

## **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

### MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2009 AT 7.30PM AT SHEDFIELD PARISH OFFICE

**Present:**

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

Clerk:- Yvonne Wheadon

Tree Warden:- Robin Boston

Members of public: - Matt Humphrey

11/09 - Election of Chair – Alan Cox proposed David Ogden. All those present voted in favour. David accepted

12/09 - Apologies - None

13/09 - The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 February 2009 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

14/09 - Public Participation –

(i) Matt Humphrey has shown an interest in becoming a Councillor with particular interest in joining the Open Space and Common Committees.

15/09 - (i) Robin Boston recommended regular watering of the young trees in the Shirrell Heath Recreation area. Councillor Bond said that she had watered them in the last few days but felt that a longer hose would be more appropriate. It was agreed that Councillor Bond would purchase a suitable hose. Robin expressed concern at the cost of obtaining a survey for the Risk Assessment of Trees in the Parish; he will make further enquiries and report back to this committee.

16/09 - Three quotations were considered to install a gate for rear access to the war memorial. It was resolved that the Clerk would check with the appropriate supplier to confirm the type of wood referred to in their quotation and provided an upgrade does not exceed £400 to go ahead.

17/09 - Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity

(i) Pavilion Booking Procedure – Documents circulated. It was agreed to send out to clubs.

(ii) Flooring to the sports hall – The newly painted floor has been damaged by patrons wearing spiked/studded shoes. Clerk has written to the club involved.

The matter of responsibility was debated and it was recommended that a sign be placed on the outside of the Pavilion requesting removal of spiked/studded shoes. It was agreed that a further letter should be sent if no response.

The Clerk was asked to advertise the facilities of the Sports Pavilion on the website and in the Parish Magazine.

18/09 - Shedfield Cup – Following the success of the Football Tournament at the Opening of the Sports Pavilion, the Chair proposed that this continue in the future as an annual event and was approved by all Committee members.

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- 19/09 - Shirrell Heath Recreation ground - It was recommended that new prohibition signs are purchased for the recreation area due to continuing problems with dog faeces. It was agreed that signs should be purchased for all play areas.
- 20/09 - The Triangle - It was proposed that new football goal posts for 5-aside should replace the old worn goals at the triangle. The clerk to obtain a quotation to be considered at Full Council
- 21/09 - Waltham Chase Recreation Ground
- (i) The Goal areas are worn and require attention.
  - (ii) Barrier Gate - The chair requested that councillors look at the gate and consider replacement.
  - (iii) The Chair requested that byelaws be replaced at Shedfield Recreation
- 22/09 - Park keepers - The Chair suggested that members of the public could keep an eye on areas that need attention - he will compose a letter to be distributed as a mail drop.
- 23/09 - Waltham Chase Play Area - Councillor Irons is working on the project for this area that is in need of updating and gave details of the various funding that may be available. He suggested that this could be achieved in bite size stages using Council funds but required a decision on the amount that could be made available for this project. The Chair suggested a loan facility and asked the clerk to investigate this.

*With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15*