

Shedfield Parish Council

(Incorporating the villages of Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and Waltham Chase)

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2008 AT 7:15PM SHIRRELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

Present:

Parish Councillors: David Ogden (Chair), Ruth Wiffen, Rupert Irons, Graham Smith,
Malcolm Hogg, Val Green, Jess Bond

District Councillors: Roger Huxstep, Linda Gemmell

County Councillor: Felicity Hindson

Police: PCSO 13309 Paul Martin

Clerk: Yvonne Wheadon

Administrator: Jackie Hardaker

Others: Lorrie Smith

59/08 Apologies for Absence.

Councillors: - Alan Cox, Lesley White, Roy Phillips and Rosy Whiter

60/08 Minutes

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 6 October 2008 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

It was also resolved that the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 6th May 2008 be signed as a correct record.

61/08 Meeting Adjourned for Public Participation.

- (i) Lorrie Smith said that a retrospective planning application had been made for the development at Smithy Cottage since the deviation of plans was investigated by the Enforcements Team.
- (ii) District Councillor Roger Huxstep also thanked Lorrie for her efforts and contributions to the Parish.
Councillor Huxstep referred to the list of enforcement cases that have been outstanding for some time and said that he and Councillor Linda Gemmell would like to make a stand and work towards reducing this list with the help of the Parish Council. He suggested holding a one hour 'surgery' prior to Full Council Meetings and asked for the support of the Parish Council.
- (iii) District Councillor Linda Gemmell has joined the sub committee for youth facilities and is particularly interested in putting together and identifying facilities that are available in the region so that these can be shown on the Winchester District Council website.
- (iv) County Councillor Felicity Hindson said she supports the District Councillors initiatives. She informed the council of the following:-
It has been agreed in principle to reduce the speed limit on the B2177. A traffic regulation order can now be applied for. This may result in a change to the siting of the school crossing with an investigation into the feasibility of having a pedestrian safety island north of the junction with Brooklyn Close.

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The latest planning application from Silverlake Garage has been deferred to 14 January 2009. A grant is being given to Waltham Chase Village Hall towards repairs to the flooring. County Councillor Hindson will also support both Shedfield and Swanmore Parish Councils towards the cost of the Speed Limit Reminder and asked if we might consider sharing with a third Parish.

Adult Social Care - proposals have been made to review the way payment is allocated to give more choice to people regardless of means. It has also been recognised that individual assessments to determine the amount of after care required can prove to be cost effective.

Further proposals are for free after care up to 6 to 8 weeks following time spent in hospital and to increase the means testing threshold from £22,250 to £50,000. There may also be changes to carer's allowance that is currently stopped on reaching retirement but they continue the role of carer because it is a family member. It should also be noted that investments made by Hampshire County Council are secure.

- (v) Report from PCSO Paul Martin
5 Incidents of theft have been reported, 2 at the Marriott Hotel but generally crime in the area is low.
- 62/08 **Chairman's Response to Public Participation**
- (i) Chairman David Ogden thanked Lorrie Smith on behalf of the Parish for all her efforts in helping the community and presented her with a gift in appreciation.
- (ii) District Councillor Huxstep's proposal to hold 'surgeries' prior to Full Council meetings was given full support by members.
- (iii) Chair commented that a survey had been carried out in the past listing youth facilities that are available in the parish but that he would be happy to assist with this information.
- (iv) C.C. Hindson was thanked for the information regarding social care.
- (v) **Vehicle Safety Device** - The Chair thanked C.C. Hindson for her contribution towards the device and said that the council is still waiting to hear from Hambledon Parish Council as to how well this pilot scheme is working. If successful and once the exact costing is known then a decision will be made by members of the council.

63/08 **Precept for 2009/10**

The proposed budget for the Committees is as follows:

Council	£59,383
Planning including lighting	£ 4,500
Common	£ 6,000
Open Spaces	£31,420
Cemetery	£ 4,500

With anticipated income from Cemetery, Allotments and Savings, of £6472 it was resolved that the precept to be requested for next year is £99331 that represents a 1.49% increase over last year.

64/08 **Shedfield Recreation Ground - Progress of Sports Pavilion**

- (i) The Work Specification that had been circulated to members was approved and it was resolved that this should now go to tender and that these will be considered at a meeting arranged for the 15th December 2008.

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- (ii) It was also agreed that payment for the preparation of plans and to survey the site should be made.
- 65/08 **Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotments**
- (i) The following disclosure of interest was received: Jess Bond declared an interest in that her husband is an allotment holder.
 - (ii) A proposal was made to reduce the cost of an allotment for over 65's. It was resolved that a concession would be given for any person living in the parish having special needs. Tenants to be advised at year end.
- 66/08 **Waltham Chase Recreation Ground**
- (i) The gate to the play area has now been made safe.
- 67/08 **Notice Boards** - It was resolved that the clerk proceed to apply for planning permission to place notice boards at the 2 new sites.
- 68/08 **Common Committee**
- (i) It was resolved that encroachment to the Common would be a matter to be put back to the next Common Committee.
- 69/08 **Cemetery Committee**
- (i) The side gate requires attention - clerk to make enquiries for a solution to secure this gate.
- 70/08 **Finance and Administration**
- (i) List of Payments and Account Balances were circulated
 - (ii) It was decided that Section 137 requests are to be decided at the next Finance meeting to be paid in April 2009.
 - (iii) Freedom of Information - The new model publication scheme was circulated - It was resolved that this should be completed and adopted at a later date.
- 71/08 Reports from Parish Councillors on meetings attended.
- (i) Ruth Wiffen attended a Transport meeting and new leaflets are being distributed.
 - (ii) Jess Bond attended the Winchester Community Safety Partnership - The topic was Drug and Alcohol abuse; further information can be found on the website www.wdsp.co.uk/communitysafety.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9 pm