

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

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

200/02/13 Public Participation.

- 200.1 The Chairman welcomed representatives of United Utilities who gave a presentation on the Swindale Intake Project. They showed images of the planned construction of new coanda screens, a crump weir, new bridge and new lariner fish pass with intermediate pools that will be more fish-friendly than the present one. The flow into the beck will be 1,000 mega litres per day with excess flowing into the aqueduct to Haweswater. The project is expected to improve the ecology of the beck. The work will involve additional traffic flow, especially on the B road to Bampton, but is only likely to use a section of the United Utilities road because many of the bridges would not take the weight of the wagons.
- 200.2 There was opportunity for questions and Council were told that they would receive regular updates on progress.
- 200.3 The Chairman thanked the group for attending.
- 200.4 The Chairman then invited Mr Patrick Neaves, Broadband Champion to address the meeting about the recent Broadband survey and questionnaires.
- 200.5 Mr Neaves reported that 712 questionnaires had been distributed and 261 had been returned.
- 200.6 The initial return figure quoted had been 50%, but this seems to have changed. Shap was three times larger than any of the other communities included in the survey, and Cumbria County Council were delighted with the response.
- 200.7 Twenty-three addresses were businesses and the survey had revealed that there were over 30 small businesses operating that no-one had been aware of.
- 200.8 The returns have now gone in to the main centre, and Mr Neaves said all returns had been positive; not one was negative. There is still time for late returns to be sent in.
- 200.9 Mr Neaves asked if the Parish Council would consider writing to the locations that had agreed to have collection boxes to thank them for their assistance. The Clerk will attend to that.

201/02/13 Apologies for absence

- 201.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Warburg who is ill and Councillor Newburn.

202/02/13 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 7th January 2013 adjusted then signed as a true and accurate record.**203/02/13 Requests for dispensation – None****204/02/13 Declarations of interest – None****205/02/13 Finance**

- 205.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st January Proposed: *Cllr.Hodgson* seconded *Cllr Bindloss*.

Signed: *Jean Jackson*.....(as a true record)Date: 4th March 2013.

205.2	Payments between meetings	
	HMRC NI & Tax Quarter 3 payment	
	£58.60	
	BT Telephone bill	
	£74.36	
	TalkTalk Business – Internet annual payment	
	£175.04	
	Total £308.00	
205.3	Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:	
	Clerk's Salary January 2012	£267.57
	Clerk's expenses	£35.23
	Wages - cleaning recycling centre Nov. [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£75.68
	Philip Teasdale – Repairs and refurbishment Memorial park gates	£1,230.00
	Shap Memorial hall – room rental	£13.00
	Eden Garden Services – Street cleaning and gritting	£136.00
		Total
		£1,757.48

CALC – Training fee S Newburn £29.50, approved but deferred to next month

Proposed Cllr. Sowerby seconded Cllr. Hodgson.

- 205.4 **Additional payments for approval**, not included on the Minutes.
 Aspects Pool, for swimming pool covers £1,897.84 – Council had agreed to pay for the covers at the December meeting. (Min ref. 173/12/12).
 Julian Russell, for tree felling, £750.00; this expense had already been agreed by councillors (Min ref. 181/12/12).
Total additional payments £2,647.84. *Proposed Cllr Newsome, seconded Cllr Bindloss, all approved.*
- 205.5 The Clerk advised Councillors that the interest for the N S & I account this year was £248.26.

206/02/13 Budget.

- 206.1 The Clerk Explained to the meeting about a letter received from Eden District Council following the submission of the precept, informing Council of a miscalculation of the Council tax base by Eden District Council. The Clerk had responded immediately saying that this was highly inconvenient and a matter of great concern.
- 206.2 The change in the figure for the Council Tax Base is lower at £461.97 as opposed to £469.90; a difference of £7.93. This will mean a small increase in the band D amount to £39.98, a further increase of 67p.
- 206.3 The difference could have been deducted from the precept to balance, but after discussion with the Chairman and Vice Chairman it was not felt to be worth doing this.

207/02/13 Planning.

- 207.1 **Planning Application No 13/0022** – Erection of single storey garden room extension with part-walled terrace – Hause Farm, Hardendale, Shap for Ms K. Cropper. No objections or comments were recorded.
- 207.2 **Application to Secretary of State – Commons Act 2006 Section 38** – construction of works on Yewsmire and Howes Common, Bampton for Harrison and Hetherington. No comments recorded.
- 207.3 **Notice of Planning Committee Meeting regarding Planning Application No.12/0999** – Retrospective application for the erection of a garden shed - 9 Brackenber Lodge, Shap for Miss J. L. Evans. To be held on Thursday 14th February.
- 207.4 **Planning Decision – Application 12/0262** – Conversion of existing bedsits to form 5 no. flats – Fell House, Shap for Mr & Mrs Thompson. GRANTED with normal conditions.
- 207.5 **Late Planning Application No. 13/0076** – change of use of use from public house to a dwelling with no external alterations. Bulls Head Inn, Main Street, Shap for Mr C. Wood. This application had arrived after Agendas had been distributed, but Councillors were willing to view and comment. There were no objections recorded.

208/02/13 Highways

- 208.1 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 that had exposed the sub structure frame, and she had reminded them of issues raised in November and January.
- 208.2 The response indicated that the Area Team would be in Shap week commencing 18th February so would investigate problems reported.
- 208.3 They also advised that surfacing work at the Greyhound and the area north of Skew Bridge where the traffic calming island had been removed were programmed for March.

208.4 Cllr Mr Bindloss said that the surface in Shap Abbey Lane had still not been attended to. The Clerk will remind Highways and ascertain when this will be attended to.

209/02/13 Street Lighting.

