

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 1st December 2014 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs C. A Bindloss, Mr A. Bindloss, Mr E. Hodgson, Mr D. Newsome, Mr D. Mallinson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W. Jones, Mr W Warburg & Mr S.Newburn.
County and District Councillor:	None
Police	Insp. D. Willetts, PC T. Parkin
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None

Police.

Inspector Willetts introduced himself as representing the Eden area. He said that Shap was the third largest conurbation in Eden, and whilst Penrith, Appleby and Kirkby Stephen still had a Police presence, Shap did not, and therefore a police desk had been set up in Shap every Wednesday morning at the library, however this was not being well used, and the officer's time could be better used, he asked the views of Councillors about it being discontinued. The Chairman said that this was very disappointing.

Inspector Willetts said that the main issue raised in Shap was speeding, however it was felt that this was not a big problem.

There had been problems with a small group of young people, but this was in hand.

It was suggested that an officer come up to the village occasionally to park up and have a walk around, as it was felt that the public would approach an officer on the street more readily than go to the police desk.

Parking on pavements was raised, Inspector Willetts said that the Police could only intervene if the obstruction was dangerous (leaving less than the width of a double buggy, or wilful – refusing to move the vehicle).

The Police use Facebook, and have a monthly on-line meeting.

Inspector Willetts raised the matter of the travellers who invaded the park last summer, but had the Police on their heels, this was because the family were known to be criminals; this would not normally be the case, as not all travellers are criminals.

The chairman thanked the officers for attending and they left the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N. Hughes.

164/12/14 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 3rd November 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.

165/12/14 Declarations of interest – Cllr Mallinson and Cllr Mrs Bindloss in respect of planning application 14/1023.

166/12/14 Request for dispensation – None

167/12/14 Finance

167.1 Clerk advised meeting that the accounts had been passed to the certified checker for the half year review, that that everything had been in order.

167.2 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30th November Proposed: Cllr. Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Newsome.

167.3 Payments received

MuGA rents

£25.00

Recycling credits April- Sept

£507.97

Total £532.97

167.4	Payments between meetings		
		Total	£0.00
167.5	Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:		
	Clerk's Salary November 2014		£270.27
	Clerks expenses November		£32.25
	Wages - cleaning recycling centre November.		£77.75
	Wages - street cleaner November		£168.00
	Shap Memorial Hall committee – grant for door (approved Nov 14)		£750.00
	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - wreath		£17.00
	Mrs J. Jackson – reimbursement for gas cylinder		£40.00
		Total	£1,355.27

Proposed Cllr. Mr Bindloss, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.

168/12/14 Planning.

- 168.1 **Application 14/0872 – 9 Brackenber Lodge, Shap** Response submitted and request made for planner to make a site visit. No response to date.
- 168.2 **LDNPA Decision 7/2014/3127** United Utilities – construction of control building, muster point and temporary passing places as part of scheme to replace intake structure, Swindale Lane, Swindale – GRANTED.
- 168.3 **Planning decision Application 14/0824** – Erection of conservatory on top of existing terrace at first floor height – School House, Wickersgill, Shap for Mrs W. Cliff GRANTED.
- 168.4 **Planning Decision Application 14/0828** – Erection of two storey extension Greenway Crossing, Wandsworth Gardens, Shap for Mrs V. Carr GRANTED.
- 168.5 **Planning Application 14/1023** – Change of use of first floor residential to offices and storage for ground floor shop, replacement of original garage door and replacement of original door with a window, Verdun House, Main Street, Shap for Mr D. Hale.
- 168.6 Council viewed this application and raised no objections or comments.

169/12/14 Highways

- 169.1 The clerk reported on issues raised at the last meeting and the responses received.
- 169.2 Cllr Warburg reported that the cattle grid in Swindale Lane had now been replaced and wished the Clerk to thank Highways.
- 169.3 Cllr Hughes had emailed details for forthcoming works on the A6 south of Shap.

