

## SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 meeting commenced at 7.30p.m**  
**Venue: Market Cross**

**Attendance:**

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr A. Bindloss, Mr W Warburg, Mr E. Hodgson, Mr W. Jones, Mr D. Mallinson, Mr S. Newburn, Mr D. Newsome, Mr A Sowerby.
County and District Councillor:	Mr N Hughes arrived 8.15 p.m.
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None

**157. The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.**

158. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr N Hughes, who arrived during the meeting.

159. **Requests for dispensation** – None

160. **Declarations of interest** – None

**161. Finance**

161.1. Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> November. *Proposed Cllr. Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.*

161.2. Payments received

Michale Muldoon (on behalf of Northern Gas Networks)

£3,000.00

EDC Recycling credits April - September

£509.96

MuGA rents

£70.00

**Total £3,579.96**

161.3. Payments between meetings

£0.00

**Total £0.00**

161.4. Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary November 2013

£270.27

Clerk's expenses November

£44.48

Wages Cleaning recycling centre [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]

£72.28

Eden Garden Services – Street Cleaning Nov.

£120.00

Shap Today sponsorship (2 issues)

£350.00

British Legion poppy Appeal – poppy wreath

£17.00

L. Newton honorarium (internal auditor)

£75.00

Mrs J Jackson reimbursement gas cylinder

£32.50

Shap Local History Society electricity and maintenance

£500.00

**Total £1,481.53**

Payments were approved *Proposed Cllr. Hodgson, seconded: Cllr. Newsome.*

161.5. The Clerk advised council that she intended to transfer the sum of £7,000 to National Savings and Investments from the current account.

**162. Planning applications**

162.1. **Planning Application 13/0731** – Erection of dwelling land next to The Forge, Jackson Lane, Shap for Mrs A Esterhuizen-Priestley. Notification received application WITHDRAWN.

162.2. **Planning Decision Application 13/0734** – Demolition of existing building with erection of a replacement dwelling, Beaumont, Main Street, Shap for Mr J Horrocks. **GRANTED**

162.3. **Planning Decision – Application 13/0675** – Outline application for a dwelling, Land adjacent to Rose Bank, Shap for Mr D. Mallinson - **GRANTED**

**163. Budget meeting**

Signed Jean Jackson.....(as a true record)

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- 163.1. A budget meeting had been held on 26<sup>th</sup> November.  
 163.2. Confidential copies of the proposed budget and precept were circulated, and Cllr Warburg explained the figures.  
 163.3. Total were shown both with and without the MuGA costs to give a clearer view of general finances.  
 163.4. Some figures have yet to be received from EDC.  
 163.5. The final decision of figures for submission to EDC will be made at the January meeting.

**164. Highways**

- 164.1. The Clerk reported that issues raised last month had been responded to.  
 164.2. A new grit bin has been installed on West Close/West Lane junction, and all bins have been filled.

**165. Lighting**

- 165.1. Cllr Hughes arrived in time to address council on this issue.  
 165.2. The scrutiny panel has finished their final report and this will be presented to EDC on 12<sup>th</sup> December.  
 165.3. At present the recommended number of lights to be retained in Shap and Shap Rural is 37.  
 165.4. If the recommendation is accepted, it will be passed to the Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> January.  
 165.5. Should the recommendations be rejected on 12<sup>th</sup> December, it will not be submitted to the Executive in January, but passed to full Council in February.  
 165.6. There is nothing that Shap Parish Council can do now but await the outcome.  
 165.7. Local press reports for a sum of £250,000 being made available by Electricity North West are misleading because that sum is for the whole of Cumbria.  
 165.8. A sum in the region of 1.6 million pounds would be needed to bring the lighting stock up to standard.  
 165.9. Half of the standard amount on rates for lighting is actually for electricity.

**166. MuGA**

- 166.1. There was nothing further to report.

**167. Community buildings**

- 167.1. The Chairman reported that the project has meant a lot of work for a small group of people with lots of meetings being held. She added that the Parish Council may be asked to give some support in the future.  
 167.2. The sale of the Sports Hall site has been postponed.  
 167.3. The group expect that some of the proceeds from the eventual sale of the sports hall site will be reinvested in the library project.  
 167.4. The group are working on a business plan for submission.

**168. Northern Gas Networks**

- 168.1. Work has not been started yet, but a first payment of £3,000 has been received.  
 168.2. The final agreed sum was £13,000. NGN will pay any legal fees. The second sum should be in before the end of the financial year.  
 168.3. Further paperwork has been received for signing, the Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend to this.

