

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 10th September 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 W. Jones, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg,
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	None
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None

106/9/12 Public Participation. None**107/9/12 Apologies for absence**

107/9/121 Apologies for absence were received from Cumbria County Councillor Tom Lowther.

108/9/12 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 6th August 2012 were signed as a true and accurate record.

108/9/121 Minutes from the extra-ordinary meeting held on 20th August were also approved and signed as a correct record.

109/9/12 Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.**110/9/12 Finance**

110/9/121 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts for 31st August *Proposed: Cllr. Sowerby, seconded Cllr Jones.*

110/9/122 Payments between meetings

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£282.00

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£282.00

110/9/123 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary August 2012	£267.57
Clerk's expenses	£27.38
BDO Audit fees	£342.00
Shap Memorial Hall – hall hire	£41.00
Shap CDC – Shap Today (approved at August meeting)	£350.00
Shap Local History Society – rent	£600.00
Total	£1,627.95

Proposed Cllr. Hodgson , seconded Cllr. A. Bindloss.

110/9/124 Councillors were handed copies of the budget update to 31st August, and Cllr Warburg and the Clerk explained the figures, a meeting to discuss the budget and precept will be held in October for approval in November.

111/9/12 Planning

111/9/121 **Planning Decision - Application No 12/0525** – Creation of access/hardstanding in connection with the refurbishment of existing high voltage overhead electricity transmission lines and supporting towers. Off the C5053 west of Motorway bridge Crayston, Shap for Mr S. Watts National Grid/Electricity Alliance West. **GRANTED**

111/9/122 **Planning Decision - Application No 12/0527** – Creation of access/hardstanding in connection with the refurbishment of existing high voltage overhead electricity transmission lines and supporting

Signed Jean Jackson.....as a true record)

Date: 1st October 2012

towers. Off Lay-by on B6261 link road between M6 Junction and Orton village Penrith for Mr S. Watts National Grid/Electricity Alliance West. **GRANTED**

112/9/12 Highways.

- 112/9/121 Response to the reported leak of sewage into a surface water drain near Simpson's Garage. The matter had been dealt with and Cllr Mallinson reported that the situation was much improved.
- 112/9/122 A report had been received about a blocked drain on Carl Lofts, and Cllr Sowerby had spoken to the Highways team when they were in the village. The matter does not seem to have been resolved yet and the Clerk will follow this up with Highways again.
- 112/9/123 The clerk has produced an article for Shap Today regarding parking and will submit this for the October/November issue.

113/9/12 Street Cleaning

- 113/9/121 At present there is no street cleaning programme in place, however the person appointed by Enterprise to clean the public conveniences had agreed to keep the recycling centre tidy. Council agreed that this arrangement should continue for the present. The Chairman will monitor the situation.
- 113/9/122 There is no evidence yet whether the new kerbside bags have had any impact on the amount of recycling brought to the site.
- 113/9/123 Two village residents had volunteered to keep the Memorial Park tidy. The Clerk was asked to write to them thanking them for their public spirited actions.
- 113/9/124 A sub committee will meet to discuss how the Council should move forward with regard to street cleaning.

114/9/12 Vacancy

- 114/9/121 The Clerk had displayed the notice advising of the vacancy between 7th August and 24th August. Eden District council confirmed that there had been no request for an election therefore Shap Parish Council are empowered to co-opt a new councillor.
- 114/9/122 Another notice was displayed from 31st August inviting interested parties to write to the Clerk.
- 114/9/123 Council decided that a suitable closing date be 20th October. The notice will also appear in Shap Today.

115/9/12 MuGA

- 115/9/121 Cllr Warburg confirmed the second grant for £30,000 from Eden District Council. This grant will be partly released up front.
- 115/9/122 A quote for connecting electricity had been less than expected because there is a cable in the pavement.
- 115/9/123 The planning application is in preparation and will be submitted to Eden District Council.
- 115/9/124 A sub committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 19th September.

116/9/12 Public seats

- 116/9/121 A new list of public seats had been drawn up.
- 116/9/122 Cllr Sowerby had surveyed them all and the Clerk has amended this.

117/9/12 Memorial Park gates

- 117/9/121 The Clerk had ascertained that neither of the companies who had submitted quotes were VAT registered.
- 117/9/122 It has been discovered that one of the gate pillars is slightly out of line and as this is near one of the hinge points may need attention. Cllr Mallinson was asked if he would inspect this and report back.
- 117/9/123 The matter will be included in the budget planning meeting so that the cost can be included in next years precept.

118/9/12 Store/ shed on Memorial Park.

