

Shedfield Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM IN THE SHEDFIELD PAVILION

Present:

Parish Councillors: - David Ogden (Chair), Rupert Irons, Ruth Wiffen, Alan Cox,
Jess Bond and Graham Smith

Clerk: - Yvonne Wheadon

Hampshire Playing Fields Association: - John Coney

Tree Warden:- Robin Boston

Members of public: - None

27/08 - Apologies - none

28/08 - The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd September 2008 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

23/08 (iv) amended to read 'It was agreed in principle that this was a good idea, however it was further agreed that this would be a topic for the plot holders meeting'.

29/08 - John Coney met with the Clerk to review the Play Areas at Shedfield, Waltham Chase and Shirrell Heath. He commented that Waltham Chase play area was looking tired and would benefit from an upgrade and recommended a grant facility may be available to help with this project. He also suggested the Football Foundation for funding new teams.

30/08 - Robin Boston enquired as to the provision made to watering the newly planted trees at Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground. Councillor Jess Bond volunteered to carry out watering as necessary.

Mr Boston who is also an allotment holder advised that a good time for the hedges to be trimmed would be late June/July and January. - Clerk to contact the contractor to establish exactly when the hedges are due to be cut and to confirm the contract details, in particular the hedge between the Allotments and Recreation ground.

31/08 - The Chair said Waltham Chase is still 'boggy'. It was suggested that topsoil placed on the ground may help and would be a cheaper solution.

32/08 - Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Meeting held on the 31st October 2008 was well attended and topics discussed were as follows:

- (i) Fees - Concessionary rates for over 65's. It was agreed that this should be debated at Full Council
- (ii) Sizing of Plots - It was decided to be impractical to change but that should any tenant wish a larger plot then they may join a waiting list.
- (iii) Problems of Access to plots was discussed - Clerk to speak with the contractor for advice and to check the tracks. If necessary, plot holders would be willing to assist in distributing soil or scalping.
- (iv) Most of the plot holders would like to be kept informed by way of email

33/08 - **Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity**

- (i) The Planning Application for The sports pavilion is now approved and once the Building Regulations are complete then quotes for the work will be obtained.

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34/08 - The following budget for 2009/10 was agreed to go for consideration to Full Council

Grounds Maintenance	£12480
Litter Collection	£2000
Play Equipment Replacement	£2000
Annual Play Inspection	£240
Repair and maintenance of Benches and Seats £1000	£1000
Dog Bin Emptying	£1300
General Repairs	£2000
Electricity Pavilion	£1000
Allotment Water	£150
Painting Play Equipment	£350
Safety Surface Repairs	£1000
Waltham Chase Recreation	£1000
Shedfield Recreation	£3500
Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground	£1500
Path Chase Grove	£350
Keys and Locks	£250
Play Equipment Maintenance	£1000
Pest Control	300
Total	£31420.00

With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:45