

SHEDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM MONDAY 6 JULY 2020, 6.40 PM

Present

Parish Councillors: Stuart Dyne
Lee Ireland
Margaret Jones
David Ogden
Linda Warren (Chair)
Jane Warwick

38/20 **Apologies for Absence:** None

39/20 **Declaration of Interests:** None

40/20 **Public Participation:** None

41/20 **COVID-19 Risk Assessment – Opening Play Areas and Outside Gyms**

Further to the Government's announcement that play areas and outside gyms could be open as from Saturday 4th July 2020, subject to a risk assessment being completed and appropriate measures put in place, the Council called an Extraordinary meeting for Monday 6th July 2020, the earliest opportunity in consideration of the 'three-day rule'.

In addition, being aware of public expectation, together with evidence that the play areas, although taped closed, were being used, the Council felt the safest way forward, if at all possible, would be to formally open the play areas as from Saturday 4th July 2020. To enable this the Council met on Thursday 2nd July 2020, to examine and agree in principle the risk assessment, together with measures to be put in place to enable the play areas to be opened as safely as possible.

At its meeting of 6th July 2020 the Council reviewed these decisions and **resolved:**

- a) To adopt the 'COVID-19 Risk Assessment – Opening Play Areas & Outside Gyms'
- b) To ratify the decision to open the Waltham Chase Play Area and Outside Gym Equipment on 4th July 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Ogden

Seconded: Cllr Ireland

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th October 2020

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm