

# **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

## MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.30PM AT SHEDFIELD PARISH OFFICE

Present:

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

Clerk:- Yvonne Wheadon

Members of public: - 7

24/09 - Declarations of interest - Councillor David Ogden declared an interest in the Waltham Wolves Football Club being a Manager of the Under 15 team and Councillor Malcolm Hogg is President of the Shedfield Cricket Club

25/09 - Apologies - Matt Humphrey and Robin Boston.

26/09 - The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 June 2009 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

27/09 - Councillor David Ogden proposed Rob Shaw to be co-opted on to the Open Space Committee in an advisory capacity. This was unanimously agreed. Rob accepted and will continue to assist with the Waltham Chase play area project.

28/09 - Public Participation - Representatives from Sporting Crusaders, (mid Solent league) and the Meon Valley Circuit Football Clubs attended the meeting as they are looking to use the Football Pitch at Shedfield Recreation Ground for their home games. A request from 7 teams was received to play Saturday mornings.

Councillor David Ogden stood down and Councillor Alan Cox took the Chair. In their absence, Councillor David Ogden put forward the views of Waltham Wolves stating that they wanted 3 teams to play at Shedfield but that he would move the Under 15 team to ease pitch allocation. He went on to explain that the ground had suffered last year from a team playing in bad weather and that the ground could not sustain more than one or possibly two games in one day. He was advised that the ground would benefit from verti drain and regular treatment of fertiliser. Clerk to obtain quotes. <sup>1</sup>

Meeting resumed

29/09 - Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity

(i) Football Pitch Allocation - It was agreed that a schedule be drawn up to accommodate the teams as fairly as possible and sent out to the teams. Council established that members of the local community were included in teams requesting to use the pitch.

(ii) Cricket – The grass square has been maintained by Shedfield Cricket Club and used by many teams. The main problem is Rabbits digging holes in the ground

(iii) BMX track - The Chair proposed moving the track as this was not being used. No further action required.

(iv) Flag Pole - To go on the agenda of the next Full Council with quotes. <sup>2</sup>

Actions

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<sup>1</sup> Quotes for treatment of Shedfield Recreation Ground - Clerk

<sup>2</sup> Quotes for Flag Pole - for Full Council recommendation - Clerk

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- 30/09 - War Memorial - It was resolved that the purchase of wreaths for occasions would be placed at the Memorial. This will be included in the Open Space Budgeting for next year. <sup>3</sup>
- 31/09 - Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Charity
- (i) Hedge cutting - It was decided that the extra hedge cutting should form part of the contract - clerk to obtain quote from contractor <sup>4</sup>
  - (ii) Allotments - A meeting is to be arranged for Allotment Holders - Clerk to set date <sup>5</sup>
- 32/09 - The Triangle -
- (i) Rugby Practice Posts - A quote has been obtained but it was decided that more information should be obtained as to the availability of playing at other sites. <sup>6</sup>
  - (ii) It was proposed that correct measurements should be obtained with details of cost and requirements to be presented to Full Council. <sup>7</sup>
- 33/09 - Waltham Chase Recreation Ground
- (i) Play area project - Clerk to check with Winchester and Hampshire Playing Fields if there is a list of recommended suppliers as the draft tender is now ready. <sup>8</sup>
  - (ii) Barrier gate and entrance - It was decided that consideration should be made to improve this area at the same time. <sup>9</sup>
  - (iii) The Chair will look at the requirements for new posts. The goal areas are worn and require attention. <sup>10</sup>
  - (iv) Benches - It was agreed that a quotation for repair of the vandalised benches should be obtained. <sup>11</sup>
- 34/09 - Byelaws - It was agreed that the signs should be replaced as they are worn. <sup>12</sup>
- 35/09 - Prohibition Signs for Dog fouling - It was agreed that new signs should be purchased from Winchester City Council. <sup>13</sup>
- 36/09 - It was decided that the Council will continue to use separate bins for Dog faeces and not include this with normal waste.
- 37/09 - The letter to be distributed for Park Keepers was amended and approved. It was agreed that these will be distributed in due course. <sup>14</sup>
- 38/09 - The Clerk reported that a computer monitor had been set on fire on the Children's Play area at Shedfield and this was quickly cleared by our Contractors.

*With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10*

## **Actions**

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- <sup>3</sup> Reminder to include wreaths in budget
  - <sup>4</sup> Confirm cost of cutting hedges for budget - Clerk
  - <sup>5</sup> Suggest date for allotment holders March 10 - Clerk
  - <sup>6</sup> Rugby Post enquire at Swanmore for availability - Clerk
  - <sup>7</sup> Measurement for Goal Post at the Triangle - DO OS Chair
  - <sup>8</sup> Recommended suppliers and Planning permission - Clerk
  - <sup>9</sup> Include barrier gate in refurbishment - All
  - <sup>10</sup> Check requirements for new posts at Waltham Chase - DO OS Chair
  - <sup>11</sup> Obtain quote to repair benches at Waltham Chase - Clerk
  - <sup>12</sup> Replace byelaws - Clerk
  - <sup>13</sup> Order Prohibition signs - Clerk
  - <sup>14</sup> Delivery of letters for wardens - DO, Clerk, JB and AC

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