- 118/9/121 The Cricket Club had made a request for financial help with a large expense repairing the gang mowers, this had amounted to £1,250.00.
- 118/9/122 This matter had been deferred from the August meeting so that the budget update was available. Council RESOLVED that the sum of £625 be granted as a one-off payment – *Proposed: Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Mallinson*; all were in agreement.

119/9/12 Play Area.

- 119/9/121 An email from Eden District Council had reported that they were arranging to have the ride on horse repaired. No-one has actually checked whether this has happened yet.

120/9/12 Tourism

- 120/9/121 The subcommittee scheduled for 20th August had been cancelled, and the reconvened date was made for Monday 18th September at 7p.m. The group will consist of the Chairman, Cllr. Jones, and Mr S. Newburn (Cllr Newsome gave his apologies).

121/9/12 Correspondence

- 121/9/121 A message regarding a fallen wall in the back lane; it seems that the stone has now been moved.
- 121/9/122 A letter from Bampton Parish Council regarding the signs for Haweswater Hotel that have sprung up along the local roads and up the lakeside. These are brown to look like tourist signs but are unofficial. The Clerk will pass this to Highways and Lake District National Park Authority.
- 121/9/123 Information from The Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Cumbria, and the final recommendations. This shows that there are no changes planned for Eden.
- 121/9/124 CALC – a invitation for nomination of councillors to serve on a committee to discuss changes to standards. No one was interested. The Clerk said that the recruitment pack included some useful material that could perhaps be put to good use when recruiting a new councillor.
- 121/9/125 Email from Cllr Hughes with an update on the council tax reduction scheme. The consultation may be viewed on line.
- 121/9/126 BDO – letter from the Audit Commission confirming that BDO are our official auditors for the next year.
- 121/9/127 Eden Housing Association – details of their forthcoming Estates inspection during September. The Clerk will contact them regarding some issues on Gayle Avenue with parking.
- 121/9/128 Harrison and Hetherington documents regarding meeting to discuss fences on neighbouring commons; one of these (Yewsmire and The Howe) are in Bampton parish; but Ralfland is in Shap Rural and Cllr A Bindloss agreed to attend that meeting.

122/9/12 Matters for report

- 122/9/121 Cllr Sowerby reported that the road had dropped beside the kerb outside the Co-op, this is at the south end of the frontage. The Clerk will report this.
- 122/9/122 Cllr Hodgson reported that on road parking at Woodville Terrace and Sunnyside was quite a problem. This will be included in the notice for Shap Today.
- 122/9/123 Cllr A Bindloss said that the island at Skew Bridge was bad to see at night now that there was no bollard on it. The Clerk said that this was scheduled for removal, but she would ask Highways for an indication when this would be.
- 122/9/124 Cllr C A Bindloss asked what was happening about the signage at the Tollbar, as there were several signs such as Clifton Hill still displayed. The Chairman will be contacting Mr Tetchner about this.
- 122/9/125 Cllr C A Bindloss also reported a lot of ragwort along the roadside verges north of the village. This is a poisonous weed, and the Clerk will contact Highways about its removal.
- 122/9/126 Cllr Mallinson reported that the new school transport had been a nightmare, with children not being picked up, collected late for return home and a bus breaking down. On one day children were standing at the bus stop for 25 minutes. The Clerk was asked to write to Cumbria County Council and the coach operators expressing the concern of the Council, and seeking reassurance.
- 122/9/127 Cllr Newsome had received two complaints about the kissing gate behind the surgery alongside the sports hall. This does not close properly and sheep are able to get through it. The problem may be due to growth of grass and needs to be reported. The Clerk will find someone to contact regarding this.
- 122/9/128 Cllr Hughes said that the new speed indicator sign seemed to be working well. He also enquired about recycling collections, and was told that there was not evidence of change yet, but that credits were in arrears, by six months.
- 122/9/129 Cllr Hughes reported that the new Street lighting policy would be finalised on 6th December.
- 122/9/1210 The Chairman said that she was disappointed at the way the hanging baskets at school had been neglected. Cllr C A Bindloss said that she would pass this on to the governors.
- 122/9/1211 The Chairman said that the men's toilet door was open most of the time, and this needed to be reported to Enterprise.
- 122/9/1212 The Chairman said that weeds between walls and pavements and roads were very bad and gave the village a poor image. She is to see if some action can be taken.

123/9/12 Street Cleaning and Employment issue

- 123/9/121 This matter will be discussed at a closed meeting on Monday 17th September.

124/9/12 Date of next meeting The next meeting of Council will be held on **Monday 1st October 2012.**

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.