

**SHAP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30 pm  
Venue: Market Cross**

**Attendance:**

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr D Mallinson, Mr D. Newsome, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby & Mr W. Jones.
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes (from 8.20p.m.)
County Councillor	Mr T. Lowther (for first part of meeting)
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

**217/03/13 Public Participation.**

- 217.1 The Chairman welcomed Chris Cant who spoke to the meeting about Eden Credit Union.
- 217.2 Mr Cant said that a submission had been made to FSA to set up a Credit Union in Eden, which they hope to have up and running in the next few months.
- 217.3 He then explained how the Credit Union would work; by providing savings facilities and loans to residents in Eden. They envisage having a head office based in Penrith then sub offices would be set up, first in the towns such as Alston, Appleby and Kirkby Stephen, then the larger villages such as Shap.
- 217.4 The group have been working with the CDC in Shap and hope to provide a link with the educational side such as household finance.
- 217.5 A Credit Union is owned by members with savings, and at the end of each year, a dividend is declared then distributed to savers; the rate is usually ½ to 1%, and loans are offered at good rates maximum interest 2% per month (average 28.6% per annum).
- 217.6 A Credit Union helps people who cannot get credit from banks; and all savings and loans are guaranteed by the FSA Compensation Scheme and regular reports are submitted to FSA. Defaulters are dealt with as usual in such cases by debt collectors.
- 217.7 Some grants have been secured to help with setting up costs, and pay the salary of some part time staff for the first year. The Credit Union is mainly run by volunteers.
- 217.8 Transactions are carried out mainly by card to avoid cash handling.
- 217.9 The average loan is £2,000, with the absolute maximum of £7,500 and the maximum term is five years, and decisions are made within a week of application.
- 217.10 The Credit Union was originally set up to provide services for individuals, but now can offer help to small businesses and organisations.
- 217.11 There is to be an open day at The CDC on 19<sup>th</sup> April with the Credit Union representative present.
- 217.12 The Chairman thanked Mr Cant, and said that the Credit Union may be of benefit to younger people and provide a better alternative to the high interest loans offered on the media.

**218/03/13 Apologies for absence**

- 218.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Warburg who is ill, Councillor Newburn and Councillor Mr Bindloss.

**219/03/13 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.****220/03/13 Requests for dispensation – None****221/03/13 Declarations of interest – None****222/03/13 Finance**Signed *Jean Jackson*.....as a true record)

Date: 02/04/2013

222.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 28<sup>th</sup> February Proposed: *Cllr. Sowerby seconded Cllr Jones.*

222.2 Payments between meetings

**Total £0.00**

222.3 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary February 2013	£267.57
Clerk's expenses	£24.72
Wages - cleaning recycling centre Nov. [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£68.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>£360.50</b>
CALC – Training fee S Newburn approved last month	£29.50
<b>Total paid</b>	<b>£390.00</b>

*Proposed Cllr. Newsome seconded Cllr. Hodgson.*

**223/03/13 Planning.**

223.1 **Planning Decision Application No 12/0999** – Retrospective application for the erection of a garden shed - 9 Brackenber Lodge, Shap for Miss J. L. Evans. GRANTED with conditions.

**224/03/13 CCC Cllr Lowther**

- 224.1 The signage at the Tollbar is to be attended to as soon as a cherry-picker is available to remove to obsolete signs. The work is expected to be done by the end of March.
- 224.2 The lay-by at the cemetery has now been completed; the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Parish Council.
- 224.3 Cllr Lowther confirmed that he had approved a grant of £1,000 for the cost of the new information board.
- 224.4 Cllr Lowther mentioned Penrith Action for Community Energy, details are to follow.
- 224.5 United Utilities are reporting a carbon problem, with excess peat in the water being treated at Watchgate, and have designated the Haweswater catchment as water catchment sensitive. It is not certain which stream is causing the excess peat; and Cllr Lowther would not like to see more sheep removed from the grazing; RSPB have already taken sheep off a large area.
- 224.6 Cllr Lowther also raised the issue of housing, and said that land needs to be zoned in Shap so that it is in the scheme, and this will help to retain services. Councillors believed that some land had been earmarked for housing some years ago.
- 224.7 Cllr Lowther then left the meeting for another appointment.

