

# **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE PAVILION 7.30 PM MONDAY 21 JUNE 2010**

**PRESENT:**

Parish Councillors: Chair Alan Cox, presiding, Lesley White, Matt Humphrey, Jess Bond,  
Kevin Dye and Stuart Jones

Clerk: Yvonne Wheadon

Members of public: 1

7/10 - Election of Chair - A proposal for Alan Cox to remain as Chairman was unanimously agreed. Councillor Cox accepted.

8/10 - Apologies for absence - Val Green

9/10 - Declarations of Interest - None

10/10 - The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March, 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

11/10 - Public Participation - One member of public reported the following concerns:-

- (i) Cut canisters (assumed cut for easy carriage in boot of car) dumped by the lay by at the Winchester Road part of the Common. This is the third incident that has been reported in the last few months.
- (ii) Appearance of Japanese knotweed in area
- (iii) Entrances are blocked by vegetation overgrowth.
- (iv) Dog owners are failing to pick up.

12/10 - The Chair's response was to report the canister incident to environmental department at WCC and suggested alerting the public via the Parish magazine. The dog fouling should be reported to the Animal Welfare team and arrangements for the clearance of weeds will be dealt with by our contractor.

### **Meeting resumed**

13/10 - Common encroachment -

- (i) Parking in areas of the common continues - clerk to contact solicitor for advice on regularising.
- (ii) Access to the common via properties in Canford Close is being dealt with by the Landlord to make good the damage caused. <sup>1</sup>Investigate fencing rules for common land.

14/10 - Leaflets/Map board - Some photographs have been provided, these will require sorting into seasons.

### **Actions**

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<sup>1</sup> Fencing

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15/10 - Details of current expenditure circulated. It was noted that the second half of the year has the greater expense.

16/10 - Correspondence, report on meetings

- (i) Jonathan Mycock, Heathland Project Officer joined the Chair and Clerk for a walk around the eastern part of the Common giving advice on maintenance such as bracken control and removal of cuttings. He will return to walk the remainder in the next few weeks and recommended that we obtain Higher Level Stewardship for assistance in financing the management of the common.
- (ii) Clerk was asked to obtain further copies of the DVD<sup>2</sup> provided by Hampshire County Council.

***With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.***

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<sup>2</sup> Common DVD's