

**SHAP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30 pm  
Venue: Market Cross**

**Attendance:**

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mr A. Bindloss, Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr D Mallinson, Mr D. Newsome, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg,
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	Mr T. Lowther
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	Seven

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**145/11/12 Public Participation.**

- 145.1 Four residents of Wandsworth Gardens made representation over the lack of street lighting following the removal of a bracket light from the side of a house at the request of the householder.
- 145.2 The Chairman explained that a Lighting Policy under discussion by Eden District Council, and asked Cllr Hughes to explain the implications more fully.
- 145.3 Cllr Hughes told the group that the District Council will not install any new lights; the cost of any new lights will fall to the Parish Council. In future it is expected that the Parish Council will be expected to provide more of the services currently provided by the District Council. Mr Hughes said that there was bad news on the lighting Policy since they also plan to discontinue the maintenance of lights on 'A' roads.
- 145.4 At present the County Council maintains the footway lighting at the north end of the village where lights are on metal poles; but those at the southern end mounted on wooden poles are at present maintained by Eden District Council. Mr Hughes will see if anything can be done with regard to these. The Chairman advised that the cost of installing a new light was in the region of £3,000, and any such money would have to be raised through the precept. Wandsworth Gardens is a difficult area where the Parish Council has little power to exert any influence; however it will continue to look for opportunities when it could make representation on behalf of the residents.
- 145.5 The residents expressed their concern that not only were they without a street light, their road was not adopted and full of potholes, so this made it even more hazardous.
- 145.6 The group then left the meeting.

**146/11/12 Shap Swimming Pool.**

- 146.1 Three representatives of the Swimming Pool committee were present Mrs Paula Westhorpe, secretary, Mrs Julie Hunter Treasurer and Mr Peter Allan supporter, and Mr Allan explained that a small group kept the facility running, and that this year it had celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current state of the pool, and showed refurbishments and repairs that have been carried out recently.
- 146.2 The valuable fundraising was highlighted and the voluntary work carried out by friends of the Pool and the committee.
- 146.3 The main equipment that needs replacing is the covers and the quote showed this would cost around £1,900.
- 146.4 The Chairman said that there were some formal issues with regard to the Pool and the Parish Council that needed to be resolved, however there was insufficient time to discuss these at this meeting and she planned to convene a separate meeting to discuss this. In the mean time the Parish Council will continue to support the Pool in the way of grants. She ended by saying that everyone was impressed with the way the Pool was run.

- 146.5 There was opportunity for questions, and the following issues were raised: green energy options and the work on the surrounding walls; this is mainly cosmetic and requires the old render being removed and replaced.
- 146.6 The group then left the meeting and the main meeting convened.
- 147/11/12 Apologies for absence**
- 147.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jones.
- 148/11/12 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 were signed as a true and accurate record.**
- 149/11/12 Requests for dispensation – None**
- 150/11/12 Declarations of interest.**
- 150.1 Cllr Sowerby declared an interest in Item 8, Shap Swimming Pool as he is the Parish Council representative for that organisation.
- 151/11/12 Finance**
- 151.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts for 31<sup>st</sup> October Proposed: *Cllr. Sowerby seconded Cllr Newsome.*
- 151.2 Payments between meetings
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| HMRC Qtr 2 Payment                | £129.20        |              |
| BT Telephone bill by Direct Debit | £85.64         |              |
| Walker are Welcome subscription   | £30.00         |              |
|                                   |                | <b>Total</b> |
|                                   | <b>£244.84</b> |              |
- 151.3 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| Clerk's Salary October 2012  | £267.57        |
| Clerk's expenses incl new printer  | £81.99         |
| Wages - cleaning recycling centre Oct. [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144] | £80.79         |
|  | <b>Total</b>   |
|  | <b>£430.35</b> |
- Proposed Cllr. Hodgson seconded Cllr. A. Bindloss.*
- 152/11/12 Planning**
- 152.1 **Planning Decision - Application No 12/0487** – Proposed two storey extension to rear of existing garage 14 Parkers Croft Shap for Mr B. Young GRANTED.
- 152.2 **Planning Decision - Application No 12/0584** – Erection of replacement porch and terrace extension, Thornship House, Keld for Mr P. Dixon GRANTED.
- 153/11/12 Shap Swimming Pool.**
- 153.1 There was discussion about the documents that had been distributed to Councillors by the Swimming Pool Committee, these were old documents regarding the licence granted by the Parish Council to allow the building of the Pool, and these are rather vague.
- 153.2 One Councillor asked whether the Parish Council needed to create a new one.
- 153.3 Cllr Mallinson had been involved on behalf of the Parish Council in arranging a loan to cover the debts incurred by the Swimming Pool committee with the construction work.
- 153.4 Cllr Warburg said that he felt that a new agreement needed to be drawn up legally.
- 153.5 The Chairman reported that she had researched the Parish Council minutes relating to the Swimming Pool going back to 1984 to gain a clear idea of the issues raised at the time.
- 153.6 Further discussion will take place at the special meeting.
- 154/11/12 Highways.**
- 154.1 Replies had been received regarding the matter of blocked drains near the slip road and these had been attended to. Another problem had been reported regarding water running across the A6 north of the blue quarry, and Cllr Sowerby has identified two blocked drains. The reply said that there was only one drain blocked; this will be followed up again.
- 154.2 The Chairman asked Cllr Lowther if he had any idea of when the work would be carried out on the lay by opposite the Cemetery. Cllr Lowther said that it was included on the schedule.