209.1 Members were advised that Eden District Council had agreed for an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 8th April for the consultation meeting regarding the Street Lighting Policy. This will mean that the public will be able to attend. The Clerk had booked the Green Room for this.

210/02/13 Football Club

210.1 The Chairman gave a short report on the meeting with representatives of the Football Club held on Monday 11th February.

210.2 There had been four representatives from the Football Club present, and a good discussion had ensued. Dates are to be advised when the club can meet with Waitings.

210.3 More advice is needed if the Club wishes to apply for grant aid; the work would have to be carried out by a contractor approved by the Football Association.

210.4 If grant aid is not applied for the money will have to be found elsewhere.

210.5 The Chairman reminded Councillors that the field belonged to the Parish Council; therefore it is essential that the Parish Council and the Football Club work in partnership to address this issue.

210.6 The Chairman asked Councillors to think about helping fund this work.

211/02/13 Tourism

211.1 The Chairman said that progress was slow, and a meeting was planned for Monday 18th February when it was hoped that there may be news regarding the sign.

212/02/13 MuGA

212.1 The Chairman explained that Mrs Warburg had sent a report on progress and developments to date.

212.2 Cllr Mallinson will follow any matters up.

212.3 Mrs Warburg is still keen to continue to see the project through despite Mr Warburg's health problem.

212.4 Mrs Warburg had requested that a management committee be formed as soon as possible. Cllrs. Mallinson and Hodgson volunteered to be part of this.

213/02/13 Quarries

213.1 The Chairman informed Councillors on the Liaison meeting held on 11th February saying that there were no noticeable changes in output. Data from the speed indicator was available to view, and it was felt that this was having a positive effect on the speed of traffic. A full set of Minutes will be available to view at the March meeting.

214/02/13 Correspondence

214.1 An email had been received from Mr M Stubbs regarding a loose dog. This was not an issue that the Council were empowered to act upon and Mr Stubbs had also reported the matter to EDC.

214.2 Email from Shap Bowling Club advising of commencement of work on drainage that involved digging up sections of the car park. This work was now in progress.

214.3 Letter from Shap Pre-School Playgroup thanking the Parish Council for their grant.

214.4 Letter from Shap Swimming Pool advising on progress with obtaining the pool covers. (*This matter has now been dealt with and the payment approved, see Finance section of these Minutes*).

214.5 Cumbria County Council; an application for temporary road closure of U3226 (Shap Church gates to Oddendale road end) for 3 weeks in May and three weeks in September. This is to allow overhead power cables to be replaced by Electricity Alliance West. The Chairman had ascertained that access would still be available to the Church, Churchyard and outlying premises on that road during the works.

214.6 CALC Newsletter; this included further information on the Street Lighting Policy.

214.7 Email from Cllr Hughes re: Community buy outs.

214.8 Email from Chris Cant requesting to attend a Parish Council Meeting and address them about the credit union for Eden District. The Clerk had advised him of the date for the March meeting.

215/02/13 Matters for report

215.1 EDC Cllr Hughes spoke about grants for libraries and the community buildings issue.

215.2 Cllr Hughes said that he had received reports of pot holes in the path beside the Library which leads to the lane. The Clerk said that this was not historically a public footpath as it had simply been access to the buildings on the Sports Hall site.

- 215.3 Cllr Hughes asked whether the trees being felled on the Memorial Park posed a Health and Safety issue
- 215.4 Cllr Hughes reported mole hills on the verge at New Ing and said that the verge was encroaching on the pavement. The Chairman reported that the mole hills had been dealt with.
- 215.5 Cllr Hughes said that he had received requests for the Zebra crossing to be made into a Pelican crossing.
- 215.6 Cllr Sowerby reported that there were mole hills on the memorial park near the cricket pitch. This matter is already being dealt with.
- 215.7 Cllr Sowerby also reported that signs used by Highways during tar-spraying work had been left stacked against the wall at the back of the verge and some had been put over the wall into farmer's fields. Clerk to report.
- 215.8 Cllr Sowerby raised the issue of the weeds in the Network Rail compound opposite Fell Garage. – Clerk will contact Network Rail.
- 215.9 Cllr Sowerby reported that there was a loose manhole cover outside Shenandoah. Clerk will report.
- 215.10 Cllr Mrs Bindloss asked what was happening about the new board in the recess of the wall opposite the Tollbar.
- 215.11 Cllr Mr Bindloss reported that the councillor list displayed on the Community Website was out of date; the Clerk will contact the webmaster to rectify this matter.
- 215.12 Cllr Mallinson asked if there was a St George flag to fly from the flagpole. The Chairman was sure that there was, and that it might be stored at the memorial hall.
- 215.13 Cllr Mallinson asked why there were cones on the footpath opposite the post office. No one was aware of any reason.
- 215.14 Cllr Mallinson asked what was happening about the planned Jubilee trees. The Chairman said that locally grown oak trees had been sourced, and that these ought to be planted soon. She suggested that one of the trees was designated as the Jubilee tree and have a railing with inscription on it.
- 215.15 Cllr Newsome reported that he had received feedback about the snow clearance and gritting, that this had been good and carried out early in the day. He had been asked why the clearance had stopped at Croft Avenue. An area that ought to receive treatment was Unity terrace where the pavement has an incline down to the Greyhound. The Chairman said that clearance in these areas could be requested.
- 215.16 The Chairman reported that the old road sign at the Tollbar was still in situ, this shows Clifton Hill.
- 215.17 She also reported that the sub board had been installed in the alcove opposite the road end, but she had had great difficulty in getting any feed back from Lowther Estates or Highways.
- 215.18 Chairman reported that there had been little response to the article about the community buildings in Shap Today. This matter will be the subject for the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 29th April, and representatives from the County Council Properties department were to be invited to address the meeting.

216/02/13 Date of next meeting. Monday 4th March

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.