

# **Shedfield Parish Council**

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

## **MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL**

**Meeting held 4 October 2010**

**7.15 pm at Waltham Chase Methodist Church Hall**

Present:

Parish Councillors: - Jess Bond, Vice Chair (Presiding), Ruth Wiffen, Matt Humphrey, Malcolm Hogg, Stuart Jones, Graham Smith, Roy Skelding, Val Green and David Ogden

County Councillor: - Felicity Hindson

District Councillor:- Roger Huxstep

Clerk: - Yvonne Wheadon

Members of public: - (8) Approx

67/10 - Apologies – Councillors Kevin Dye, Lesley White and Alan Cox  
District Councillor Linda Gemmell

68/10 - Declarations of Interest - None

69/10 - Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 August 2010 signed by the acting chair as a true record.

70/10 - Councillor Vacancies - Clerk asked to advertise in the Parish Magazine

71/10 - Public Participation

**(i) County Councillor Felicity Hindson -**

Highways - New Road more anti skid will be used with white lines being removed in line with safer amenities project with each parish council being advised of an Emergency Plan for the anticipated bad weather conditions 4 X 4 vehicles, owned by local farmers and the County Council will be working with together to spread grit and clear snow as necessary at schools and community halls. A list for grit bins is required for the Highways Department to approve. It has been confirmed that Salt is in good supply and plans are in operation to put right damage from last winter.

Government cuts will affect many and a meeting was held to review the budget looking at possible voluntary redundancies and merging of departments such as Property Services and Cultural Affairs. Adult Social Care will also be reviewed with other services using means testing.

The recycling centre now closes at 4pm

**(ii) District Councillor Roger Huxstep -**

Safer walk to School scheme discussions continue with the Land Agent. The District Council is under budgetary pressure and may lose some staff with the main policy to cross train. The building control officers may help with enforcements with the possibility of other authorities joining forces e.g. East Hants with Winchester City Council.

Blueprint (localism) will be the new Local Development Framework which means that the South East Plan will be abolished giving more power to communities with public meetings being arranged.

(iii) Members of the public attended to find out more about the localism consultation (Blueprint) and to enquire of known development proposals.

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72/10 - Blueprint - Councillor Matt Humphrey gave a brief explanation. It was noted that the consultation period started today and a meeting of Councillors is to be arranged on the 7 October 2010 to decide how to involve the community in this 2 month consultation for localism.

## *Meeting resumed*

### Reports from Committees

#### 73/10 - **Finance & Administration**

- (i) Financial status for Council - circulated.
- (ii) It was agreed that a further £10,000 of capital reserve will be invested for 1 year.
- (iii) Expenditure approval lists for August/September approved.
- (iv) The Internal Audit Review Checklist will be dealt with by the finance committee at its next meeting.

74/10 - **Personnel & Procedures** - Nothing to report

75/10 - **Cemetery** - Nothing to report

#### 76/10 - **Common**

- (i) Notice was given to the owner of a horse tethered on the Common to remove the animal.

#### 77/10 - **Open Spaces**

- (i) Botley Road Monument - Following a meeting with a conservation expert at the monument, it was agreed that full renovation work should be carried out by the end of April, 2011 with reserves being used if necessary until external funds are secured.

#### 78/10 - **Planning**

- (i) Councillor Malcolm Hogg reported on the volume of applications received.

#### 79/10 - **Correspondence, Reports from meetings attended** -

- (i) Councillor Jess Bond, our representative for the Standards Board advised that there are proposals to abolish the Standards Board regime.

#### 80/10 - **Charity Matters**

- (i) Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens - Peacocks continue to cause damage to crops at allotments.

*With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:35 pm*