- 154.3 The Chairman also asked Cllr Lowther if there was news on the new signs at the Toll Bar since one coming down the hill still shows Lowther Wildlife Park logo, and the one on the A6 shows Clifton Hill Hotel. She said that she was still awaiting responses from Lowther Settled Estates and CCC Highways. Cllr Lowther will make contact to try and move matters forward.
- 154.4 Cllr Sowerby said that patching had been carried out at Brackenber but that water was still running down the road and this would destroy the work during the winter. The Clerk will raise this with Highways.
- 154.5 Cllr Warburg reported that work was being carried out at Rosgill including tree clearance. Highways had agreed with Lowther Settled Estates with regard to drainage work, on condition that trees were cleared. He will investigate further.
- 154.6 Cllr Lowther said that Highways was scheduled to carry out drainage work and patching in Rosgill.

#### **155/11/12 Street Cleaning**

- 155.1 The Chairman reported that things appeared to be going well at present; the matter of a new Street Cleaner will be deferred until the next Agenda.

#### **156/11/12 Vacancy**

- 156.1 There had been seven letters of interest. The Clerk had replied to all enclosing a questionnaire to be completed and returned by 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Two had returned these by the deadline. Just before the meeting an email had been received from one interested party who had been out of the country and therefore had not received the letter and questionnaire in time to complete and return. They had asked if they would still be allowed to submit. Councillors agreed that in these special circumstances that they should be allowed to submit by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- 156.2 A special meeting was arranged to deal with the applications and make a selection on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30p.m.

#### **157/11/12 Tourism**

- 157.1 The application had been submitted to walkers are Welcome.
- 157.2 The Chairman and some of the Tourism steering group had been to Kirkby Stephen to meet a lady who was involved with Walkers are Welcome.
- 157.3 In order to qualify of the Walkers are Welcome status, the group needs to be community led, but supported by the Parish Council and the Chairman suggested that another group be set up, the names of some likely people were mentioned.
- 157.4 Cllr Lowther had been approached with regard to some funding for the Information sign, and he had agreed; the Clerk will get the necessary forms for the application.

#### **158/11/12 MuGA**

- 158.1 Cllr Warburg reported that meetings had been held with two of the fencing suppliers, and some councillors had also attended.
- 158.2 The selection of suppliers had been made and the order placed, this will be due for delivery in March/April 2013.
- 158.3 A meeting had been held with the Construction Design Management co-ordinator.
- 158.4 The Planning Application had been submitted, and the Clerk reported that a copy of the application had been received. A decision is anticipated some time in December.
- 158.5 A meeting with the youth of the village was scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the Green Room at 7p.m. Councillors are welcome to attend.
- 158.6 Cllr Warburg said that they plan to get all the contractors together at some point.
- 158.7 Quotes are still awaited for laying the tarmac. It was suggested that other contractors be sought for quotations.

