

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 2nd May 2016 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

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

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- 23/5/16** **The attendees were welcomed by Mrs Jean Jackson.**
- 24/5/16** **Election of Chairman**
24.1 Cllr Jean Jackson was proposed for election, which she accepted and was elected unopposed. *Proposed Cllr. A. Sowerby, seconded: Cllr D. Mallinson.*
- 25/5/16** **Chairman's Declaration of office completed.**
23.1 The Chairman completed and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 26/5/16** **Election of Vice Chairman.**
26.1 Cllr. David Mallinson was elected Vice Chairman unopposed. *Proposed Cllr A. Sowerby, seconded Cllr Mrs J. Morris.*
- 27/5/16** **Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr C. Mather.
- 28/5/16** **Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2016/17.** The Clerk has ascertained that Mrs Linda Newton was willing to carry out this duty for the coming year. Council RESOLVED that Mrs Newton be appointed. *Proposed Cllr A. Sowerby, Seconded Cllr D. Mallinson.*
- 29/5/16** **Appointment of Trustees and representatives to outside bodies.**
29.1 Trustees had been appointed in November, and they are as follows: **Shap Memorial Hall:** trusteeship with the Charity Commission's governing body. Representative Mrs Jean Jackson. **Shap Swimming Pool:** Representative Mrs Jeanette Morris. **Memorial park:** Shap Parish Council as a body are trustees.
- 30/5/16** **Meeting dates for the year 2016/17** were distributed.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING closed at 7.45p.m.
And was followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.**

35.7 Copies of the draft annual statement of accounts to 31st March were distributed.

36/5/16 Planning applications

36.1 **LDNPA Notice on Intention Application 7/2016/3044** Erection of one steel portal frame lean to building lad adjacent to A6, Shap for Mr Harrison, Thorney Bank, Shap. No objections.

36.2 **Application 16/0257** – Erection of first floor rear extension above existing garage, School House, Wickersgill, Shap for Mr & Mrs Cliff. No objections or comments.

37/5/16 Highways.

37.1 The clerk read the responses from highways regarding road surfaces, the most serious has now been repaired.

37.2 The manhole covers had still not been repaired, nor had the school lights, but highways advised they were awaiting parts.

37.3 Cllr Hughes spoke about the road closures on the Bampton road and said that the work was by BT, and Cumbria County Council has no control over these. There is to be a seven week closure starting in early May, and diversions are being signposted.

38/5/16 Street Cleaner.

38.1 The Street Cleaner has resigned due to taking up another employment.

38.2 The vacancy has been advertised on the notice board, but there have been no applicants to date.

38.3 The Chairman said that weeds need treating and asked permission to approach Mr Hudson.

39/5/16 MuGA issues.

39.1 The lights have been coming on during the day, and during the very cold weather, the thermostatic equipment did not seem to be working. Cllr Mallinson will contact the installer.

39.2 The Chairman had made enquiries about netting, and had one quote that was very expensive.

39.3 Cllr Owen offered to enquire from the RFU about netting they used.

40/5/16 Annual Parish Meeting

40.1 A report on the meeting held on 26th April was given.

41/5/16 Flooding.

41.1 Reports were given on a meeting with representatives including Rory Stewart MP, Cumbria County Council, the Environment Agency, Network Rail and representatives from the Parish Council.

41.2 A report was given on the Flood Forum held on 27th April, and draft reports were available for any who had been unable to attend.

42/5/16 Insurance renewal.

42.1 A meeting date was set for 16th May to address this matter.

43/5/16 Correspondence

43.1 Letter regarding the election of Police and crime commissioner.

43.2 Email re: change of Highways Hotline number.

43.3 Letter from EDC re: contacting Police during Appleby fair.

44/5/16 Matters for report

44.1 The Chairman spoke about issues with heavy good vehicles parking on the Hardendale road. The matter had been reported by a resident of Hardendale, and the police had contacted the chairman.

44.2 The local MP is also involved.

44.3 Some fixed penalty notices have been issued, for disregarding the weight restriction signs.

44.4 Cllr Lindwall said that was insufficient capacity for lorries to park overnight on the M6 corridor.

44.5 Cllr Hughes said that more freight should be moved by rail.

44.6 The Chairman reported on Forcebeck. A meeting had been held on site, and Councillors saw the development to date and raised Health and Safety issues.

44.7 The school visited the site the previous week and planted trees.

44.8 Concern was expressed about the sump area, which is alarmingly deep.

44.9 The land rented for a hen cree has not seen any activity for over two years, so Council resolved not to let this again. *Proposed Cllr. Lindwall, seconded Cllr Mallinson.*

44.10 Vital Villages. Cllr Mather has done some interim work on this, but was not present, to discuss it. The old Courthouse wish to be involved with this work. Item will appear on the next Agenda.

44.11 Cllr Morris said that she had not done any further work on the website due to the flood issues she had been involved in.

- 44.12 Cllr Lindwall reported that Coffey's had now removed the Baily bridges on the concrete road, and left it safe.
- 44.13 Cllr Lindwall said that he still had not been able to establish the owner of the sausage factory site.
- 44.14 There have been reports of trespassers on the site.
- 44.15 Cllr Sowerby reported a loose manhole outside the library, and two pot holes near the Greyhound.
- 44.16 He also reported that notices pinned to electricity and telephone poles were being left, and organisers should remove them once their event was over.
- 44.17 Cllr Sowerby reported that the fence at Junction 39 had now been repaired.
- 44.18 Cllr Owen reported on the lack of carriageway markings between Shap and Penrith, and especially between Shap Beck and Thrimby.
- 44.19 The Chairman reported on fly tipping, a bag of rubbish on the lay-by at the Raikes has been reported several times before it was finally removed.
- 44.20 Cllr Hughes reported that Highways will have less funds of Find and Fix and more for specific projects.
- 44.21 Cllr Hughes explained about the Unitary Authority process.

45/5/16 Date of next meeting the next meeting of Council will be on Monday **6th June** at 7:30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.