

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING
Monday 3rd March 2014 meeting commenced at 7.30p.m
Venue: Market Cross

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mr A. Bindloss, Mr W Warburg, Mr E. Hodgson, Mr W. Jones, Mr D. Mallinson, Mr S Newburn.
County and District Councillor:	Mr N Hughes from 8.30p.m.
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None

210/03/14 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 3rd February 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.

211/03/14 **Apologies for absence:** Received from Mr A. Sowerby, Mr D. Newsome and Mrs C A Bindloss.

212/03/14 **Requests for dispensation** – None

213/03/14 **Declarations of interest** – None

214/03/14 **Finance**

214.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 28th February. *Proposed Cllr. Jones, seconded Cllr. Mr Bindloss.*

214.2	Payments received MuGA rents		£115.00
		Total	£115.00

214.3	Payments between meetings Talk Talk Business broadband Post Office Ltd - Stamps		£175.04 £22.64
		Total	£197.68

214.4	Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:		
	Clerk's Salary February 2014		£270.27
	Wages Cleaning recycling centre		£77.55
	Eden Garden Services Street cleaning		£168.00
	Glasdon UK Ltd notice board		£652.12
		Total	£1,167.94
	Website contribution received and budgeted for also approved		£500.00

Payments were approved *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded: Cllr. Hodgson.*

214.5 **Budget update:** copies were distributed and explained by Cllr Warburg.

214.6 Discussion took place about using excess funds for grants to local groups. The Playgroup had already been budgeted for and a cheque for £400.00 was prepared for them. Approaches had also been made by the Swimming Pool Committee toward the cost of winter covers, and the Pavilion Committee for assistance with cost of new doors.

214.7 The Swimming Pool Committee are to be approached for costings and it was RESOLVED that Council fund up to a certain limit *Proposed Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr Warburg.*

214.8 The Pavilion group will also be asked for costings and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

215/03/14 **Planning applications**

215.1 **Planning Application 14/0046** – Erection of dwelling (RE-SUBMISSION) Land next to The Forge, Jackson's Lane, Shap for Mrs A Esterhuizen-Priestley.

215.2 Four councillors had met at the site and discussed issues with the application, a letter had been sent to the planning office and copies of the letter were distributed to councillors.

215.3 Cllr Warburg asked the Clerk to check with the planning office whether officers have decided to recommend acceptance or refusal, and whether it is to go to committee.

215.4 **Planning Decision.** Application 13/0945 – erection of general purpose agricultural shed - Green Farm Shap – GRANTED.

216/03/14 Code of Conduct

- 216.1 CALC have submitted information on guidelines for dispensations.
 216.2 All councillors will in future have to request dispensation from the Clerk to allow them to discuss setting the precept.

217/03/14 Highways

- 217.1 The Clerk reported on issues raised last month and the responses received.

218/03/14 Bowling Club

- 218.1 Most Councillors have now visited the site and expressed a wish to have an on-site meeting with representatives of the Bowling Club to discuss this.
 218.2 The Clerk will write to the Bowling Club.

219/03/14 MuGA

- 219.1 The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held.
 219.2 Cllr Warburg said that there were still some concerns over users on Monday evenings, the group is still not paying for the use.
 219.3 The parking at the junction with Croft Avenue is not so bad now.
 219.4 Cllr and Mrs Warburg had met with the Youth who said they wished to use the facility on Monday evenings between 7p.m. and 9p.m., and asked whether Council thought that this should be booked for their use free of charge.
 219.5 Now the new notice board is in place, some rules and conditions can be displayed. One suggestion was that if a user group saw that there was another group waiting (in un-booked time) they should limit their session to half an hour.

220/03/14 Northern Gas Networks

- 220.1 After having held several meetings on site the gas governor box has now been installed but has is set 500mm higher than the natural level as requested and agreed and is closer to the school wall.
 220.2 The box is screened by trees from the car park; but fully visible from the main field.

221/03/14 Community buildings

- 221.1 The Chairman reported that there was nothing further to report at present, but the group are working on some very exciting proposals.
 221.2 Council were informed that Brian Morris is leaving his job at Cumbria County Council. He has been very supportive of Shap and advised on several projects.

222/03/14 Footway Lighting

- 222.1 Cllr Hughes gave an update, saying that the decision had been made to retain a minimum of 603 lights in Eden.
 222.2 There will be a lot more work required in visiting parishes to ascertain need.
 222.3 EDC wishes to pass 112 lights over the County or Eden Housing Association.
 222.4 The Scrutiny panel are meeting again on 4th March to discuss funding.
 222.5 Recommendations had been made that 950 lights be retained according to population and parishes would have the final say on this. However this recommendation had been defeated.
 222.6 Cllr Hughes said that things were not quite so bad as at first feared, but not as good as had been hoped.

223/03/14 Grasscutting

- 223.1 The Clerk reported that two tenders had been received, and she distributed the details to councillors.
 223.2 Council RESOLVED that Mr Alan Milne be given the contract *Proposed Cllr Hodgson, seconded Cllr Warburg*. Mr Milne had submitted a tender for three years.

224/03/14 Correspondence

- 224.1 E.ON information about renewal of the current plan which ends at the beginning of June; this is the MuGA supply.
 224.2 EDC re Tree Preservation orders.
 224.3 EDC information on Neighbourhood Planning protocol.
 224.4 CALC Information on NALC Financial briefing ; this will revise the two-signature rule on cheques.
 224.5 CALC information on new regulations for Openness of Local Government Bodies.
 224.6 CCC notice of road closure at rear of Church Terrace to allow the rebuilding of the retaining wall at the churchyard.

225/03/14 Matters for report

- 225.1 Cllr Hughes reported that the bus subsidies have been cut, he had voted in favour as the alternative would have meant cuts to nursing homes, children's services, nurseries etc.
- 225.2 Transport officers are to consult with each area.
- 225.3 The viable routes will be kept running with increased fares, and some options for minibus links are being investigated.
- 225.4 The 106 service may have reduced services and increased fares. Parishes need to look at alternatives.
- 225.5 Cllr Mallinson said that the cut in free transport for over 16 year old students would be a financial burden on many families. This is also unbelievable in the light of the new legislation that will require every child to stay in education until they are 18.
- 225.6 Cllr Hughes said that it is very controversial, but that there would be some money for families in hardship.
- 225.7 Cllr Jones reported that the drain on Carl Lofts had still not been repaired as promised. It is now over two years since this was first reported. Councillor Hughes had not been able to make any progress with this matter and asked the Clerk will contact Highways again.
- 225.8 Cllr Mr Bindloss said that the Shap Rural Commoners had decided to provide a new gate at Steppes Hall.
- 225.9 The Chairman said that a meeting needed to be held with the user groups from the Memorial Park.
- 225.10 This will be on Monday 17th March at 7.30p.m.and the Clerk will write to each group saying that it is obligatory for a representative to attend and have a report prepared.

226/03/14 Date of next meeting The next meeting of Council will be on Monday 7th April 2014 at 7:30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.