

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.45pm.

**Present:** Mike Evans (Council Chairman) Pat Thew (Committee Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Al Menzies

One member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

### Mike Evans took the Chair

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Chris Cousin, Lesley Dennis
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items:** none.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public:** a question was asked about the budget for the sculpture benches, see item 4.6 below.
- 4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the remaining civic year **Pat Thew was appointed and took the Chair.**

4.2 To prepare plan for the Annual Parish Assembly 12<sup>th</sup> May. **Plans are being progressed, Whiteley Primary School and Henry Cort Community College have been invited to take part, along with local organisations.**

4.3 To receive an update on request for new benches including a commemorative bench (Chairman) **Item to be removed from agenda.**

4.4 To receive an update on provision of primary school places in Whiteley (Chairman) **Brenda Hatch to carry out some research on the current situation.**

4.5 To receive update on Area K issues (Cllr P Thew) **ARK residents association now has over 60 members, there are problems finding contact details for the owners of properties that are rented. The AGM is due to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

4.6 To receive update on project for new sculpture benches (Cllr P Thew) **The sculpture bench project is progressing well. Two artists have expressed an interest and Whiteley Primary School and Henry Cort staff and pupils will be taking part in workshops to develop ideas which will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly. Following the presentations / exhibitions one artist will be chosen to manufacture the benches.**

**Cllr Allgood has kindly made a grant of £2K towards the project, other grant funding bodies have been approached including Awards for All, WCC, Grassroots and the HCC Arts grant, unfortunately the timing and nature of the project and because it is being lead by the PC mean it looks as if the project**

**doesn't qualify for these. The PC has included sufficient funds in the precept to cover the total costs.**

4.7 To receive an update on proposal to prepare a management plan for the conservation area (Chairman) *defer until September*

4.8 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (James Wade) **The young people are still asking for the ramps to be painted, details of latest WCC safety check to be obtained.**

4.9 To receive update on Children's Centre (Cllr B Hatch) **Report circulated to last Full Council meeting.**

4.10 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues. **Clerk to make requests to WCC for various landscaping maintenance. Request to be made for an early morning visit to Meadowside Recreation Ground from Dog Warden.**

4.11 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2009/10

Committee to make suggestions at next meeting.

**5. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended not included above.**

Meeting closed 9.05pm