170/12/14 Public Transport

- 170.1 The Chairman reported on the public meeting held on 19th November, saying that this had been an opportunity for people to air their concerns.
- 170.2 A smaller group had met the following week to investigate ways to move forward.
- 170.3 The chairman said that she had been disappointed in the level of interest for offering help.
- 170.4 It is possible that a CommunityCar Scheme like the one in Bampton might be possible, and two ladies had offered to co-ordinate this; Mrs Patsy Newsome and Mrs Pauline Harron, they had met with someone from the County Council Transport team, but were still looking for volunteer drivers. More publicity was required.
- 170.5 Another possibility was a man who lives locally and who is licensed to drive a 16 seater bus, the County Council have mini buses for communities to use.
- 170.6 Mrs Mallinson has organised the private hire of a 16 seater bus for once weekly shopping trips to Penrith and Kendal, these have been fully booked, and the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Mallinson for her public spirit, this was seconded by Cllr Warburg and all agreed.
- 170.7 It was suggested that parishes might be asked to agree to pay a subsidy, with contributions linked to the populations.
- 170.8 Several people at the public meeting had said they were willing to pay more on their council tax to raise this, and several Senior Citizens were willing to pay.
- 170.9 Cllr Warburg said that the best way to look at this situation was that the money for the subsidy came from central government via income tax, not from the precept. The Government had withdrawn subsidies three years ago, but the county Council had continued to pay from their reserves.
- 170.10 Another meeting is to be held on 9th December, when it is hoped that representatives of other parishes affected by the loss of the 106 service will attend.
- 170.11 Cllr Mallinson informed the meeting that from January, the school transport will not take fare paying passengers or students over 16 years of age.

171/12/14 MuGA

- 171.1 The Chairman read the minutes from the meeting of user groups held on 17th November.

172/12/14 Car Park

- 172.1 The Chairman reported that the potholes had now been filled in, and quotes had been requested for resurfacing work.
- 172.2 Northern Gas Networks had arrived unannounced that morning, and plan to complete the work, this may take more than two weeks.
- 172.3 The retaining wall on the north side of the car park is collapsing, and in a dangerous condition.
- 172.4 Council were asked to approve the repair *Proposed Cllr Hodgson, seconded Cllr Mallinson*, all approved.
- 172.5 There is a quantity of litter in the section between the playground wall and the Memorial hall, the Clerk will ask the recycling cleaner to clear it.

173/12/14 Christmas Tree lights

- 173.1 The Chairman advised the meeting that Armstrong Group, the new owners of the pink granite quarry had donated £200 towards the Christmas lights. The Clerk had written to thank them.
- 173.2 Cllr Newburn said that he had got some lights, they had come to £160 so far. He was asked to get some more now that there was more money available.

174/12/14 Correspondence

- 174.1 Email from Bampton Parish Council regarding signs at Haweswater Hotel. The Clerk has enquired about exact location, as some may not be in Shap Parish, although the Hotel is.
- 174.2 Emails regarding the tower at Brackenber Lodge. There had been some concern from residents at the news of the possible removal of the tower, however this is being handled carefully. It was suggested that it be listed before it is too late.
- 174.3 Email re: Common land and Village Greens. – Cllr Mr Bindloss took a copy and Cllr Warburg requested one.
- 174.4 Email from Cllr Hughes re footway lights on A roads.

175/12/14 Matters for report

- 175.1 Cllr Jones asked about the speed indicator sign. This has been removed; advised that this is to allow data to be downloaded.
- 175.2 Cllr Warburg reported that the light beside the phone box in Rosgill was not working.
- 175.3 Cllr Warburg asked if there had been any word about the light spacing in 30 mph areas. The Clerk will contact Mr Slater to ask.
- 175.4 Cllr Hodgson asked about some planning for work on a yew tree near his home and asked who would be responsible for the costs. The Eden Tree Preservation Officer would be in charge of this work.
- 175.5 Cllr Mallinson asked about kerbside recycling. Householders are requested to separate the materials, but when they are collected everything is thrown into the wagon together and will be mixed up. The clerk will contact EDC regarding this.
- 175.6 The Chairman said that the building group had had their proposal cleared at Eden Local Committee and the matter would go to cabinet in December.

176/12/14 Date of next meeting. Monday 5th January 2015

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.