

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING,
following the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 7th October 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.
County and District Councillor:	Mr N Hughes
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

120/10/13 Public participation.

- 120.1 Mr Peter Dicken spoke to council about the possibility of creating community woodland at Forcebeck.
120.2 It is envisaged that Forcebeck and an area at the north of the village to the west of the A6 at the Raikes could be tidied, made more productive and suitable for recreation.
120.3 Neither site is in a good state and a woodland management plan would be needed. Tom Dutson who is a professional forester is willing to produce one free of charge, and Dave Corrie has offered to manage the sites under direction.
120.4 A preliminary approach had been made to PACT (Penrith Action for Community Transition).
120.5 The plan would be to fell some trees and the wood sold off to fund the work.
120.6 PACT would be approached about a community grant to make it more effective. The figure suggested was £10,000; this would meet the cost of erecting fences and signs.
120.7 It was envisaged that the scheme would become self-funding in the future, with workers paid in kind, and any profits going to the parish.
120.8 PACT had acted as banker for several community projects in Eden.
120.9 The school has expressed interest in creating a tree nursery.
120.10 The Chairman thanked Mr Dicken and said that she would like to see the project move on.

121/10/13 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 2nd September 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.**122/10/13 Apologies for absence** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Warburg.**123/10/13 Requests for dispensation – None****124/10/13 Declarations of interest –** Cllr Mallinson declared an interest in items 6.1 and 6.12 (planning)**125/10/13 Finance**

- 125.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30th September. *Proposed Cllr Mr Bindloss, seconded Cllr.Sowerby.*
- 125.2 Payments received
Transfer of funds from N S & I for MuGA grant from SPC.
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| | Total | £5,000.00 |
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- 125.3 Payments between meetings
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| | Total | £0.00 |
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- 125.4 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| Clerk's Salary September 2013 | | £270.27 |
| Wages Cleaning recycling centre [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144] | | £79.61 |
| Eden Garden Services – Street Cleaning Aug and Sept. | | £192.00 |
| Business Efficiency Partnership Ltd H&S, CDN & Risk ass'ment MuGA | | £636.00 |
| Eon – standing charge – MuGA | | £3.78 |
| W E Hudson - weedkilling | | £100.00 |
| HMRC Quarter 2 payment | | £61.40 |
| | Total | £1,343.06 |

The clerk also advised that an invoice had been received from Bright Sparks for installation of the lighting at the MuGA in the sum of £12,600.00; payment was approved pending receipt of the final grant money from EDC. Proposed: *Cllr. Mallinson, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.*

126/10/13 Planning applications

- 126.1 **Planning Application 13/0528** – Outline planning application for dwelling – land adjacent to Rose Bank, Shap for Mr D Mallinson –WITHDRAWN
- 126.2 **Planning Application 13/0675** – Outline planning application for dwelling – land adjacent to Rose Bank, Shap for Mr D Mallinson.
- 126.3 Mr Mallinson explained that the re-submission was due to not returning a form on time; the plans are identical to the original application.

127/10/13 Highways

- 127.1 The Clerk reported that issues raised last month had been responded to.

128/10/13 Lighting

- 128.1 Councillors were shown a lengthy letter that had appeared in the Herald, this claimed that many original statements made about street lighting had been incorrect.
- 128.2 The clerk had reported three faulty lights at the south end of the village. Two of these had been removed, also one on the Greyhound Hotel that had been working; an email from EDC said that they had no plans for replacing any removed lights at present.
- 128.3 A report about a light that is not working at Rosgill was raised.

129/10/13 MuGA

- 129.1 The Chairman reported that the lights are now installed and the area is up and running.
- 129.2 The Clerk distributed a sheet showing income and expenditure to date with annotation regarding anticipated income and expenditure.
- 129.3 The Chairman said that it was good to see that the project had come in slightly below budget.
- 129.4 A meeting had been held, and a date set for an official opening. This will be on Sunday 27th October at 1p.m. Arrangements have been made for the refreshment van to be there and a 5-a-side tournament is planned.
- 129.5 Cllr Mallinson asked about having a litter bin sited near the gate; there is one in hand that was purchased to replace the one at the stone bus shelter. Council approved that this one be installed at the MuGA.
- 129.6 Questions were asked about the lighting being on every evening. Council has been advised that this is the most efficient way as the lights take a long time to come on.
- 129.7 Some groups had already requested to book regular sessions. The billing method needs to be finalised.
- 129.8 The tennis courts now look very shabby, and something needs to be done to smarten them up, there may be some funding available for this.

