

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING
Monday 4th November 2013 meeting commenced at 7.30p.m
Venue: Market Cross

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr A. Bindloss, Mr W Warburg, 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:	None

138. **The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 7th October 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.**

139. **Apologies for absence** No apologies were received

140. **Requests for dispensation** – None

141. **Declarations of interest** – None

142. Finance

142.1. Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st October. *Proposed Cllr. Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.*

142.2. Payments received

HMRC – VAT reclaim

EDC Grant for MuGA

£4,235.43

£12,000.00

Total £16,235.43

142.3. Payments between meetings

BT Telephone bill by DD

£86.34

Total £86.34

142.4. Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary October 2013

£270.27

Clerk's expenses October

£6.89

Wages Cleaning recycling centre [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]

£92.00

Eden Garden Services – Street Cleaning Oct.

£48.00

Mrs J Jackson expenses for MuGA opening

£150.00

Total £567.16

Payments were approved *Proposed Cllr. Mrs Bindloss, seconded: Cllr. Jones.*

142.5. The Clerk reported that advice had been received from EDC that a recycling payment for April to September period was due in the sum of £509.96, this has not been received at the time of the meeting.

142.6. **Budget Update.** Copies of the budget update were distributed and Cllr Warburg explained the variances.

143. Planning applications

143.1. **Planning Application 13/0695** – General purpose agricultural shed, Green Farm, Shap for Mr D. Hodgson – Notification had been received that this application had been WITHDRAWN.

143.2. **Planning Application 13/0731** – Erection of dwelling land next to The Forge, Jackson Lane, Shap for Mrs A Esterhuizen-Priestley.

143.3. Council to submit objection on the grounds that the application breaches a number of areas within CS18, and there is no Design and Access statement to illustrate how it would meet CS18.

143.4. Councillors were also concerned about the issue of parking, and the impact of additional vehicles.

143.5. **Planning Application 13/0734** – Demolition of existing building with erection of a replacement dwelling, Beaumont, Main Street, Shap for Mr J Horrocks.

143.6. No comments or objections raised.

144. Highways

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

144.2. A new grit bin is to be installed on West Close/West Lane junction.

145. Lighting

145.1. Cllr Hughes reported that discussions are at a crucial point, and two or three more weeks are needed to get more information.

145.2. The Scrutiny panel will not make any decision yet, the special panel will meet in November or December.

145.3. Cllr Hughes had a list of lights that each parish could expect to retain. Shap would have 35 this is better than previous when Shap would have had 8 left out of 77 all on Croft and Gayle Avenues.

146. MuGA

146.1. The Chairman reported that the opening had gone very well despite the weather; and an amazing number had attended the official opening which had been held in the Memorial Hall, but all the teams played in the tournament. Mrs Mary Robinson from Eden District Council had been very impressed with our achievement.

146.2. Cllr Warburg said that the facility is now complete, open and being used, a proper booking system needs to be set up.

146.3. Three further items have been requested: A shelter for those who are not actually participating, a bike rack and a notice board.

146.4. Cllr Newburn said that it was one of the best surfaces he had played on.

146.5. There are some minor problems with the surface but Polytan has been contacted to come and rectify them.

146.6. Future maintenance needs to be addressed, this will basically be keeping the court clean, brushed and washed, the lights will need cleaning annually and the bulbs replacing every five years.

146.7. The running costs will need to be met, but as this is a new facility no proper figures yet are available. The rents will go some way towards this, and many people indicated on the MuGA questionnaire that they would be prepared to pay something through the parish precept.

146.8. A programme of weed killing needs to be implemented.

146.9. The MuGA committee will have to see what needs to be set up for the future. The group to consist of Cllrs: Warburg, Mallinson, Mr. Bindloss, Hodgson, and the Chairman.

147. Community buildings

147.1. The Chairman reported that there was a lot of enthusiasm for the project.

147.2. The Sports Hall site is now up for auction, and it depends on finance coming from Cumbria County Council to provide money for work on the Library Building.

147.3. The Chairman said that she hoped that everyone was not wasting their time on this scheme.

147.4. Lots of ideas and information had been received.

147.5. A survey needs to be carried out for maintenance work required.

147.6. Another meeting was to be held on Thursday 7th November.

147.7. Cllr Hughes said that the site was now up for auction, and he had been in touch with the Properties Department and asked that Shap's needs be considered.

148. Northern Gas Networks

148.1. Following from the last meeting, further emails had been exchanged with Anthony Smith of Northern Gas Networks.

148.2. The chairman had discussed the second sum for the lease agreement. Mr Smith had responded with an increased offer which met the requests of the Parish Council.

148.3. The necessary papers had been signed to allow the legalities to be set in place.

148.4. Work is due to commence very soon and they are aware of the services that run under the car park.

149. Quarry Liaison Meeting

149.1. The Chairman and Clerk gave a report on the meeting held earlier that day.

149.2. Hanson and Tata Steel will be providing the village Christmas tree again this year.

150. Memorial Tree

150.1. The tree has now been obtained.

150.2. Cllrs Warburg, Sowerby and Hodgson will meet at Rosgill to select a suitable site for planting this and erecting the plaque in memory of Cllr Weightman.

