

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 11th June 2012 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross****Attendance:**

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr A.Bindloss, Mr D. Newsome, Mr W. Jones, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg,
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	Mr T. Lowther
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None

43/6/12 Public Participation. There was no public present.

44/6/12 Apologies for absence

44/6/121 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D. Mallinson due to holidays, and Cllr N. Brass due to family issues.

45/6/12 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 8th May 2012 were adjusted and signed as a true and accurate record.

46/6/12 Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.

47/6/12 Finance

47/6/121 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st May 2012. *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.*

47/6/122 Payments between meetings

Donation	to	F O S S
£120.00		
	Transfer of monies to N S & I a/c	
£19,000.00		
Don	Limited	– Insurance renewal premium
	£862.13	
	Mrs L. Newton – Internal auditor honorarium	
£75.00		

£20,057.13

Total

47/6/123 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Wages – 10 th June to 30 th June 2012 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£443.40
Clerk's Salary May 2012	£267.57
Clerk's expenses	£1.99
Total	£712.96

Proposed Cllr Sowerby , seconded Cllr Jones

47/6/124 Copies of the annual statement of accounts to 31st March were viewed, these have been checked by the internal auditor, and were approved for signature by the Clerk/RFO.

47/6/125 Council RESOLVED to approve the accounting statements in section 1 of the annual audit return, and acknowledge the Annual governance statement in Section 2 of the same document. *Proposed: Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Hodgson, all were in agreement.*

48/6/12 Planning applications

Signed **Jean Jackson** as a true record)

Date: 2nd July 2012

- 48/6/121 **LDNPA Planning application No 7/2012/3032** – Naddle Farmhouse, Bampton – Change of use to office/meeting room.
- 48/6/122 Plans were viewed and there were no objections or comments.
- 49/6/12 Highways.**
- 49/6/121 All problem manholes have now been repaired.
- 49/6/122 The Clerk had enquired if there was any weed-killing scheduled, and had been advised only problem areas would be dealt with.
- 49/6/123 Rosgill- some work is scheduled to Rawfoot. Cllr Lowther requested a copy of the email.
- 49/6/124 Response to Peggy Nut Croft survey. The clerk had collated the responses, and the Chairman read these to the meeting.
- 49/6/125 Cllr Lowther suggested that a meeting be convened to include Cumbria CC Highways, Eden District Council, PCT, with CCC Cllr Lowther and EDC Cllr Hughes. The Clerk will write to the various groups requesting a meeting.
- 50/6/12 Update on problem with signs on Ralfland View.**
- 50/6/121 The Clerk had met with Tina Mason from Eden District Council and gave a report on the several problems highlighted during the walk around the area.
- 50/6/122 The sign opposite the Kings Arms does not include Ralfland View, and needs to have this included. Ms Mason had emailed following the meeting regarding this, and asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to part fund the work.
- 50/6/123 Council RESOLVED that they would not part fund new signage *Proposed: Cllr Jackson, seconded: Cllr Sowerby.*
- 51/6/12 Insurance**
- 51/6/121 The Clerk reported that the Insurance renewal premium had been paid between meetings in order that there would be full cover for the Jubilee events.
- 51/6/122 Copies of the asset register and valuation were circulated and discussed, Cllr Warburg explained how the figures were reached.
- 52/6/12 Public seats**
- 52/6/121 A report had been received about the poor state of the seat outside the Newsagents. This is in memory of Mrs Kipling and had been purchased by Shap Pre-School Playgroup in her memory. The Playgroup are currently not in a financial position to purchase a replacement.
- 52/6/122 Councillors were asked if they thought that the seat should be removed. *Cllr Hodgson proposed that this be done, seconded, Cllr Bindloss.*
- 52/6/123 The Chairman suggested that the memorial seat for the late Councillor Simpson be moved from Low Well to the newsagents, she had asked Cllr Simpson's family if the minded it being moved, and they were happy for this to happen.
- 52/6/124 Cllr Sowerby will carry out a survey on all the public seats and report to the Council.
- 53/6/12 Memorial Park gates**
- 53/6/121 The Memorial Park gates no longer close properly and are in need of some attention.
- 53/6/122 The Chairman and Clerk had met Mr Harrison from SmallFab in Penrith who was to come and assess the gates for a quotation.
- 53/6/123 Councillors asked the Clerk to invite other tenders from local men for this work.
- 54/6/12 Store/ shed on Memorial Park.**
- 54/6/121 Council insures the shed which was old cricket pavilion, and the amount is rather low.
- 54/6/122 The clerk was asked to contact the Cricket Club to ask what their situation is with regard to the shed which is now used to store maintenance equipment.
- 54/6/123 This matter deferred to next meeting.
- 55/6/12 Play Area.**
- 55/6/121 A wooden picnic table was recently removed from the Play Area by the Parish Council as it was in a dangerous condition.
- 55/6/122 Councillors were asked if they wished to replace this. Council RESOLVED that the picnic table be replaced. *Proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr Newsome.*
- 55/6/123 The Clerk had received an email from a firm specialising in such furniture, and the prices were very reasonable.
- 55/6/124 *Cllr C. A. Bindloss proposed and Cllr A Bindloss seconded* that the Clerk seek a quotation from a local joiner for making a new picnic table.
- 56/6/12 Litter bin.**

