

Shedfield Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1 FEBRUARY 2010 7.15 pm at the Pavilion, Shedfield

Present:

Parish Councillors: - Alan Cox Chairman (Presiding), Jess Bond, Ruth Wiffen, Matt Humphrey, Malcolm Hogg, Rupert Irons, Kevin Dye, Stuart Jones, Lesley White, Graham Smith, Val Green and Roy Skelding
District Councillor: - Roger Huxstep apologised for arriving late due to a prior meeting
County Councillor: - Felicity Hindson
Clerk: - Yvonne Wheadon
Police: - PC Paul Symonds and Police Sergeant 3501 Dorian Chapman

Members of public: - None

1/10 - Apologies – District Councillor Linda Gemmell

2/10 - Declarations of Interest - None

3/10 - The minutes of meetings held on the 16 November 2009 and 7 December 2009 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

4/10 - Councillor Rupert Irons gave notice of resignation from Council following a naval posting overseas - The Chair thanked Councillor Irons for his input during his term of office

5/10 - Public Participation

(i) County Councillor Felicity Hindson showed photographs of areas in East Hampshire affected by the snow recently saying that there is evidence that more Grit bins are needed and she hoped that parish councils will be able to help in identifying suitable sites. These will require maintenance as they are prone to vandalism. The parish lengthsmen may be able to help but there is no further progress at present to that appointment.

All services pulled together to assist those in need with a community effort. Farmers have offered to help and may be used in future as the tractors have a spreader attachment that could be used for salt. These smaller vehicles would be useful for side roads.

It was reported that less than 10% of waste is going to land fill which is a credit to improved management.

Questions were raised concerning salt availability, control of stock, and arrangements for repairing pot holes and how to contact those who have offered their services, also council tax status.

Councillor Hindson said that our own salt stocks will not be affected and that modern equipment used for pot holes will speed up repairs. The proposed council tax increase is 1.9%.

(ii) P C Paul Symonds introduced Sgt Dorian Chapman newly appointed at Bishops Waltham who said that they will be concentrating on priorities for this area which is mainly speeding.

Meeting resumed

Reports from Committees

6/10 - **Finance & Administration**

(i) Financial status for Council and Charities - circulated.

(ii) Expenditure approval lists for November December and January were agreed.

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- (iii) It was resolved that sums of not more than £46,000 from reserves will be deposited to higher interest bearing accounts as recommended by F & A Committee.

7/10 - Personnel & Procedures

- (i) Recommendation to continue subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks was approved by Council
- (ii) Health & Safety at Work - The procedures and documentation will be updated by Councillor Malcolm Hogg and it was suggested that quotes are obtained for an alarm.
- (iii) Work Experience - Councillor Roy Skelding explained the procedure for taking this forward and details have been provided to the local agent
- (iv) Clerk's assistant - Council agreed to the employment of a new member of staff for a minimum of 4 hours and delegated arrangements of appointment to this Committee.

8/10 - Cemetery

- (i) Minutes of the meeting 12 October 2009 were signed as a true copy.

9/10 - Common

- (i) Complaints have been received by residents with concern that the area near Turkey Island is unkempt. It was suggested that any costs incurred by the Council should be pursued from any party involved other than that of general maintenance.
- (ii) Minutes of the meeting 5 October 2009 were signed as a true copy.

10/10 - Open Spaces

- (a) Waltham Chase Play Area - It was agreed that management of the project will be undertaken by Rob Shaw.
- (b) Shirrell Heath Allotment Gardens Charity - It was reported that another piece of play equipment had signs of burning, the police have been notified.
- (c) Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity - Nothing to report

11/10 - Planning

- (i) Notice of appeal Ref 09/00133/ENF - Church Meadows, Shedfield. Public Inquiry date TBA.
- (ii) Salt Bins - It was agreed to establish a need through the Parish Magazine. Clerk to produce a list.

12/09 - Correspondence

- (i) South Downs National Park Authority - Notice of Hampshire Parish Representative Elections
- (ii) Solent News - copy available at office or online www.solentforum.org

With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:14

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