

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 7th January 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 E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W. Jones, Mr W Warburg & Mr S. Newburn
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	None
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	Five

186/01/13 Public Participation.

- 186.1 Cllr Warburg introduced Mr Patrick Neaves the Broadband Champion and invited him to the address the meeting.
- 186.2 Mr Neaves explained that Cumbria County Council is supporting six communities including Shap to apply for funding through DEFRA's Rural Community Broadband Fund to deliver Superfast Broadband in their areas. These communities have been identified as 'hard to reach' areas and are unlikely to receive Superfast Broadband through the main Connecting Cumbria Project.
- 186.3 Mr Warburg said that in some towns the service is connected by fibre to cabinets at various points. At present in Shap all lines go to the exchange.
- 186.4 In order to secure the additional funding, an application and business case must be prepared that shows there is a demand for Superfast Broadband within the community.
- 186.5 Questionnaires have to be distributed to all properties that have a connection to the Shap exchange.
- 186.6 To be successful there must be a positive response from over 50% of the community. Giving a positive response at this stage does not mean making any commitment. The information from the questionnaires will be used as evidence to support the application for funding.
- 186.7 Time is of the essence as numbers have to be with DEFRA by 8th February.
- 186.8 The costs involved are as yet unknown, but estimated that the service would cost £5 - £6 more than the current change.
- 186.9 Although many may not feel a real need for this service at present it is important that the community tries to secure this for the future when many more services such as television will be delivered through fibre connections.
- 186.10 Funding is available for this and it is important to take this opportunity now as the chance may not come again in the future and there could be a danger of Shap getting left behind.
- 186.11 The next step is to get volunteers to deliver and or collect the questionnaires to homes in the parish.

187/01/13 Apologies for absence

- 187.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Newsome and CCC Councillor Lowther.

188/01/13 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 3rd December 2012 were signed as a true and accurate record.**189/01/13 Requests for dispensation – None****190/01/13 Declarations of interest – None****191/01/13 Finance**

- 191.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st December Proposed: *Cllr.Sowerby seconded Cllr Mrs Bindloss.*

191.2	Payments between meeting	£0.00
		Total £0.00
191.3	Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:	
	Clerk's Salary December 2012	£267.57
	Clerk's expenses	£11.99
	Wages - cleaning recycling centre Nov. [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£78.24
	Shap Local History Society contribution to electricity and repairs	£500.00
	Electricity North West – installation of power to MuGA	£1,721.11
	Shap Pre-school Playgroup - grant	£400.00
	Shap CDC – Website	£500.00
		Total £3,478.91

Proposed Cllr. Warburg seconded Cllr. Jones.

192/01/13 Planning.

- 192.1 **Planning Application No 12/1029** – Erection of 2 no. 80Kw wind turbines on 24.8 masts – Nook Farm, Shap fro W. J. & R. Atkinson.
- 192.2 The Chairman said that she had received a lot of representations regarding this application, and the Parish Council had until the 21st January to respond.
- 192.3 Several members of the public had attended to speak about this application.
- 192.4 The first speaker said that the proposed turbines were on high ground to the east of the village and will have visual impact. They are not on a farm. The application gives vague details about this.
- 192.5 Local businesses consider the background very important to them since many visitors are walkers.
- 192.6 The second speaker said that the village needs to look to tourism as its future, and there is enough blight with the quarries, however these will eventually cease operation. This application could be the thin edge of the wedge, as previous applications for turbines had failed.
- 192.7 The Chairman said that she felt that if the Parish Council did not oppose this application and let it go through it could leave the parish open to further applications. She had recently visited an area in the north east where an original small installation of six turbines has now grown to over forty.
- 192.8 Other councillors commented in similar vein: that the application was not in an appropriate place and that the application was misleading, that parishioners had voiced negative comments and that the plans would have a negative impact on the parish. One councillor was worried by the real impact, another said it was too near the village, that tourism is the only real future for the village and this could be detrimental.
- 192.9 Cllr Warburg said that if the Parish Council wished to object successfully they needed to do so on planning grounds in line with the Planning Policy.
- 192.10 Council RESOLVED that they should object to the application and hold a meeting to draft that objection correctly. *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Jackson.* All approved.
- 192.11 A meeting will be held on Monday 14th January at 7p.m. to decide how to proceed with the objection.
- 192.12 **Planning Application No.12/0999** – Retrospective application for the erection of a garden shed - 9 Brackenber Lodge, Shap for Miss J. L. Evans.
- 192.13 An email had been received from neighbours objecting and expressing their concerns.
- 192.14 Councillors also expressed their concerns, especially with regard to the proximity to the neighbouring property.
- 192.15 The Chairman asked whether councillors wished to lodge an objection eight indicated they were in favour and one abstained. A letter will be drafted to the Planning department about this.
- 192.16 **Withdrawal of Planning Application No. 12/0071** – change of use of vacant first floor office space upper floors of NatWest Bank, Shap – WITHDRAWN.
- 192.17 **Eden District Council** – advice to Parish Councils on Material Considerations in the Determinations of Planning Applications. Copies of this document were made for every Councillor.
- 192.18 **Lake District National Park Authority** – details of publication of documents and invitation to make representations on matters of Soundness and Legal Compliance Allocations of Land (Local Plan part 2) Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part 3). No action required.