130/10/13 Community buildings

- 130.1 The Chairman gave a short update; yellow reply slips had been included in all copies of Shap Today, but only two have been returned to SPC. There are other collection points.
- 130.2 There is to be an open meeting at the Library on Friday 11th October.

131/10/13 Northern Gas Networks

- 131.1 Following from the last meeting, further emails had been exchanged with Anthony Smith of Northern Gas Networks.
- 131.2 A plan of the site for the gas governor behind the recycling centre was on display.
- 131.3 The chairman had discussed the sum for the lease agreement. Mr Smith had responded with an increased offer.
- 131.4 This was still felt to be unacceptable and it was suggested that NGN be approached about meeting the cost of the resurfacing the car park. The chairman will do this.
- 131.5 It was felt that the suggested lease was too long, and there ought to be review period.

132/10/13 Kendal Calling/Total Warrior

- 132.1 Concerns were raised at the last meeting regarding the fact that Kendal Calling and Total Warrior would clash next year with both events planned for the same weekend in early August.
- 132.2 Cllr Hughes had made enquiries and reported that EDC can not do anything about the situation, despite them being the licensing authority.
- 132.3 The Police are the only body that can insist on particular routes being used, but they can not envisage any problem.

132.4 The matter leaves much to be desired and the Parish Council is still concerned about the volume of traffic coming through the village that weekend and the negative impact this will have on local businesses. Mr Hughes said that he would be raising this matter with the portfolio holder for highways at Eden local committee

133/10/13 Memorial Tree

133.1 A tree will be planted at Rosgill in memory of Cllr Weightman during November.
133.2 A suitable site will be chosen.

134/10/13 Budget meeting

134.1 A date for the budget meeting was set. Monday 18th November at 7.30p.m.
134.2 Councillors to attend: A. Sowerby, S. Jones, S. Newburn, D. Newsome and W. Warburg plus the Chairman and Clerk.

135/10/13 Correspondence

135.1 Hospice at Home newsletter.
135.2 Environment Agency – information on training and exercise for community groups for flooding incidents.
135.3 CALC – details of AGM 9th November at Rheged.
135.4 CALC – re National Grid NW connections.
135.5 CALC – re Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Consultation a site and selection process for a Geological Disposal Facility.
135.6 Reply from Network Rail regarding weeds at the site south of Shap.
135.7 Reply from Mr P Stott regarding Japanese Knotweed to rear of Close Farm – a spraying programme has been commenced.
135.8 EDC notice of electoral review. A notice will be submitted to Shap Today.
135.9 VG Energy about funding for renewables.
135.10 Email from Cllr Hughes confirming that there would be money available from his allowance towards the cost of a defibrillator.

136/10/13 Matters for report

136.1 Cllr Sowerby reported that there was still some knotweed opposite Ocean Wells.
136.2 Cllr Jones asked Cllr Hughes to check what was happening about the problem drain at Carl Lofts.
136.3 Cllr Jones also reported loose kerbs outside Bramleys Garden Centre. This has been reported previously but the Clerk would report again.
136.4 Cllr Jones reported a lot of litter at Junction 39 and Cllr Newsome reported that this is also a problem on the Hardendale road. The Clerk will pass this to Highways.
136.5 Cllr Hodgson asked about the signage at the Toll Bar saying that it was a disgrace to the village and looked a worse mess than it had ever been.
136.6 The Chairman said that the signage was all the responsibility of Lowther and that it had not turned out as first imagined because the plan for one sign per business had been changed so that businesses could now have two or more.
136.7 Cllr Hodgson asked if an approach could be made to have a grit bin at West Close bungalows, as there was someone who had offered to spread grit when required.
136.8 The Clerk reported that an offer had been made by Philip Teasdale to make a public seat in memory of his son John. The council are pleased to accept the offer and will find a suitable location for it. The clerk will write to Mr Teasdale.
136.9 The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Edward Wood of Waters Farm regarding plans for TaTa Steel to apply for recommencement of quarrying at Hardendale. This was read to councillors and a PowerPoint presentation accompanying the letter was shown.

137/10/13 Date of next meeting The next meeting of Council will be on Monday **4th November** at 7:30p.m.
Date of Quarries Liaison meeting Monday 4th November at 10.30a.m.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.