services that cater for the resident population including: a library / parish council hub, crèche/nursery, restaurants and pubs
 - North Whiteley to ensure the timely provision of improvements to existing infrastructure including:
 - increased traffic capacity to key distributor roads, removal of single route dependency to some areas to improve emergency access, additional points of access to Whiteley from surrounding areas
 - primary schools
 - secondary school
 - open spaces
 - affordable housing to meet local needs.

2.2 To continue to campaign for unmet and ongoing requirements of the 2009 Parish Action Plan

2.2.1 Continue to improve health and well being:

- Protect and enhance aspects of living in Whiteley most valued by residents including its natural setting, peaceful surroundings and family friendly communities
- Work to improve aspects of living in Whiteley most disliked by residents including poor access, traffic congestion, insufficient primary school places and the need for a secondary school
- Ensure sports and play equipment is well maintained and replaced at appropriate intervals
- Support the development of new sports and leisure facilities
- Raise awareness of sports and active leisure opportunities
- Raise awareness of volunteer opportunities
- Promote and raise awareness of environmental and energy saving issues

2.2.2 Maintain and improve community safety:

- Support and work closely with Police and Police Community Support Officers to minimise speeding, unsociable parking, vandalism, anti-social behaviour, nuisance issues and to monitor and reduce incidents of under age drinking/substance abuse problems

2.2.3 Reduce traffic congestion:

- Campaign for improvements in public transport and access to public transport information.
- Encourage the provision of buses to take primary aged children and their parents to school when allocated schools are outside Whiteley.
- Encourage the set up of car share and car club pilot schemes
- Continue to campaign for improvements in road infrastructure including additional links in and out of Whiteley and measures to reduce traffic volumes
- Encourage walking and cycling wherever possible, raising awareness of local rights of way and footpaths

2.2.4 Support effective economic development:

- Encourage the reforming of the Whiteley Business Forum
- Raise awareness of local business and job opportunities

2.2.5 Work effectively with young people:

- Ensure the views of young people are heard, understood and acted upon as appropriate
- Support the provision of new facilities for young people in Whiteley
- Encourage the development of new social clubs and sports and leisure facilities
- Support provision of regular public transport to access swimming pools, cinemas and other leisure facilities

2.2.6 Communicate effectively with residents:

- Continue to develop the Whiteley Voice and Parish Council website and engage and encourage the community to play an increasingly active role in local issues

2.3 Develop the status of the Parish Council and Councillors

2.3.1 Quality Parish Status

- Continue to improve the way in which the Council conducts its business in order to meet the criteria and successfully gain re-accreditation in 2011.

2.3.2 Develop skills of Councillors and Clerk

- Ensure that Councillors and Clerk undertake appropriate training opportunities to develop skills in order to meet changes in legislation and quality systems.

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Key Objectives 2010/11

This paper sets out the key objectives that the Parish Council will be pursuing during the financial year 2010/11 in order to deliver its Corporate Strategy.

1. Continue planning with Winchester City Council and other bodies to establish immediate and future infrastructure requirements in North Whiteley including Whiteley Way, primary and secondary Schools
2. Prepare an outline highways strategy for Whiteley including consideration of emergency planning issues
3. Consider options and make decision on whether to accept the devolution of management of Meadowside recreation ground, play parks, skatepark and other areas from Winchester City Council to Parish Council in 2011
4. Research potential youth facilities for Meadowside Recreation Ground and progress if appropriate
5. Research a project to install floodlights on the Meadowside MUGA and progress if appropriate
6. Oversee and work with WCC to refurbish play areas in Whiteley
7. Pursue a management plan for the Meadowside conservation area
8. Continue to maintain existing assets
9. Consider the Whiteley Village re-development proposals and pursue the timely provision of community facilities including Parish Council hub, youth facility and library.
10. Continue to campaign for existing distributor roads at Yew Tree Drive and Rookery Avenue to be opened to all traffic
11. Pursue the installation of 'Box Junction' measures,(yellow boxes) to Junction 9
12. Continue to lobby Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council to improve bus services and public transport links
13. Improve pedestrian access to Whiteley Primary School without impacting on protected woodland
14. Pursue the reinstatement of Permitted Development Rights for Whiteley properties that currently have them removed
15. Promote Parish Council and WCC grants

In addition to these specific tasks the Council is continuing to enhance the way it undertakes its business, develops its leadership role and engages with the community to understand its needs. The Council will also continue to work with other authorities and agencies to deliver an effective and efficient service.