**169. Memorial Tree**

- 169.1. Cllrs Warburg and Hodgson will meet at Rosgill to plant the tree during the ensuing week.

**170. Shapcumbria Website**

- 170.1. The Chairman explained that the website will change, and details are printed in the December/January issue of Shap Today.  
 170.2. The Parish Council may still have to pay a sum for their use of the site.

**171. Correspondence**

- 171.1. Aon Insurance – letter advising on procedure to be followed when clearing snow.  
 171.2. Go Cumbria – Bus time table and travel guide – for information.  
 171.3. Cumbria CC information on temporary road closures with map. This affects the road from Rosgill Head to Bomby.  
 171.4. Cumbria CC Area Highways – invitation to ‘meet and greet’ event at Skirsgill Depot on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Sowerby are to attend.  
 171.5. Letter from Highways Services re: resurfacing works at Junction 39 northbound.  
 171.6. Letter from Mrs G Woof regarding footballs being kicked from the MuGA and hitting her windows; she asked if the fencing at the west end could be heightened. Cllr Warburg had spoken to Mrs Woof and explained that the fencing could not be heightened, but users would be asked to be careful. The Clerk will reply.

**172. Matters for report**

- 172.1. Cllr Newburn said that he had spare bike racks for installation at the MuGA.

- 172.2. Cllr Mallinson asked if a replacement liner could be obtained for the Low Well litter bin.
- 172.3. Cllr Warburg reported on the EALC meeting, this had been attended by the police, when it was explained that Police can not attend Parish Council meetings. If the PC wished to report anything to the Police they need to ring 101 and log the complaint, or for individual problems talk to Dave Willetts. Rural Crime is reported to be increasing.
- 172.4. Cllr Warburg said that there was a drop-in session at Penrith on 13<sup>th</sup> December with regard to the Cumbria County Council budget consultation, any comments on this need to be submitted by 20th January. This item will appear on the next Agenda.
- 172.5. Cllr Warburg advised that the latest issue of the ACT Gazette (on line) had several links to Shap-related statistics.
- 172.6. Cllr Hodgson reported that the beacon lights at the crossing appear very pale in the daylight. There have been some near-misses.
- 172.7. Cllr Newsome asked if the Clerk could contact Mr Stott again regarding the Japanese Knotweed behind Close Farm, as it still appears to be growing.
- 172.8. Cllr Hughes reported that there is some planned resurfacing and dressing work scheduled between the Kings Arms and newsagents.
- 172.9. Cllr Hughes spoke about Cumbria County Council plans to drop all subsidies from rural bus routes. County has no obligation to provide any bus services except school transport. The transport from home to school for over 16 year olds is also to be cut.
- 172.10. The bus operators will no longer receive any subsidies from county, but the money for bus pass holders is paid by the Government, and will not be affected by these cuts.
- 172.11. The Clerk said that she had been contacted by the local press for a statement. She will say that rural transport is a matter of grave concern, the bus services in Shap are well used; any cuts would have a great impact on the community, and the Parish Council will be making representation to the County Council.
- 172.12. Cllr Hughes said that Shap fire-fighters would retain their appliance, as the rural areas were being safeguarded, it is the second appliance in the main stations such as Penrith that are under threat, as it is deemed to be unlikely that both appliances would be required at the same time.
- 172.13. Cllr Sowerby reported that a stop tap in the pavement outside the Co-op had sunk and the tarmac around it had eroded.
- 172.14. Cllr Sowerby reported that some leaves had been dumped on the concrete road, the Clerk said that she could not report this as fly-tipping because it was not an adopted road.
- 172.15. Cllr Sowerby said that Mr Harrison from Wet Sleddale had reported that some trees planted by the Parish Council along the road were now blocking his view when using gateways to his fields.
- 172.16. The Chairman reported that Mr Cowin who has a hen cree on the land at Forcebeck is planning to give this up; but someone else has asked if he can take it over.
- 172.17. Council agreed to this and asked that the Clerk write to advise that the area is to be restricted to the area currently occupied and may not be extended. The Council will continue to charge a peppercorn rent to retain ownership, and the charge of £1 is to be retained.
173. **Date of next meeting** The next meeting of Council will be on Monday **6<sup>th</sup> January 2014** at 7:30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.