193/01/13 Budget.

- 193.1 Cllr Warburg explained that a separate meeting had been held the previous week to determine the level of precept for 2013/14.
- 193.2 Cllr Warburg went through the figures shown on the proposed budget and precept sheet distributed to councillors. This year there is a Council Tax Refund Scheme offset grant in place, with Shap being allocated £1,425.52. The actual precept required for the next financial year came to £19,895.00, an increase over last year of less than £650; however with the offset grant deducted the actual figure for the Precept will be £18,470.00, an actual rise for a Band D property of £1.06 for the year.
- 193.3 Council RESOLVED to approve his figure for submission to Eden District Council. *Proposed: Cllr Warburg, seconded: Cllr Sowerby,* all approved.

194/01/13 Highways

- 194.1 The Clerk reported on several issues that she had raised with Highways, and read the responses received. The problem with water running down onto the A6 near the Tollbar has been found to be caused by water from the old Hardendale road missing the drain, and plans are now in hand to install larger drains in the next financial year.
- 194.2 Cllr Sowerby had reported several problems that morning, they included a pot hole on the Crosby Ravensworth road east of the church bridge, a kerb raised outside the toilets, a blocked drain outside the toilets and a section of sunken surface outside school; these issues had been passed to Highways by the Clerk.
- 194.3 The matter of the street sign for Kilinside has now been passed to Eden District Council, and a response is awaited.
- 194.4 Cllr Warburg said that there still some problems unresolved in Rosgill and requested that the Clerk contact Cllr Lowther who had offered to liaise on behalf of the Parish Council.

195/01/13 Tourism

- 195.1 The Chairman said that she wished to convene a meeting on 21st January at 7p.m.

196/01/13 MuGA

- 196.1 The Chairman asked Cllr Warburg to report on the present developments.
- 196.2 Cllr Warburg said that the December meeting had been cancelled due to weather conditions.
- 196.3 A new meeting with suppliers had been arranged for Thursday 17th January.
- 196.4 Some issues with the planning had been raised; these were mainly from the Environmental Health department with regard to noise and lighting.

197/01/13 Correspondence

- 197.1 An email had been received from Mr S. Valentine following his attendance at the last meeting and this was complimentary.
- 197.2 An email from Mrs Ashburner regarding the Football Club drainage scheme and requesting a response regarding a joint application for funding since the Parish Council owns the playing field, also asking whether the Parish Council would consider granting some funding. Some councillors wish to discuss the issue further with the Football Club, before a decision was made. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write inviting representatives to attend the next meeting.
- 197.3 Lake District National Park Authority, a large package of information about Allocations of Land and Minerals Safeguarding Areas. This will be placed on file.

198/01/13 Matters for report

- 198.1 EDC Cllr Hughes spoke about the Street Lighting consultation meeting at Shap scheduled for Monday 8th April. This will be for the Parish Council members ONLY, the public are not to be included.
- 198.2 The Chairman and Mr Hughes voiced serious concerns about the preclusion of the public from this meeting and asked the Clerk to draft a letter to Adrian Cozens at EDC about this.
- 198.3 Cllr Jones reported that the pavement outside the Post Office was in poor condition as were other sections of pavement in the north part of the village. He also reported that there were potholes in the car park.
- 198.4 Cllr Hodgson reported back on the fallen walls in Sandy lane, he had determined the owners of the walls.
- 198.5 Cllr Newburn reported that he had received eleven enquiries for the First Responders Scheme, and that six had submitted completed applications, these are being dealt with by someone in Kendal, and he will find out what will happen next.
- 198.6 Cllr Mr Bindloss reported that the Shap Abbey road from the Bampton road to the cattle-grid is in a bad state. He also expressed his disappointment that the Greyhound Hotel had closed.
- 198.7 The Chairman said that the Community Building Project merited a public meeting; however the article that had appeared in Shap Today had not drawn much response.
- 198.8 The Chairman reported that the sub contractor who had spread salt/grit during the icy weather had been allocated four hours per week for street cleaning duties.
- 198.9 The Clerk reported that the Memorial Park gates had now been refurbished and re-hung; they look very good.
- 198.10 The Chairman expressed the thanks of the council to the Clerk for the work she did in meeting with and discussing the work for the park gates with those who submitted quotes, and liaising with the people who carried out the work.

199/01/13 Date of next meeting. The next meeting of Council will be held on TUESDAY 12th February 2013. NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed *Jean Jackson* as a true record). .Date: *12th February 2013.*