

Shedfield Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 MARCH 2010 7 pm at the Shirrell Heath Methodist Church Hall

Present:

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

Members of public: - 1

13/10 - Apologies – District Councillor Linda Gemmell, Councillors Lesley White and Val Green

14/10 - Declarations of Interest - None

15/10 - The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 February 2010 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

16/10 - Councillor Vacancies/Parish Representative. Councillor Roy Skelding has agreed to represent the Parish at Swanmore and St John's School.

17/10 - Parish Plan - Steven Lincoln and Joanna Dixon were invited to provide more information in setting up a Plan that would take between 18 months to 2 years to complete requiring consultation with the Community. A steering Group of 8 - 10 was recommended to start.

18/10 Public Participation

(i) **County Councillor Felicity Hindson** reported that Forest Road was due to be resurfaced and that Grit bins are to be placed where appropriate in the area. The district has 2 salt barns for storage. Extra funds are being sought for repairs to damaged highways caused by the severe winter. Street Lighting - The Preferred Finance Initiative scheme that the Parish Council is part of will see columns more than 15 years old being replaced with more energy efficient types over the next 2 years. The appointment of a parish lengthsman is in progress. The area council tax increase is confirmed at 1.9%. County Councillor Hindson can provide a grant towards the setting up of a Parish Plan if required. Farmers with smaller vehicles can be called upon to assist with gritting side roads and other areas difficult to reach and Council may identify farmers to provide this service.

(ii) **District Councillor Roger Huxstep** reported District Council tax increase of 1.75%. He said that he would support the Council should it take the decision to proceed with a Parish Plan and suggested looking at a neighbouring Parish who already has one for advice.

(iii) **PCSO Paul Martin** said that the newly acquired speed gun and portable speed limit reminder has been used in Clewers Hill, Shirrell Heath High Street, Pricketts Hill and Curdrige Lane. The Beat Surgery will now be held once a month at St Johns Primary School every 3rd Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm.

Meeting resumed

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Reports from Committees

19/10 - **Finance & Administration**

- (i) Financial status for Council and Charities - circulated.
- (ii) Expenditure approval lists for February and March were approved.
- (iii) Council agreed revised budget as recommended by Committee together with allocation of reserves from surplus as per attached sheet.
- (iv) Dog bin emptying - The increase from £3.10 to £5 per empty was debated and it was agreed that this facility is well used and a benefit to the community. Increase accepted.

20/10 - **Personnel & Procedures**

- (i) Staff Vacancy - Draft job specification circulated. It was resolved that P & P would progress to appointment taking into account minimum hours and a probationary period.
- (ii) Model Standing Orders - Revised publication part 2 to be circulated and a decision to adopt/amend will be reviewed at the AGM
- (iii) Power of Well Being - Training for Council was considered and agreed by the majority.

21/10 - **Cemetery**

- (i) Treatment of the Lych Gate will be carried out in the near future

22/10 - **Common**

- (i) Encroachment to the Common at the rear of Canford Close was reported to Council. Winchester City Council, the Landlord, has requested that the area be returned to its natural state. Clerk to arrange a site visit with our maintenance contractors for advice.

23/10 - **Open Spaces**

- (i) Waltham Chase Play Area - Response from the consultation at Waltham Chase Village Hall on the 7 March was successful with inputs from 81 varying groups. As a result, Rob Shaw has been asked to negotiate a revised plan to incorporate the wishes of the community.
- (ii) Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Charity - With an increase in demand for allotments a decision was made to convert some of the area at the far end of the recreation ground to allotments.
- (iii) Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity - Damage to the ground caused by chaffer grubs will be treated once the football season has finished.
- (iv) Botley Road Memorial - Quotes for the restoration have not yet been received. The relevant companies are to be contacted to follow up.

24/10 - **Planning**

Malcolm Hogg reported on various applications and incidents within the area.

25/09 - **Correspondence**

- (i) An invitation to the Official Opening of the new building for guides at Sandy Acres was circulated
- (ii) Definitive Map Modification Order 2010. Notice was received to modify the map a copy included will be available to view at the office.

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

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