

# **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

## MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 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

Members of public: - None

19/08 - Apologies - none

20/08 - Councillor David Ogden proposed Jess Bond as a new member to the Open Spaces Committee Ruth Wiffen Seconded. Graham Smith proposed Rupert Irons and David Ogden seconded. All agreed and welcomed new members.

21/08 - The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

22/08- **Waltham Chase** - A unanimous agreement was made to go ahead with the replacement of the damaged fence at Waltham Chase at a cost of £400. Clerk to provide a job specification to include straightening of the other panels/posts that do not require replacement.

### 23/08 - **Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Charity**

- (i) Councillor Jess Bond enquired as to guidelines on eradication of pests (rabbits) at the allotment gardens. Clerk to research.
- (ii) A proposal to consider charging plots by the rod was debated; concerns that this would be a costly exercise involving a surveyor. A meeting is to be arranged with Plot Holders to gauge their views.
- (iii) A date (31<sup>st</sup> October 2008) has been set for the meeting of Plot Holders to provide an opportunity to discuss Fees, Concessions, and Plot Size.
- (iv) Councillor Jess Bond requested the Committee to consider concessionary rates for the elderly. It was agreed in principle to be a good idea that would be a topic for the Plot Holders meeting.

### 24/08 - **Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity**

- (i) Two quotes were considered for fencing the play area which includes an access gate to the War Memorial. It was decided to investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant.
- (ii) Pavilion - The Chair said that permission had not yet been granted for the proposed extension.
- (iii) Marking of Pitches - To remain the responsibility of team managers.
- (iv) Petanque Terrain - Clerk to contact club regarding maintenance of terrain.

25/08 - Notice Boards - Clerk to write to owners of suitable sites.

26/08 - Correspondence and meetings attended.

- (i) Fair Play - Government's consultation on play strategy was summarised.
- (ii) Hampshire Playing Fields Association - To be invited to the next meeting to assist with grant applications.

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