**225/03/13 Highways**

- 225.1 The Clerk reported on several issues that she had raised with Highways, and read the responses received. These included potholes around the manhole outside the Market Cross and a loose manhole outside Shenandoah, these repairs had now been carried out.
- 225.2 Cllr Sowerby reported that the misaligned kerbs outside the toilets and Memorial Hall had been repaired, but the sunken road outside school was due to be inspected shortly.
- 225.3 The surface in Shap Abbey Lane had still not been attended to, but Highways had been reminded and they had indicated that they would inspect this.
- 225.4 The Chairman said that the lay-by opposite the churchyard had now been completed and was a great improvement, there is still a narrow verge at the back which will need strimming perhaps three times per year, councillors agreed that the contracted grasscutter be approached for a price to do this.

**226/03/13 Tourism**

- 226.1 Councillors were updated on progress; since the last tourism meeting; the Clerk has designed some draft layouts for the information board and these were available to view; she has also been in contact with the sign manufacturer.
- 226.2 The Chairman reported on progress with the Walkers are Welcome application; a petition for support is to go out later in the week.

**227/03/13 MuGA**

- 227.1 Mrs Warburg has received an email from planning giving permission to make the new entrance even though the Parish Council does not yet own the land and the end of Croft Avenue.
- 227.2 The Clerk said that there had been no word from planning about the application. The Chairman asked that she contact the Planning Department to ascertain what was happening.

**228/03/13 Jubilee Trees**

- 228.1 The Chairman said that the one tree designated as the Jubilee tree needed a guard, and Mr Teasdale is to be approached about manufacturing one.
- 228.2 Cllr Jones said that Council had agreed to dedicate a tree in memory of Cllr Weightman, but some sort of sign would be needed.
- 228.3 Positioning in the Memorial Park will need to be decided upon and all trees will need supports and guards.

**229/03/13 Forcebeck.**

- 229.1 The Chairman and Councillor Sowerby have met Mr Dave Corrie at Forcebeck to discuss the possibility of managing the woodland there
- 229.2 The plan is to meet again at Forcebeck once the trees are in leaf to better assess the way forward.
- 229.3 All were in agreement that this matter be discussed further.

**230/03/13 Eden District Council Executive meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March in Shap Memorial hall.**

- 230.1 Information on this event was received very late, but posters are on display.
- 230.2 The meeting is open to the public and several Parish Councillors planned to attend.

**231/03/13 Correspondence**

- 231.1 Letter from Eden District Council re: Work Scrutiny Plan, with a form for Council to indicate matter they would like included. The Chairman is to consult with Cllr Warburg for ideas.
- 231.2 Email from Network Rail regarding our correspondence about weeds at the pound opposite fell garage, Mr Littler has changed departments; but had passed the complaint on to a colleague who will contact us.
- 231.3 Letter from Messrs Atkinson re: fallen walls in Sandy Lane, saying that they will be attended to when the weather allows.
- 231.4 Email from Cumbria County Council advising of footpath closures to enable Energy Alliance to carry out work on overhead power lines. The lanes are all to the east of the village, one is near the Greyhound and the other to Waters Farm. The detour follows the route used by the Coast to Coast path.

**232/03/13 Matters for report**

- 232.1 EDC Cllr Hughes reported that surface dressing to roads at Hegdale and Brackenber has been deferred until 2014.
- 232.2 Cllr Hughes also spoke about Community libraries that have been successful in several places.
- 232.3 Cllr Hughes advised that there would be huge spending cuts next year by Cumbria County Council.
- 232.4 Cllr Hughes had attended an EDC meeting when the Chief executive had looked at budget realities for next year.
- 232.5 Cllr Jones reported cars parking on the double yellow lines on the junction with the Crosby Ravensworth road; the car seemed to be parked partly on a corner.
- 232.6 Cllr Hodgson raised the issue of parking at Woodville Terrace and opposite; this restricts passage of vehicles using the road. The Clerk will contact the Police.
- 232.7 The Clerk reported a conversation with the street cleaner, that the pavements had not been too bad considering the time lapse since proper cleaning had been carried out.
- 232.8 The Chairman reported that the piece of new surface in the car park following laying of drains for the Bowling Club was good, and this might be the right time to look at getting the whole car park resurfaced. The clerk will approach some contractors for quotes.
- 232.9 The Chairman reported that a meeting with the Football Club and Waitings was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**233/03/13 Closed session.**

- 233.1 Councillors held discussion in closed session on a confidential matter. The minutes from this discussion were made separately.

**234/03/13 Date of next meeting. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.