

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING,
following the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 1st July 2013 meeting commenced at 7.30p.m
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr A. Bindloss, Mr E. Hodgson, Mr W. Jones, Mr D Mallinson, Mr S. Newburn, Mr D. Newsome, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg,
County and District Councillor:	N. Hughes – for latter part of meeting.
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

63/7/13 Public Participation.

- 63.1 Mrs Clare Houghton was invited to speak to Council on the subject of the Child Protection Policy. Mrs Houghton is a registered advisor working with young people in crisis.
- 63.2 She advised on the type of policy the Parish Council would need, and also gave information on various training schemes available through Cumbria County Council and on line.
- 63.3 Her basic advice was to keep it simple, and to review the policy annually. She left a file containing information so that a sub-committee could work on the policy.
- 63.4 The Chairman thanked Mrs Houghton for coming and said that once the policy was drafted she may be asked to advise again.

64/7/13 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 3rd June 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.**65/7/13 Apologies for absence** There were no apologies for absence**66/7/13 Requests for dispensation – None****67/7/13 Declarations of interest -None.****68/7/13 Finance**

- 68.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st May 2013 that had been deferred and the statement of accounts to 30th June. *Proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.*

68.2	Payments received	
	Shap Bowling Club –rent	£40.00
	Mr Cowin – rent Forcebeck	£1.00
	Shap Cricket Club – rent	£40.00
	Cumbria County Council – grant for sign	£1,000.00
	Sport England grant for MuGA	£33,769.00
	Total	£34,850.00

68.3	Payments between meetings	
	Aon Insurance	
	£822.36	Aon Insurance Additional premium (MuGA)
	£220.47	
	Steelway Fensecure Limited – MuGA fencing	
	£40,523.28	Bright Sparks – deposit lighting installation (MuGA)
	£4,200.00	
	Total	£45,766.11

- 68.4 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| Clerk's Salary June 2013 | £267.57 |
| Wages Cleaning recycling centre [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144] | £75.88 |
| Patrick Neaves – reimbursement for website costs | £19.18 |
| Bramleys Garden Centre – hanging baskets | £141.00 |

Signed: *Jean Jackson* (as a true record).....Date 29th July 2013

Keswick Signs – information board & plaque

£646.00

Total

£1,149.63

Proposed Cllr Newsome, seconded Cllr Mr Bindloss.

69/7/13 **Planning applications**

- 69.1 **Planning decision** Application 13/0328 – extension to front and re-dash existing house using traditional white wet dash – Crooksyke, Shap for Mr Brian Kelsall. GRANTED.
- 69.2 **Planning Appeal No. APP/H0928/A/13/2198846.** Planning Application 12/1029 – Erection of 2 no. 80Kw wind turbines on 24.8 masts, Nook Farm, Shap for W. J. and R Atkinson.
- 69.3 Notification has been received in respect of the above application, and the Chairman had spoken to someone from EDC Planning department who had said that it was essential that the Parish Council make representation again by 25th July.
- 69.4 Two Councillors stated that they wished to abstain from any voting.

70/7/13 **Vice Chairman position**

- 70.1 The Chairman told councillors that in view of Cllr. Warburg's health issues, she was seeking someone to step in to chair a Parish Council meeting in an emergency.
- 70.2 Cllr Newsome agreed to take on this role should the need arise.
- 70.3 All Councillors supported this move.

71/7/13 **Highways**

- 71.1 The Clerk read responses to recent reports she had made and was able to report that several issues had been dealt with.
- 71.2 The area outside school and the crossing is scheduled for resurfacing during October half term.
- 71.3 The Clerk had also contacted the Police on other issues of inconsiderate parking and read the response from them.
- 71.4 They plan to have a leaflet drop in the problem areas, and had suggested getting Traffic Wardens to come in and issue tickets.
- 71.5 Cllr Warburg said that some parking offences had been decriminalised and were no longer the remit of the Police.
- 71.6 CC Cllr Hughes said that Eden District Council will not be providing Parking Wardens in the future.
- 71.7 Council agreed that the leaflet drop may be sufficient to raise awareness.

72/7/13 **Tourism**

- 72.1 The Chairman reported that the information sign had now been installed and had been greatly admired.
- 72.2 The Chairman said that another meeting was needed to discuss the website content, and update on progress. The date chosen was Monday 15th July at 7.30p.m.
- 72.3 Cllr Newburn had attended a tourism meeting held at Rheged and had found it very informative and interesting.
- 72.4 The Chairman told Councillors that the Greyhound was due to reopen soon, which would be a great asset for tourists and locals.

73/7/13 **MuGA**

- 73.1 Mr Warburg gave an update on the progress of the installation.
- 73.2 The surfacing company Polytan has laid the rubber sub surface and now need to come and lay the hard-wearing surface; this is dependent on the weather, and all the fencing has been covered in plastic to avoid the spray coating the surrounding fence.
- 73.3 A deposit has been paid for the lighting installation, but there is an eight week wait, so that is not anticipated until the end of August or early September; however there would be no need for lighting during the lighter months and therefore is not a major draw back.
- 73.4 An invoice had been received for laying the tarmac but this needed checking. There was some concern that the asphalt costs had not been billed directly to the Parish Council.

74/7/13 **Child Protection statement review**

- 74.1 The Chairman said that there needed to be a small group to review the draft policy.
- 74.2 The following councillors are to carry this out: Cllrs. Warburg, Jones, Newsome, and Mrs Helen Warburg will be co-opted; the Chairman and Clerk will also attend.
- 74.3 The meeting will be held on Monday 8th July

75/7/13 **Jubilee Trees**

- 75.1 The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had been to Mr Teasdale's to see the finished tree guard and it is superb.
- 75.2 The tree that had been designated as the Jubilee tree had been damaged during the late snows, and the nicest one is at the top of the field.

