

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mr D Mallinson, Mr A Sowerby Mr W. Jones, Mr N. Lindwall, Mrs J. Morris Mr C. Mather & Mr A Bindloss,
County Councillor:	None
Eden District Councillor:	None
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

210/03/16 Public Participation. None

211/03/16 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Hughes.

212/03/16 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 1st February were signed as a true and accurate record.

213/03/16 Requests for dispensation – None

214/03/16 Declarations of interest– None

215/03/16 Finance

215.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 29th February Proposed:
Cllr. Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Lindwall.

215.2 Payments received
MuGA rent

£0.00

Total £0.00

215.3 Payments between meetings
K Wardale – casual duties
D. Wappett – MuGA thermostat

£14.00

£242.40

Total £256.40

215.4 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary February 2016	£276.21
Clerks expenses for February	£28.68
Wages - cleaning recycling centre February	£73.02
Wages – street cleaner February	£168.00
C. Ferguson – computer work	£40.00
Total	£585.91

Proposed Cllr Lindwall, seconded Cllr Jones.

215.5 Clerk informed Council regarding transfer of money from NS & I to current account; this will show on the next Agenda.

215.6 Clerk distributed copies of the projected budget figure for 2015-16. This showed an excess income over expenditure, and this will be held as reserves.

215.7 Approval was sought for payment of grants to Shap Pre School Playgroup, Shap Memorial Hall and Shap Swimming Pool. Cheques were completed and these will show as payments between meetings on the next Agenda. *Proposed Cllr Mather, seconded Cllr Jones.*

215.8 The paperwork for transferring the balance of money in the NS&I Shepherd Rae account to the general account had been received and these were signed.

216/03/16 Planning.None received this month

217/03/16 Eden District Council, local delivery of services.

- 217.1 Council are still awaiting responses to the queries they raised with EDC.
- 217.2 Cllr Mather said that he did not consider the document to be a sufficient response.
- 217.3 The clerk will email EDC regarding this.

218/03/16 Phone box/defibrillator.

- 218.1 Costing of maintaining the facility had been received, and these are high, and would have to be undertaken for 10 years.
- 218.2 It was felt that the facility was desirable but not essential given that there is a defibrillator at the Fire station.
- 218.3 The matter was set aside until further enquires are made regarding training.

219/03/16 Flooding

- 219.1 The Chairman reported on the visit of Rory Stewart MP, this had been rather brief, but Mr Stewart has managed to make contact with Network Rail.
- 219.2 The Chairman also reported on the meeting attended by herself, the Clerk and Cllr Sowerby when they met with representatives of Cumbria County Council and United Utilities; this had been an opportunity to show them where the problem areas were.

220/03/16 Forcebeck

- 220.1 The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 27th February that had included a site visit.
- 220.2 Some concerns had been raised about the site with regard to safety.
- 220.3 The concerns were: the depth of the river, the steep bank and swampy area, and glass in the soil within the wooded area.
- 220.4 The Chairman had sought advice from the insurers regarding this and they had asked for more details, such as the depth of the stream.
- 220.5 The Council does have a duty of care to users, and must demand that all user groups carry out their own Health and Safety checks and risk assessment.
- 220.6 Nicola Estill of Wild About Eden has produced a risk assessment, and a copy was available to view.
- 220.7 Mr Corrie has asked for permission to carry out some work on the trees before the end of March.
- 220.8 Cllr Mallinson suggested the use of a membrane on the ground with mulch on top of it; this might form a barrier from the glass.
- 220.9 The Chairman said that it might be wise for the time being to suggest that any activities be carried out on the picnic area.
- 220.10 Council could offer to meet with Friends of Forcebeck to consider the risk assessment, and to try to find solutions to the glass problem.
- 220.11 The Chairman asked council to approve the planned work by Mr Corrie. *Proposed: Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Lindwall, all approved.*
- 220.12 Chairman asked approval on giving the go-ahead to use the area on condition that a full risk assessment is carried out. *Proposed Cllr Lindwall, seconded Cllr Jones, there were two abstentions.*
- 220.13 It is important to keep in touch with the group to monitor the situation.

221/03/16 Highways

- 221.1 The Clerk informed council of the issues raised recently and the responses.

222/03/16 MuGA

- 222.1 Cllr Mallinson had inspected the area for a suitable site for the shelter.
- 222.2 The Clerk was asked to get a firm price before the next meeting.

223/03/16 Litter bins

- 223.1 Eden District Council will supply a replacement bin for the car park.

224/03/16 Cumbria in Bloom

- 224.1 Information had been received but it was decided not to take part this year.

225/03/16 Police update.

- 225.1 The contents were noted

226/03/16 Street lighting

- 226.1 Cllr Lindwall spoke about the lights in Rosgill, of which only two work. Although it had initially been thought that these were no longer needed, he had reconsidered this as lights are important for children returning from school in winter.
- 226.2 He also raised the issue of street lights being timed to save costs.

227/03/16 Speed limits

- 227.1 Cllr Lindwall asked whether council could approach the County Council again about reducing the speed limit in the northern end of Shap to 25 MPH.
- 227.2 Cllr Mather said that the signage was insufficient, in the 30mph zones.
- 227.3 Some time ago the County had indicated that step-down signs would be installed. This has never happened.
- 227.4 The whole issue needs reviewing and the road surface speed markings have been erased.
- 227.5 Cllr Mather pointed out that a road safety strategy usually comprises of the three elements of Enforcement, Engineering and Education. There is no evidence that any of these elements are being addressed by any agency to deal with the issue of speeding traffic in Shap. Cllr Mather stated that 85% of drivers entering the south of the village were travelling in excess of 30mph. He asked whether the data form the speed indicator would be forthcoming from Tata.
- 227.6 The issue of inconsiderate parking was also raised.
- 227.7 Cumbria County Council will be approached to carry out an in-depth review of traffic concerns in Shap.

228/03/16 MuGA

- 228.1 A complaint had been received about balls from the MuGA hitting windows in the property opposite.
- 228.2 This is a difficult matter, as the fencing on the west end is as high as legally allowed by planning.
- 228.3 The clerk was asked to write to the householder.

229/03/16 New Union Flag

- 229.1 The clerk had obtained a price for a new flag and this was approved for purchase.

230/03/16 Shap Mini Triathlon

- 230.1 An approach had been made to use the Memorial Park of this event in June. Council approved.

231/03/16 Annual Parish Meeting

- 231.1 This will be held on Tuesday 26th April in the Memorial Hall.
- 231.2 One of the subjects to be discussed will be Flooding, and efforts are being made to invite representatives to attend and answer questions.

232/03/16 Correspondence

- 232.1 Yorkshire Dales National Park extension. The drop in sessions had been attended by Cllrs Sowerby and Lindwall.
- 232.2 Details of road closure between Shap and Bampton scheduled for May. Copies were given to Cllrs Bindloss and Lindwall.

233/03/16 Matters for report

- 233.1 Cllr Lindwall reported a broken grate at The Lindens in Rosgill, which needs replacing.
- 233.2 Cllr Lindwall also reported a section of verge collapsing into the ditch below Rosgill hall entrance.
- 233.3 Cllr Lindwall asked whether the detail of the weight limit on Rosgill Bridge had been received.
- 233.4 Cllr Lindwall asked whether the gorse between Toathmain and Rosgill Crossroad could be cut back.
- 233.5 Cllr Bindloss asked whether Council could help attract new Firefighters, as Shap now only has seven out of a team of twelve.

234/03/16 Date of next meeting: Monday 4th April 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.