#### **159/11/12 Memorial Park gates**

- 159.1 The Clerk asked if a decision could be made about the work to be carried out, as two quotes had been in hand for several months, and winter months would be a good time for the work to be done indoors.
- 159.2 Council RESOLVED that Mr Teasdale be invited to carry out the work. Proposed *Cllr Mr Bindloss, seconded by Cllr Hodgson*. All were in favour.
- 159.3 The Clerk will write to both people who quoted advising them of the decision.

#### **160/11/12 Quarries.**

- 160.1 The Chairman reported on the meeting held earlier that day.

#### **161/11/12 Budget**

- 161.1 This matter was deferred to the next Agenda.

**162/11/12 Correspondence**

- 162.1 A letter from CALC advising the timing for submitting precepts.
- 162.2 Email from Ms Iveson re parking – this was read to the meeting as it pinpointed several councillors. The Clerk will respond.
- 162.3 A letter from Mrs Kelsall regarding a planning issue with building work at Holme Lea. The Clerk had replied giving details of where further information could be found.
- 162.4 Letter from LDNPA re land allocations consultation.
- 162.5 EALC had sent a copy of Better Highways in Eden and timetable of visits. This was passed to Cllr Sowerby.
- 162.6 CALC had sent a list of national sources for funding. Copies had been passed to the Football Club and the Swimming Pool.
- 162.7 Eden District Council detail of scrutiny review of communications with dates for meetings and venues.
- 162.8 Local Development Framework – public consultation on Minerals Safeguarding Areas. Passed to Cllr Warburg.
- 162.9 Request from Great North Air Ambulance, asking to be considered for a grant. To be deferred to budget meeting.
- 162.10 LDNPA Distinctive Area tour dates – these were in the south of the county.

**163/11/12 Matters for report**

- 163.1 Cllr Sowerby reported a loose manhole cover outside Stonecroft.
- 163.2 Cllr Hodgson reported that following the last meeting he had checked about vehicles parked in Home Lane; and had found that the first was 15 yards from the junction. Cllr Mr Bindloss had also checked and found nothing untoward. However a For Sale sign at the road end did affect a driver's view when exiting the road.
- 163.3 Cllr Hodgson had visited the football pitch on two occasions. On the first occasion it had been raining and the pitch was found to be very bad, however when a rod had been pushed into the ground, the water began to drain away. On the second occasion when it was dry day, the surface was not waterlogged. Mr Hodgson was of the opinion that the water is not getting through the subsoil.
- 163.4 Cllr Mr Bindloss reported what he believed to be a bridleway in Rosgill that had a padlocked gate across it. Cllr Warburg said that this was not a public right of way, however another path behind the property was. Cllr Lowther disputed the latter statement.
- 163.5 The Chairman reported that Hanson and Tata will be supplying the village Christmas tree **again**.
- 163.6 The Chairman reported that she was looking for a quote from another person to fell the trees in the Memorial Park, since the original person approached is unable to carry out the work.
- 163.7 Cllr Lowther was asked about the Properties issue.
- 163.8 The Clerk reported that she had received a report about some roofing sheets that had come off the Sports Hall roof; she had also received a report of youngsters being seen on the Sports Hall roof also the Library roof. She had reported both matters to the Properties department and they had replied to say they would install security notices and ring fencing to the Sports Hall.
- 163.9 The Clerk had received another report about a fallen wall in Sandy Lane. This had been checked previously and found that walkers could still pass. However a person who owns some land accessed by the lane has complained that it would not be possible to access the land with a vehicle. A map had been supplied indicating the location of the fallen wall, and this was passed to Cllr Hodgson for him to investigate and report back.

**164/11/12 Date of next meeting** The next meeting of Council will be held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012**.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.