

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING,
following the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th May 2015 meeting commenced at 7.45p.m
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mr A. Bindloss, Mr W. Jones, Mr D Mallinson, & Mr A Sowerby
County Councillor:	None
District Councillor:	None
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

- 20/5/15** **The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 7th April 2015** were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 21/5/15** **Apologies for absence** received from Mr G. Finch, Mrs J. Morris, Mr J. Owen and Mr W. Walton.
- 22/5/15** **Requests for dispensation** – None
- 23/5/15** **Declarations of interest** -None.
- 24/5/15** **Finance**
- 24.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30th April 2015. *Proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Jones.*
- 24.2 Payments received
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| EDC Street cleaning grant | | £2,140.00 |
| Eden District Council Precept | | £20,989.00 |
| | Total | £23,129.00 |
- 24.3 Payments between meetings
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| P. Neaves – Walk High Westmorland web space. | | £23.76 |
| BT Telephone bill | | £102.11 |
| | Total | £125.87 |
- 24.4 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| Clerk's Salary April 2015 | | £276.21 |
| Wages cleaning recycling centre | | £64.70 |
| Wages – Street cleaner | | £168.00 |
| Mrs J. Jackson; Chairman's allowance | | £400.00 |
| Shap Local History Society – rent for Market Cross | | £600.00 |
| Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Subscription | | £282.00 |
| CCC Contribution to 106 bus service | | £1,000.00 |
| | Total | £2,790.91 |
- Proposed Cllr Mr Jones, seconded Cllr Mallinson.*
- 24.5 The Rates bill for the car park had been received, but due to deductions there was nothing to pay.
- 24.6 The clerk requested that a payment of £1,065.41 for the Aon Insurance premium be approved; this will appear as a payment between meetings on the June Agenda
- 24.7 Copies of the annual statement of accounts to 31st March were distributed. Council RESOLVED to accept these. *Proposed: Cllr Sowerby, seconded, Cllr Jones.*
- 24.8 The Clerk said that as a result of several councillors having stood down from office, the council was short of co-signatories for both the current bank account and investment account. She had

Signed: *Jean Jackson* (as a true record)
June 2015

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approached Cllrs Bindloss and Sowerby about acting and both had agreed, so relevant mandate forms for the current account were issued to them.

24.9 The investment account signatories will be deferred for decision until more councillors have been appointed.

25/5/15 Planning applications

25.1 **LDNPA Application 7/2014/3030** – Goodcroft, Rosgill. Mr Lindwall a member of the public who live close to the property, said that it would be good to see the property occupied again as a permanent residence.

25.2 **Application** – Change of use for garage to hair salon Fell View, Shap for Miss E. Topping. Originally the applicant had been advised that she did not require planning permission, but has now been advised that she does. No objections.

25.3 **Planning Decision – Application 15/0189** – Change of use of existing storage building to dwelling – buildings adjacent to Rose Barn, Shap for Mr D. Mallinson. GRANTED.

26/5/15 Highways.

26.1 The clerk read the responses from highways regarding road surfaces, there are a lot of problems outstanding.

26.2 The Clerk was asked to raise the matter of the two holes that are still open near the toilets; this is now becoming an embarrassment and problem.

26.3 Northern Gas Networks have now filled in their excavations, but have still have to sanction someone to connect the pipe to the mains.

27/5/15 Annual Parish Meeting

27.1 A report on the meeting held on 28th April was given. The Chairman said that she was pleased that all Councillors had attended.

28/5/15 Vacancies.

28.1 The Chairman reported that following the recent local election, there are three vacancies for Shap Ward and two for Shap Rural Ward.

28.2 The vacancies have been advertised, and four people have expressed an interest.

28.3 All had been invited to attend the meeting, and had been issued with questionnaires.

28.4 The Chairman said that this might be a time to build a new team.

28.5 Once questionnaires are returned Councillors will view and discuss these.

29/5/15 Correspondence

29.1 A card from a visitor to the village, complimenting the community of the daffodil display.

29.2 Email letter from RSPB at Naddle requesting support for their new project. *Council voted two in favour, one against and two abstentions. The Chairman exercised her casting vote in favour. The Clerk is to write a letter of support.*

29.3 Email letter from Stephen Clapp re: his plans for developing the old waterworks building at Swindale.

29.4 Email letter from Mrs Sarah Howard re: blocked footpath at Shap Wells. This issue had been raised last year, and Mrs Howard advised to contact Lowther Estates. This was a copy of more recent correspondence with Lowther. The Chairman asked the Clerk to forward this to the footpath department at Cumbria County Council.

30/5/15 Matters for report

30.1 Cllr Jones reported pot holes on Skew Bridge, and on the road between the A6 and M6 Junction 39.

30.2 Cllr Sowerby reported a manhole cover on Station road where the surface was breaking up.

30.3 Cllr Sowerby also reported another manhole near the stone bus shelter that was loose, this is believed to be as result of the recent traffic controls in this area. The lay-by at that point is dished.

30.4 Cllr Mallinson reported that the Shap Community charity shop was almost completed.

30.5 Cllr Bindloss asked whether the grass could be cut between Hawes Bank and the Shap sin on the Bampton road. The chairman will be seeing the contractor soon.

30.6 Cllr Sowerby said that there had been more reports that the Japanese Knotweed behind Close Farm was sprouting again. The Clerk will write to the landowner again.

30.7 The Chairman reported that a meeting to discuss work on resurfacing the car park had yet to be arranged.

30.8 The Chairman said that there was an invitation for Council to visit Shap Granite pink quarry; most indicated interest.

30.9 The chairman asked councillor what things they would like to see addressed in the future. Suggestions included repairs to the surface and fencing at the tennis courts and improving the village's appearance.

30.10 The issue of red telephone boxes being offered to councils was raised again; this with the matter of a community defibrillator will be addressed in the next week.

31/5/15 Date of next meeting the next meeting of Council will be on Monday **1st June** at 7:30p.m.

Following the main meeting councillors viewed one questionnaire submitted by a prospective councillor; the application was deemed to be positive and Council resolved to co-opt Mr Nicholas Lindwall as a councillor for Shap Rural Ward. He will be officially co-opted at the June meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.