

# **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

## **MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL Meeting held 28 June 2010 7.15 pm at the Pavilion**

Present:

Parish Councillors: - Alan Cox, Chairman (Presiding), Jess Bond, Ruth Wiffen, Matt Humphrey, Kevin Dye, Stuart Jones, Graham Smith, Roy Skelding, Val Green and David Ogden  
County Councillor: - Felicity Hindson  
Clerk: - Yvonne Wheadon  
Police: - PCSO Paul Martin

Members of public: - 1

39/10 - Apologies - District Councillors Linda Gemmell, Roger Huxstep and Councillors Lesley White and Malcolm Hogg.

40/10 - Declarations of Interest - None

41/10 - Minutes of the AGM held on the 10 May 2010 signed by the Chair as a true record. Chair confirmed that he and Malcolm Hogg verified the agreement for the Parish Lengthsman between Swanmore PC and Shedfield PC.

42/10 - Councillor Vacancies - Some interest has been shown and will be followed up.

43/10 - Public Participation

- (i) **County Councillor Felicity Hindson** hoped that the Council would consider favourably a request for financial assistance to the proposed pedestrian refuge island, especially as Hampshire County Council had lost a considerable sum from their budget.

The signs to implement a reduced speed limit further South at Waltham Chase will also incorporate the Village name at the Boundary with red marking on the road surface.

- (ii) **PCSO Paul Martin** reported that there had been 3 burglaries in the area recently and that an arrest for one of them was made. Council was also alerted to a company working in the area offering a free Security Alarm System (SAS) but the installation charge is unrealistically high. Advice to take up the offer is being given by Crime Research UK although this company is not backed by the government. A football match has been arranged between police and local youths on 29 July 2010 at Shedfield Recreation Ground.

Meeting resumed - Reports from Committees

44/10 - **Finance & Administration**

- (i) Financial status for Council and Charities - circulated.  
(ii) Expenditure approval lists for May and June approved.

45/10 - **Personnel & Procedures** - nothing to report

46/10 - **Cemetery**

- (i) Refurbishment of the Lych Gate is now complete.

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- (ii) Committee members met at the Cemetery during May to assess a suitable site for cremation caskets, it was thought that the area had not been consecrated but the Cemetery Clerk since confirmed that a map is available showing all consecrated areas which includes bottom left and right dated 2/12/91. It was suggested that an area near the seat on the north eastern corner may be used.
- (iii) A calculation of space for graves will be required for future but presently adequate.

## 47/10 - **Common**

- (i) Paths created on Common land at the rear of Canford Close were reported to Winchester City Council, the Landlord. Tenants were requested to clear the area and leave to its natural status.
- (ii) Horses on Common - Notices were placed on the common warning owners that unauthorised grazing is not permitted and legal action to remove animals will be enforced.
- (iii) An area of the Common at Biddenfield Lane is being used by BMX riders. A quotation for reinstatement has been requested.
- (iv) Jonathan Mycock, Heathland Project Officer provided some advice in management of the common and suggested funding resources, he will return in August to complete the tour.

## 48/10 - **Open Space**

- (i) Waltham Chase Play Area - The old equipment has been dismantled and installation is under way.
- (ii) Botley Road Memorial - Quotes for the restoration circulated. It was agreed that the lowest quotation should be accepted subject to satisfactory inspection of works undertaken by the monumental masons. Clerk to seek grant funding.

## 49/10 - **Planning** (Including Highways, Lighting and Transport)

- (i) Concessionary Fares Consultation Forum - A meeting arranged to explain changes, Chair and Councillor Wiffen to attend

50/10 - **Grant request** - Pedestrian Refuge Island - It was resolved that Council will make a contribution of £2000 towards the installation which will provide an improved access to St John the Baptist Primary School.

51/10 - **Solicitor acting for Council** - Council agreed the advantages of using a dedicated resource for legal advice. Council currently use the facilities of Hampshire Association of Local Councils who are able to refer more complex matters to Hedleys Solicitors LLP.

## 52/09 - **Correspondence**

- (i) Notice of closure to Bishops Waltham Library have been displayed on the notice boards reopening is due on 3 August 2010.
- (ii) Big Green Summer Picnic Promotion - details circulated for this activity that celebrates the Countdown to the London Olympic Games 2012.

## **Charity Matters**

Shedfield Recreation Ground - A discussion of policy on alcohol took place. Further information may be required.

Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Charity - Peacocks have been a nuisance at the allotments and a sprinkler ban was proposed in view of dry spell.

*With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:30 pm*

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