

Shedfield Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL Meeting held 31 January 2011 7.15 pm at the Sports Pavilion, Shedfield

Present:

Parish Councillors: - Alan Cox, Chairman (Presiding), Ruth Wiffen, Matt Humphrey, Malcolm Hogg, Stuart Jones, Graham Smith, Roy Skelding, Kevin Dye and David Ogden

District Councillors:- Roger Huxstep and Linda Gemmell

County Councillor Felicity Hindson

Clerk: - Yvonne Wheadon

Members of public: - None

1/11 - Apologies - Councillor Jess Bond

2/11 - Declarations of Interest - None

3/11 - Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 December 2010 signed by the chair as a true record.

4/11 - Councillor Vacancies - 2 vacancies - advertised

5/11 - Public Participation

- (i) **County Councillor Felicity Hindson** congratulated the council for the effort of raising awareness to 'blueprint' and responded to a reported problem of blocked channels (gutters) along the A334 Botley Road. The suggestion for a roundabout at Culverlands Corner would be classed as a capital project that in the current financial climate would not be a priority, however, the B2177 Winchester Road 30 mile per hour speed limit has been extended. Adult Services are looking at how best to cope now that funding has been reduced and trying to safeguard services such as packages for the elderly that are more complex given that life expectancy has increased; schools are not affected, but there will be staff cuts and recruitment for key positions only, no increase in council tax next year but reduced grants for voluntary organisations. Adult services are supported by the NHS in services for re-enablement. Changes to services for those with learning difficulties. Library services will continue but some will be cut. County Councillor asked to be copied in to correspondence concerning the issue of grit bins.
- (ii) **District Councillor Roger Huxstep** reiterated that no increase in council tax is expected. Winchester will produce a narrative of Blueprint for all villages as a guide, then a more detailed view of each parish. This will be taken into account when producing the Village plan. The Localism Bill likely to be effective from May will affect planning policy guidelines and will have an impact on future rights. Questions arose concerning affordability of housing.
- (iii) **District Councillor Linda Gemmell** reminded members of a Scrutiny panel meeting re planning applications in countryside.

6/11 – Councillor Hogg and the Chairman raised points regarding the cost and nature of the roundabout for future consideration.

7/11 Reports from Committees:-

(i) **Finance & Administration**

- a) Financial status for Council - circulated.
- b) Expenditure for December and January approved

(ii) **Personnel & Procedures**

Copies of the amended Standing Orders circulated to members. It was agreed that this updated publication be adopted. It was also agreed that the suggested sum of £1000 be inserted at Item 5 xvii.

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- (iii) **Cemetery**
Councillor Kevin Dye reported that there has been a reduction in burials in favour of cremations and the committee had discussed the possibility of clearing the bog land area at the bottom end of the cemetery to use as a woodland burial site.
 - (iv) **Common**
Encroachment – Letters have been sent to residents requesting they remove vehicles, trailers etc. from the common. Council will take action against those who continue to breach the Law of Property Act 1925 in order to protect the area.
 - (v) **Open Spaces**
War Memorial Botley Road, grant approved work must be completed by 1st March to qualify.
 - (vi) **Planning**
Councillor Malcolm Hogg updated council on enforcement issues.
- 8/11 - **Maintenance Tender Document** – The draft document was circulated and it was agreed that this would be finalised between Councillors D Ogden, A Cox and J Bond
- 9/11 - **Open Spaces Funding** – It was agreed that the Finance Committee should monitor funding and report to the Open Space Committee when sufficient funds are available.
- 10/11 - **Parish Plan** – Councillors Malcolm Hogg, Kevin Dye and Roy Skelding agreed to set up a steering party.
- 11/11 - **Dog Control Orders** – It was agreed that this matter should be further investigated with regard to costs involved. To be debated at Open Spaces Committee and Common Committee.
- 12/11 - **Queens Diamond Jubilee** – Council has agreed to hold an event in celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee at the beginning of June 2012. Council suggested consultation with other groups planning similar for ideas that would benefit the whole community.
- 13/11 - **Charity Matters**
- (i) Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground and Allotments
 - (a) Financial Status confirmed.
 - (b) Payments approved for December and January.
 - (c) Registration of this land is now complete with Title number HP734072. It was agreed to erect a fence at the boundary. A response to a letter received by a resident should be sent.
 - (ii) Shedfield Recreation Ground
 - (a) Financial Status confirmed
 - (b) Payments approved for December and January
 - (c) Parish Council Offices – Communication between solicitor and charity commission is taking place to resolve the current situation.

With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:40 pm