

# Whiteley Parish Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8.15pm.

**Parish Council Committee members present:** Pat Thew (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Pat Wright.

Parish Councillors Peter Inman and David Jenkins, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

The resignation of Lydia Sullivan was noted with regret. Election of vice-chairman to be agenda item for next meeting.

4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Chairman) **Clerk has written to Countrywide to enquire whether the Council can take on the play areas under licence.**

4.2 To receive an update on the sculpture bench project: installation of plaque (Clerk) **Plaque installed, remove item from future agendas.**

4.3 To receive an update from the Skatepark User Forum (Chairman/Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.4 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues please forward requests to Chairman **prior to meeting.**

4.4.1 To receive update on repairs to timber sculpture benches. (Chairman) **OCS to be asked to remove the remainder of Eric the footballer sculpture from the bench nearest to the compound. Action Clerk.**

**Remedial work is needed to the land drains on the recreation ground, liaison with WCC is taking place to progress. Action Clerk.**

4.5 To receive update on management plans for the Meadowside conservation area (Chairman/Clerk) **No further work is planned to the conservation area in the short term.**

4.6 To receive update on plans for events

4.6.1 Olympic event summer 2012 **Clerk to arrange a further meeting with organisations willing to assist with the event.**

4.7 To receive update on devolution of open spaces and future management plans (Chairman)

4.7.1 Preparation of risk assessments for new assets **Completion of land transfers awaited.**

4.7.2 Remedial work required to open spaces and play areas **Ongoing repairs being carried out.**

4.8 To agree key objectives for this committee for 2012/13. It was agreed to recommend the following to Full Council:

- To fully research a project to hold an Olympic/Jubilee event and progress if appropriate
- To support a project to install a floodlit all weather pitch for football on the site of the tennis courts
- To maintain the play areas to keep them safe places to play for the children of Whiteley
- To fully research the status of all the oak trees in Whiteley and have Tree Protection Orders added where appropriate
- To oversee the OCS contract for landscape maintenance to ensure there is a high standard of work and value for money for residents

4.9 Proposal to replace the Leafy Lane notice board, to consider quotes received. **It was agreed to investigate whether repairs could be carried out to both Leafy Lane and Thyme Avenue notice boards before considering replacement. Action Clerk & Cllr Wright.**

**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** Article on management of conservation area to be included in the next Whiteley Voice.

**7. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** Ongoing correspondence regarding the progress of the land transfers.

Meeting closed 8.55pm