151. Shapcumbria Website

- 151.1. The Chairman explained that the current website is providing less income because people can create their own websites very easily now.
- 151.2. The design needs to be revisited to create a system where there are no charges.
- 151.3. Businesses would be able to put items on the site with links to their own websites.

152. Budget meeting

- 152.1. The date set at the last meeting (Monday 18th November) is not convenient for Cllr Warburg, and a new date was chosen Tuesday 26th November at 7.30p.m.
- 152.2. Councillors to attend: A. Sowerby, S. Jones, S. Newburn, D. Newsome and W. Warburg plus the Chairman and Clerk.

153. Forcebeck

- 153.1. There was nothing further to report.

154. Correspondence

- 154.1. Letter of thanks from Helen Warburg, for the gift received at the MuGA opening.
- 154.2. Land Registry – 6 no. letters re land at Crosby Ravensworth Fell; these were all passed to Edward Wood.
- 154.3. Shap pre-school playgroup – request for grant consideration. To be discussed at budget meeting.
- 154.4. EDC Invitation to Chairman's Carol Service 16th December (RSVP by 6th December).
- 154.5. Shap Swimming Pool – request for grant consideration. To be discussed at budget meeting.
- 154.6. CCC 'Keep Cumbria's Hearts Beating' request for registration to acquire a defibrillator for £1,000. The clerk has completed and returned this.
- 154.7. Shap Pavilion Club – request for grant consideration. To be discussed at budget meeting.
- 154.8. Shap Football Club – Request for grant consideration. To be discussed at budget meeting.
- 154.9. ACT (Action with Communities in Cumbria) introduction to Community Led Plans – training day at Redhills on Wednesday 11th December. The Chairman indicated that she would attend.
- 154.10. CALC – annual report and notice of AGM on 9th November.

155. Matters for report

- 155.1. Cllr Hughes reported on the area plan for districts; EDC have been slow in putting this together for transport, highways etc. Patricia Bell and Cllr Hughes are trying to ensure things get implemented.
- 155.2. Cllr Hughes reported the Cumbria County Council highways will have less money, and the current state of the highways is inadequate.
- 155.3. Cllr Hughes Said that the issue over Kendal Calling and Total Warrior is a matter for the police, but the organisers may be able to discuss better traffic management with them.
- 155.4. Cllr Sowerby asked if Highways had found anything where the road had sunk near the safety barrier when they carried out the resurfacing. The clerk will check.
- 155.5. Cllr Sowerby commented on the excellent road markings at the north end of the village.
- 155.6. Cllr Sowerby said that the council road sweeper was needed on some of the side roads once the leaves have fallen.
- 155.7. Cllr Sowerby reported that he had been to Forcebeck and had marked the dead trees.
- 155.8. Cllr Newsome reported on the concerns expressed by residents on Jackson lane over on street parking.
- 155.9. Cllr Hodgson reported that there was a large pothole on the bridge at Shap beck on the southbound side – the clerk will report this.
- 155.10. Cllr Hodgson asked about the request last year for a grit bin at the south end of the village – this is in hand.
- 155.11. Cllr Hodgson reported that another sign had been put up at the Tollbar for the Greyhound.
- 155.12. Cllr Mrs Bindloss said that she had been asked about the state of the path alongside the library into the back lane. The Clerk said that this was not a public footpath; it had originally been access to the school buildings behind the library and subsequently to the Sports Hall.
- 155.13. Cllr Mr Bindloss reported that 10 days prior to the meeting, five heaps of salt/grit had been dumped down Shap Abbey hill on the field which is unfenced. The stock had then got into it and made a mess; he had contacted Lund's who had dropped the grit on behalf of Highways requesting that it be removed. The hill does need some salt as there are three houses at the bottom and also tourists visiting the abbey. The Clerk will contact Highways to try to resolve this.
- 155.14. Cllr Mr Bindloss reported that the field gates either end of the land between Wasdale Housing and West Close were broken and stock is able to get down out of the field. Cllr Bindloss said that the gates do not belong to the farmer. There is a public footpath through the land linking the lane with the field. The Clerk will contact Eden Housing Association to see whether the gates are their responsibility.

- 155.15. Cllr Sowerby was asked to check the salt/grit bins to check if any need refilling.
- 155.16. The Chairman said that it was Remembrance Sunday on 10th November and asked if Cllrs Hodgson and Newsome would read the names of the fallen at the war Memorial, Cllr Sowerby was asked to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 155.17. The Chairman reported that she had received several concerns about a very bad, high and awkward stile between Shap Abbey and Keld. The Clerk identified this as an ancient stile in the old boundary wall for Shap Abbey, where walkers had to actually stand on the top of the wall without any support before descending the other side. This is used on Good Friday walks and usually involves a man standing on the top to help walkers over.
156. **Date of next meeting** The next meeting of Council will be on Monday **2nd December** at 7:30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.