

Whiteley Parish Council

Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 7.48pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Pat Thew (Chairman), Al Menzies (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Mike Evans, Kairen Goves.

Parish Councillors: David Jenkins, Roland Diffey, Brenda Hatch and Brian Hughes; three members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Lydia Newman.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Councillor David Jenkins asked when the planting to the Caraway play area would be completed. Chairman to check with WCC. Resident Vic Hatch asked for flooding on the Meadowside footpath near Coriander Way to be addressed, Vivian Achwal is liaising with WCC in her role as District Councillor.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Nothing to report at present.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **Plaque is ready for collection.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum held 17th November (Chairman/Clerk) **Options involving a low medium and high budget are being drawn up by local contractor Gravity Engineering in consultation with the users. Grant opportunities and fundraising ideas are being researched with the help of Gravity.**

4.4 To receive update on WCC proposals to refurbish Angelica, Caraway, Cheshire, Mollison and Thyme Avenue play areas. (Chairman) **Refer to next meeting.**

- 4.5 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues.
- 4.5.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Cllr Menzies) **No further news.**
 - 4.5.2 Review park bench maintenance (Chairman) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.6 To receive report and recommendations from Environment Champion/ Whiteley Action Group (Cllr Menzies) **Al Menzies has been invited to an environment meeting with MP Chris Huhne on 19th November.**

4.7 To receive update on proposals for additional youth facilities (Chairman) **See 4.11 below.**

4.8 To consider request for floodlighting to Meadowside MUGA/tennis courts for use by local junior football teams and local organisations. **No further news.**

4.9 To consider small projects, cost £300-£10,000, that may be eligible for a community grant from the Lottery. **See 4.11 below.**

4.10 Proposal to pursue a management plan for the Meadowside conservation area **No further news.**

4.11 Proposal to investigate the possibility of an outside gym area for Meadowside (Cllr Achwal) **Vivian Achwal circulated a paper proposing an outside gym, it was agreed to carry out further research into costs and grants. Evidence of support from young people and the community to be gathered.**

4.12 Proposal to investigate the possibility of installing a bench in Marjoram Way (Chairman) **The Chairman is investigating low maintenance recycled plastic benches which cost around £300, refer to next meeting.**

4.13 Proposal to investigate the possibility of a Parish Council lead event in 2011 such as a fete, following the success of the WAG and the Whiteley Energy Weekend (Cllr Newman) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.14 To receive project proposals requiring precept funding for 2011/12 **The allocation of unspent budgets from 2010/11 to be discussed by the Finance Committee.**

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** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.15pm