- 56/6/121 The litter bin that had been bolted to the ground near the stone bus shelter had been pulled out some time ago, this had been stored behind the public toilets to await reinstallation. The bin has now disappeared.
- 56/6/122 Councillors were asked to consider replacing the bin. The general feeling was that this should be the case and costs are to be obtained before the next meeting.
- 57/6/12 Tourism**
- 57/6/121 A meeting had been held on 21st May to discuss this.
- 57/6/122 The clerk had prepared draft information leaflets, and these were circulated, observations were made for changes, and these will be attended to. An initial run of about 100 could be produced for distribution.
- 57/6/123 The Chairman and Clerk had been to Penrith to view possible types of Information boards and obtain a quotation.
- 57/6/124 The Chairman said that the Clerk had indicated concern over the thinness of the board type they were shown.
- 57/6/125 Cllr A. Bindloss said the signs at Shap Abbey were very good and had stood up to the weather; he offered to contact someone at English Heritage to find out how that type could be sourced..
- 58/6/12 Jubilee**
- 58/6/121 The Chairman said that the Jubilee had been a wonderful occasion and thanked all Councillors who had helped to prepare and organise the day.
- 58/6/122 Letters of thanks had been sent to all organisations and individuals who had arranged attractions.
- 58/6/123 There will be some expenses, such as purchase of bunting and hall hire.
- 59/6/12 Clothes bank**
- 59/6/121 The Clerk reported on the issue of a clothes bank that had been placed on the car park by North West Air Ambulance without authorisation
- 59/6/122 The matter had now been resolved. The organisation had been asked to remove the clothes bank.
- 60/6/12 Quarries**
- 60/6/121 The Chairman reported on the Quarries Liaison meeting held on 14th May.
- 60/6/122 Cllr Warburg had reported a problem with one lorry spilling water along the road. A reply had been received from Mr Dunn at Tata Steel saying that the matter would be investigated. Mr Dunn also indicated that the speed camera should be installed by the end of June, and he will advise when this happens..
- 61/6/12 Correspondence**
- 61/6/121 Eden District Council – letter regarding Planning Compliance.
- 61/6/122 National Grid – report on options for energy projects.
- 61/6/123 Cumbria Constabulary booklet on public consultation on front counter services.
- 61/6/124 Email from Cllr Hughes regarding request for a bus shelter at Fell House
- 61/6/125 Email from Eden District Council re: Community Fund grant (for Tourism)
- 61/6/126 Changes for contracted bus service.
- 61/6/127 Broadband. Update. Cllr Warburg outlined the latest news. Further funding is being sought for communities such as Shap.
- 62/6/12 Matters for report**
- 62/6/121 Cllr Hughes reported that he had contacted Eden District Council about the future of the Vion site (former sausage factory) He had not received any response.
- 62/6/122 Cllr Hughes also reported that the Penrith Town Hall single site consultation is ongoing, there is still no firm price, and this will be next discussed at the end of July.
- 62/6/123 Cllr Newsome said that the matter he was about to report had been covered in the Peggy Nut Croft survey report. Cars parking at right angles in the lay by on Cross Garth narrows the width of the road so only one car can pass.
- 62/6/124 Cllr Jones said The kerb on the pavement near the newsagents is loose, and the crazy paving south of the newsagents is starting to break up.
- 62/6/125 Cllr Sowerby reported that the site at the Vion factory is overgrown with weeds and very untidy.
- 62/6/126 Cllr Sowerby also reported that he and some volunteers had tidied around the Shepherd Rae fountain and re-painted the inscription.
- 62/6/127 Cllr A. Bindloss reported that the gate giving access to the ford at Steppes Hall is damaged, but is unsure of who will be responsible for it.
- 62/6/128 Cllr Bindloss said that he was concerned that the verges along the road from Shap to Bampton are not cut, and this makes visibility poor. He had approached Highways who had told him that it was left uncut for environmental reasons. Cllr Bindloss said that he expected around 4,000 people to attend Total Warrior this year, and would have liked to see the verges tidy. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask about their policy.

- 62/6/129 CCC Cllr Lowther had reported that in July Cumbria County Council would be inviting tenders for demolishing the Sports Hall. There would be a survey carried out before that to remove some unsafe ceilings.
- 62/6/1210 The Chairman then spoke to Councillors in closed session about a letter of complaint she had received.
- 62/6/1211 All Councillors had seen this letter, and there was discussion on what action should be taken.
- 62/6/1212 It was decided that an informal meeting be held.
- 62/6/1213 Separate notes on this confidential issue were recorded.

63/6/12 Date of next meeting The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday 2nd July 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.