

# **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

## **MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.15 P.M. ON 23 JUNE 2008 READING ROOMS SHEDFIELD**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Alan Cox, Ruth Wiffen, Graham Smith, Sarah Keen, Lesley White

District Councillor: Roger Huxstep

County Councillor: Felicity Hindson

Clerk: Yvonne Wheadon

Administrator: Jackie Hardaker

Others: PCSO 13309, Paul Martin, Jess Bond, Ros Joslin.

26/08 Apologies for absence – Councillors David Ogden, Roy Phillips, Val Green, Rosy Whiter, District Councillor Linda Gemmell

27/08 Co-option of New Councillor - Jess Bond has lived in the area for many years apart from a period of time away due to her husbands work; she is a retired accountant and would like to take a more active interest in the Parish. Alan Cox nominated and Ruth Wiffen seconded; Jess was unanimously accepted as a new Councillor. It was agreed that formalities regarding Declaration of Interest, Code of Conduct and committees that Jess is most interested in to be completed in the next few days.

28/08 Councillor Alan Cox chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor David Ogden and signed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting from 25 March 2008 as a true and accurate record with updates of the minutes as follows:-

18/08 - Tri Village Championship - Clerk reported that the Council's insurance would not cover this event however the council has offered sponsorship towards trophies

20/08 - St Aubyns - The Development Control Committee meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June at Winchester resulted in refusal of application 08/00800/FUL for this development.

29/08 Meeting adjourned for public participation including reports from:-

### **County Councillor Felicity Hindson**

- (i) Road Safety plans to reduce the speed limits in the Gravel Hill area were supported.
- (ii) An agreement was reached with Silverlake and the Liaison Panel. Minor amendments to the planning application have been requested to enable improved access for the fire service; security fencing and additional obscure netting will hide more stacked cars from the road.
- (iii) A meeting took place with Colin Taylor, Chief Engineer for Hampshire Highways and five Parish Councils that may be interested in purchasing Vehicle Activated Speed signs to calm traffic, which to be effective would need to be moved regularly.
- (iv) County Councillor Hindson will also be making a contribution towards the Tri championship trophies and believes it a good idea to bring villages together.

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- (v) The County Council has agreed its end of year accounts, which leaves a surplus funding to be used towards highway repairs and village 30 schemes. Also some of this which was invested will be used to reduce Council tax.
- (vi) Schools have been notified of the '20 is plenty' scheme which encourages people to drive at lower speeds near schools.
- (vii) There has been a relaunch of the 'Buy with Confidence' Approved Trader Directory & Safe & Sound Booklet; copies are available from Hampshire County Council or online at [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

### **District Councillor Roger Huxstep reported**

- (viii) Since the last meeting 'showman depot' has been given temporary permission
- (ix) The spillage of diesel at the brook in Brooklyn Close which was reported to the environment agency now appears to have dispersed. Clerk to follow up.

### **PCSO 13309, Paul Martin**

- (x) Reported on recent incidents in the area and confirmed that Beat Surgeries will start again from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008. He requested for these to be held at Shedfield Recreation Ground with the use of the Pavilion for privacy. It was suggested that dates for these will be published in the Parish Magazine. Councillor Sarah Keen suggested that a link to the site could be accessed from our website. Paul Martin said he would send through details. The Council were in agreement to this proposal.
- (xi) Roz Joslin enquired about safety measures in Pricketts Hill as there is increased traffic using this road which is in poor condition. PCSO Paul Martin will e-mail the transport dept to request speed checks. Cllr Hindson will request accident records for that area and will report issues to Traffic Management. - Clerk to follow up a request for a survey of this area.

30/08 Alan Cox thanked everyone for their participation; Meeting resumed.

31/08 Planning Committee - The following applications were reviewed in order to meet deadlines.

**08/00721/FUL** - Primrose Cottage, Twynhams Hill, Shirrell Heath, Southampton SO32 2JL  
Proposal: Re-positioning of existing garage and addition of chimney to existing cottage -  
No comment

**08/00992/FUL** - Rear of Amberlea/Everglades, Winchester Road, Waltham Chase Hants  
Proposal: 2 no four bed detached houses and 2 no two bed semi detached houses  
Comment made with regard to Road Safety, overdevelopment and lack of amenities.

**08/01117/FUL** - 3 Meadow View, Church Road, Shedfield, Southampton Hants SO32 2HY  
Two storey rear extension - Comment made to highlight possible conservation area.

32/08 Open Spaces -

- (i) Pavilion Project - Letters have been delivered locally and placed on notice boards.
- (ii) Allotment Gardens - The leak from the meter has now been repaired. A request for a tap at the Northern end has been made by Allotment holders. Clerk to obtain quotes.
- (iii) Waltham Chase Play area - Arrangements have been made to replace the broken springer toy.

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(iv) The Triangle - The seating area will be placed early July.

33/08 Common - Chair of Common Alan Cox reported

- (i) Car Parking on Heathlands continues to be a problem; it was decided to keep the gate closed. Letters to be sent to Residents in the vicinity
- (ii) Arrangements have been made for the ditch to be dug along the common.
- (iii) Horse riding on the common – This will be reviewed at the next Common Committee meeting. Further information from Defra is required.
- (iv) Biddenfield Lane – Since the signs have been in place there does not appear to be any more damage caused.

34/08 Cemetery - Ruth Wiffen was pleased to report that work has started on the South Eastern area with completion expected in the next few days. – Clerk to make payment on satisfactory completion. Sycamore on graves – clerk to arrange with contractor

35/08 - Finance and Administration

- (i) Payments list - circulated
- (ii) Audit - a visit from the internal Auditor will result in a delay in completing the annual return. Items relating to the Charity Accounts are to be separated and it is arrangements have been made for his return on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008.
- (iii) Bond Offer - It was agreed that subject to sufficient funds being available, and with Finance Chair's approval that the Council should make use of this facility. Sarah Keen proposed; this was seconded Ruth Wiffen.
- (iv) Colour Copier - The cost was considered high, further quotes to be obtained including cost of replacement cartridges for existing colour printer.
- (v) Website update - Councillor Sarah Keen proposed an additional benefit to be incorporated within the website that would allow access to current planning applications for this parish, uploaded weekly. The cost is £5 a week.

36/08 - Transport Meeting – A new leaflet containing useful information on local services has been produced and was circulated for comment.

37/08 - Correspondence

- (i) Hampshire County Council - Share of a national fund £1.1 million over the next 3 yrs to fund innovative projects which would benefit disadvantaged 8-13yr olds, especially aimed at girls. To put on next Open Space Agenda
- (ii) Cannon Horticulture – Letter regarding fuel increase – clerk to check contract and clarify with contractor.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.10 hrs