75.3 The next job will be to get it installed around the tree at the top of the field and then move it to the bottom once a replacement tree is planted later in the year.

76/7/13 Community buildings

76.1 The Chairman reported that two meetings had been held, and although she had overseen both of these, she would like to see the Parish Council stand back and allow a new group to take this matter forward.

76.2 This is a difficult situation, but a decision needs to be made soon.

76.3 The idea of a community building with everything on one site sounded good, but the community would be responsible for it and would be unlikely to get any support from County in the future.

76.4 Shap needs something, but this would involve a lot of cost.

76.5 An email had been received that the Sports Hall demolition would commence on 5th August and be completed in September, then the site would be put up for sale.

77/7/13 Visit to TaTa Steel

77.1 Five councillors and the clerk had enjoyed a meeting at TaTa Steel that morning, and been shown a presentation about the plans for the site.

77.2 It had been evident that the company has carried out a thorough investigation of every aspect before an application is made to recommence extraction, and they have worked closely with English Nature and the Environment Agency throughout.

77.3 The group is holding another meeting with Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council next week and there will be a public open day on 24th July. Posters are to be distributed soon.

77.4 The company has installed drains to prevent run-off from the re-instated land going into Hardendale.

77.5 They have also monitoring flows into three becks – Dalebanks Beck, Trainrigg Syke and Forcebeck.

77.6 Should recommencement of extraction be approved, this operation would last until 2023, and then there would be two years for re-instating the land.

77.7 It is envisaged that the kilns would still remain in operation after that time; however there is no plan for a rail link between the two quarries.

78/7/13 Car park resurfacing

78.1 This matter was deferred to the next Agenda.

79/7/13 Football Club

79.1 Two letters had been received from Becky Ashburner. The first of these gave an update on the situation with the football club.

79.2 The attempt to get new interest has not been successful and the Westmorland League has offered to accept submission of a team right up until the beginning of the season.

79.3 The current situation is that Mrs Ashburner and Mrs Hodgson will be caretakers for the funds until something is resolved.

79.4 Mrs Ashburner enquired about the bill from the Parish Council for rent, and asked if this was still to be paid.

79.5 Council decided that they would not enforce a demand for payment.

79.6 Mrs Ashburner's second letter was with regard to the Pavilion.

79.7 The building is officially run by a committee made up from the Football and Cricket Clubs and Mrs Ashburner is treasurer, although they have not met for some time.

79.8 A meeting had been held with three representatives for the Cricket Club to see whether they would take over the running of the building and the treasurer's role.

79.9 They were reluctant to do this because the Pavilion has no income and relies on fundraising, and they find it difficult enough to raise funds for the Cricket Club.

79.10 A suggestion had been made that the Parish Council took over the running and then rent it to the Cricket Club.

79.11 The Chairman called for a meeting to be held with Mrs Ashburner and representatives of the Cricket Club to discuss this issue. Cllr Hodgson said that he would like to take part, and a date is still to be set.

80/7/13 Correspondence

80.1 An email had been received from Northern Gas Networks requesting to install a gas governor on the area of land at the end of Croft Avenue that has just recently been transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council.

80.2 Plans and photographs were supplied and showed a structure of considerable proportions.

80.3 The Clerk had emailed some concerns about Health and Safety, damage to the area and had received a further response these were read to Council.

80.4 The Chairman said that the area was attractive and should not be spoilt.

80.5 The Clerk was asked to make further contact saying the council was concerned about the dimensions, and suggest they look for other possible sites, also to enquire whether the proposed installation is

specifically for Shap alone. She will invite someone to meet with the Council to explain the details further.

80.6 A letter had been received from Bev Gee about the planned Picnic in the Park on Saturday 17th August to coincide with the village show.

80.7 The letter also included a request for a grant to cover the Public Liability in the sum of £80.00. Council agreed to this grant *Proposed Cllr Newburn, seconded Cllr Mrs Bindloss*.

81/7/13 Matters for report

81.1 Cllr Sowerby reported that the road signs at the bottom of Croft Avenue are faded.

81.2 Cllr Sowerby also reported that there were two loose manhole covers outside the Memorial Park gates. The Clerk said that this had been a problem in the past and would try to find the contact details from the previous occasion.

81.3 Cllr Mrs Bindloss reported a loose kerb at the junction of Green Croft with the A6 and that the surface had a rise that needed levelling.

81.4 Cllr Mrs Bindloss reported that the Kiln Side sign had still not been relocated.

81.5 Cllr Newburn reported that a barn neighbouring New Ing Lodge has been covered in Heras fencing for the past two and a half years, this was not aesthetically acceptable and he asked whether Council could do anything. The Chairman said that the Parish Council may not have any power as this was on private property and they could not become involved. Cllr Warburg will check this out.

81.6 Cllr Jones reported that there was a Health and Safety training planned to be held in the Memorial Hall in September and there organisers were concerned about parking. He wondered whether the playing field would be available for overspill. The Clerk advised that the organisers needed to write to the Parish Council about this.

81.7 C & ED Cllr Hughes reported on the discussions regarding forthcoming cuts to recycling and public toilets, he also reported there was not much progress with Electricity North West over street lighting issues.

82/7/13 Date of next meeting The next meeting of Council will be on Monday **29th July** at 7:30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.