

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING,
following the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 2nd September 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 S. Newburn, Mr D. Newsome, Mr A Sowerby.
County and District Councillor:	Mr N Hughes for end of meeting
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None

103/9/13 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 29th July 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.

104/9/13 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Warburg and Mallinson, County and District Councillor Hughes sent his apologies for the first part of the meeting

105/9/13 Requests for dispensation – None

106/9/13 Declarations of interest – None

107/9/13 Finance

107.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st August. *Proposed Cllr Mrs Bindloss, seconded Cllr. Sowerby.*

107.2	Payments received	
	Sport England – final payment for MuGA grant.	£14,607.00
	HMRC – VAT reclaim	£5,354.54
	Total	£19,961.54

107.3	Payments between meetings	
	Events Insurance (Picnic in the Park grant)	
	£80.00	
	BT Telephone bill by Direct Debit	
	£90.26	
	Total	£170.26

107.4	Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:	
	Clerk's Salary August 2013 (incl. back pay)	£281.07
	Clerk's expenses August 2013	£53.47
	Wages Cleaning recycling centre [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£75.68
	Shap Memorial hall – rent for two meetings	£26.00
	Philip Teasdale – tree guard	£300.00
	S. M Dinsdale – surfacing MuGA	£6,921.00
	Polytan - MuGA surfacing	£24,309.00
	Centrewire Ltd – gate for MuGA	£348.00
	Eden Garden Services – Bowling green	£114.00
	Eon – standing charge – MuGA	£8.86
	G Mallinson Ltd – construction work – MuGA	£12,174.00
	Total	£44,611.08

Proposed: Cllr. Sowerby, seconded Cllr. Hodgson.

107.5 The Clerk explained that she had discovered some signatories for the current account at NatWest were no longer applicable and needed to be removed, also one more signatory would be needed. The Chairman asked if anyone was willing to take on this role and Cllr D. Newsome said that he would. The necessary mandate form was completed.

107.6 The Clerk advised Council that an application had been sent for transfer of funds from N S & I in the sum of £5,000. This is the Parish Council contribution to the cost of the MuGA.

Signed: *Jean Jackson ... (as a true record)..Date: 4th October 2013*

108/9/13 Planning applications

- 108.1 **Planning Application 13/0574** – erection of storage barn Plane Trees, Shap for Mr P. Teasdale. No objections or comments were raised.
- 108.2 **Planning decision** - Time extension Application 07/02220/10/0345 – Shap New Youth Centre, land adj. to Football Ground Memorial park, Shap for Mr D. Corrie. GRANTED
- 108.3 **LDNPA Planning decision:** New agricultural midden building – Green Farm, Wet Sleddale, Shap for United Utilities APPLICATION APPROVED.
- 108.4 **LDNPA Planning decision:** Demolition and replacement of agricultural building – Coopers Green, Wet Sleddale, Shap for United Utilities APPLICATION GRANTED.

109/9/13 Highways

- 109.1 The Clerk reported that issues raised last month had been responded to.
- 109.2 The Clerk reported that new signs were now in place at the end of Moss Grove indicating that the road leads to part of Ralfland View. However the spelling is incorrect.
- 109.3 Cllr Bindloss had discussed the sign at Kilinside with Highways officials, and they had found that there was no alternative site for it.

110/9/13 MuGA

- 110.1 The Chairman said that it is hoped that details of income and expenditure for the project would be available at the next meeting. The lights are still awaited, and the final instalment of the EDC grant is still to come in. The Chairman and Clerk have scrutinised the funds for the project and up to present everything appears to be within budget.

111/9/13 Jubilee Trees.

- 111.1 The Chairman reported that the photographer from the Herald had attending that morning to photograph councillors and Mr Teasdale with the tree guard.
- 111.2 The Chairman asked Council whether they thought that the plaque for the late Cllr Weightman should be sited in Rosgill along with another tree. All were in agreement.

112/9/13 Community buildings

- 112.1 The Chairman reported on the meetings that had been held.
- 112.2 The County Council have been asked if they would consider working in partnership with a group in Shap to enhance the use of the Library building, and a letter to that effect had been sent to Cumbria County Council.
- 112.3 The steering group have also expressed their expectation that any financial residue from the Sports Hall site be invested into the fabric of the Library building.
- 112.4 Further developments are awaited.

113/9/13 Northern Gas Networks

- 113.1 Following from the last meeting, an email had been received from Anthony Smith of Northern Gas Networks.
- 113.2 The clerk had requested further information on likely disruption to the car park and memorial park if they agreed to site the gas governor at the bottom of the park.
- 113.3 She had also asked for some idea of the likely sum for a lease agreement. Mr Smith had responded and with regard to the lease, and this was felt to be too low.
- 113.4 The clerk was asked to contact Mr Smith again to see if NGN was willing to increase this and also to establish the length of time this installation was likely to be in place.

114/9/13 Picnic in the Park

- 114.1 The Chairman said that the event had been blighted by atrocious weather, but the organisers had held the event in the school hall, and made a valiant effort to keep everyone amused.
- 114.2 It was hoped that this enthusiastic group would not be disheartened by this years situation and be willing to hold it again next year.

115/9/13 Kendal Calling/Total Warrior

- 115.1 It would appear that Kendal Calling and Total Warrior would clash next year with both events planned for the same weekend in early August.
- 115.2 Concern was expressed about the volume of traffic coming through the village and the negative impact on local businesses.
- 115.3 Eden District Council will be contacted as they issue the licences for large gatherings to see if they had taken the impact on emergency services into consideration.
- 115.4 Cllr Hughes will also make some representation about this issue.

116/9/13 Cherry Trees

- 116.1 The Chairman reported that the flowering cherry trees growing beside the tennis courts are now old and need to be removed.
- 116.2 Chairman suggested that the trees be replaced with shrubs that would not grow very high. All were in favour.

117/9/13 Correspondence

- 117.1 Eden District Council – information on changes to recycling collection rounds. Several councillors had not received the new calendars. The clerk will make copies of hers and put some on display in the village and give copies to those councillors who do not have them.
- 117.2 Connecting Cumbria. Printed detail on Broadband as reported by Mr Neaves at the previous meeting.
- 117.3 National Grid – update on overhead line refurbishment.
- 117.4 Information from EDC on Community Payback. This is for unpaid work orders and listed the tasks that could be carried out. The information will be filed for future reference.
- 117.5 Eden Local Plan Consultation – Employment preferred sites.
- 117.6 CALC – information on a special tour in the Bampton and Lowther areas. The Chairman expressed interest.
- 117.7 Cllr Hughes – thanking the Parish Council for their card sent on the occasion of his wedding.

118/9/13 Matters for report

- 118.1 Cllr Sowerby reported that there was a sunken drain at the bottom of the Back Hill.
- 118.2 Cllr Sowerby reported several complaints about Japanese Knotweed overtaking land to the rear of Close Farm Cottages. The Clerk was asked to write to the person believed to be the landowner, and copy this to Environmental Health and Eden Housing.
- 118.3 Cllr Sowerby reported that the seat in memory of Nancy Kipling that is outside the Newsagents is now dangerous and needs to be removed. The seat was originally purchased by the Pre School Playgroup.
- 118.4 Council approved its removal and that the plaque is removed.
- 118.5 Cllr Sowerby asked about having a one-way traffic movement on to and off the Bampton road at Mere Syke. Suggestion that traffic entering the road would do so on the lower junction and leave on the higher one nearer to the bridge.
- 118.6 Cllr Mr Bindloss said that it was not easy to manoeuvre large vehicles out at the higher junction due to vehicles parked outside Prospect House.
- 118.7 Cllr Sowerby reported the problem with ragwort again, both on the Network Rail pound and on the verges at the south of the village. The clerk will report these again.
- 118.8 Cllr Hodgson asked what was happening about the signs at the Tollbar. The Chairman spoke about this matter later.
- 118.9 Cllr Mrs Bindloss reported that there had been no action over the drain at the junction of the Keld road – the Clerk will report this again.
- 118.10 Cllr Newburn reported on the 100 defibrillators scheme, he said that the equipment cost £1,000. Communities need to raise this money themselves. This would mean that there would be a box in every village that could be accessed by any First Aider in an emergency.
- 118.11 CCC/EDC Hughes said that it might be possible to apply to him for a grant towards the cost of this.
- 118.12 Bampton Parish Council has decided not to take part in the scheme.
- 118.13 Cllr Newburn reported that his application to be a First Responder was being processed at present.
- 118.14 CCC/EDC Hughes said that the Summer Activities provided by Eden District Council had not been well attended in Shap. The Chairman said that the information had not been circulated early enough.
- 118.15 The Chairman reported on the current situation at the Tollbar; this has been a controversial issue. There is a charge for businesses to advertise on the board and some local businesses have new signs pending. Lowther Settled Estates are in charge of the sign; they were originally going to allow one advertisement per block, but are now offering two adjacent blocks for the same business.
- 118.16 Cllr Jones said that there were too many brown signs below the road signs, and that council should approach County Council about removing them.

119/9/13 Date of next meeting The next meeting of Council will be on Monday 7th October at 7:30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.