

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 6th June 2011 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs A Bindloss, Miss N. Brass Mr E. Hodgson, Mr W. Jones, Mr D Mallinson, Mr D. Newsome, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg.
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	Mr T. Lowther
Police	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	Two

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- 30/6/11 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Weightman
- 31/6/11 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th May 2011 were signed as a true and accurate record.**
- 32/6/11 Declarations of interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 33/6/11 Finance**
- 33/6/111 Council RESOLVED to approve the annual statement of accounts to 31st March 2011. *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Hodgson.* Statement signed by Chairman and Clerk in readiness for audit.
- 33/6/112 Section 2 Annual Governance Statement of the Audit return was discussed, agreed and completed. *Proposed: Cllr Bindloss, seconded Cllr. Mallinson.*
- 33/6/113 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts as at 31st May 2011 *Proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*
- 33/6/114 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| A o n | L i m i t e d | - | I n s u r a n c e |
| £808.94 | | | |
- Wages – 30th May to 24th June 2011 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]
£424.20
- | | |
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| Clerk's Salary May 2011 | £265.57 |
| Clerks expenses | £5.46 |
| Chairman's Allowance | £400.00 |
| Eden Gardening Services | £96.00 |
| Total | £1,191.23 |
- Proposed Cllr Warburg , seconded Cllr Sowerby.*
- 33/6/115 Council RESOLVED to approve transfer of surplus monies to N S & I account in the sum of £20,000.00. *Proposed: Cllr Newsome, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*
- 34/6/11 Planning applications**
- 34/6/111 **Planning Application 11/0239** – Erection of two agricultural buildings – Southfield Farm, Shap for Mr A. Thompson. An extension has been granted by Eden District Council to allow the council to discuss this application. There were no comments or objections to this application.
- 35/6/11 New Councillor Training – CALC.**
- 35/6/111 The Clerk distributed details of the forthcoming training which will be held at Shap on Wednesday 15th June between 7 and 9 p.m. CALC has agreed to allow all Shap councillors, whether new or long standing to attend as a special gesture and at a reduced cost for Shap Parish Council hosting the event. Councillors were asked to indicate whether they would be attending. Six Councillors indicated that they wished to attend. Cllr Newsome was unable to attend but expressed a wish to attend a session at later date. The clerk will enquire about other dates and venues.

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36/6/11 Library consultation

- 36/6/111 A date has been arranged for a consultation on the future of the library services. This will be held at Shap Library on Friday 17th June between 3:30p.m. and 7p.m. with a presentation at 5p.m.
- 36/6/112 Councillors were encouraged to attend and spread the word. Posters were coming to be displayed around the village.
- 36/6/113 EDC Cllr Hughes said that the County Council had given assurances that Shap library was not under threat, however they were looking at transferring services to other places.
- 36/6/114 CC Cllr Lowther said that the County Council were keen to improve services at Shap Library, and encouraged people to put forward ideas.

37/6/11 Insurance renewal.

- 37/6/111 The new premium has just been paid, and the Chairman asked for a sub committee to discuss insurance and the assets register. The meeting will also discuss the Parish Council's response to the Library Consultation
- 37/6/112 The date set was Monday 20th June at 10a.m.

38/6/11 National Park Extensions consultation.

- 38/6/111 Drop in sessions had been detailed at the May meeting
- 38/6/112 Cllr Warburg had looked at more details in the proposal. The Yorkshire Dales National Park planned to extend its boundary to the M6 and this included land in the east of the parish on Orton Fell.
- 38/6/113 Cllr Warburg said that there was not a lot we should need to do.

39/6/11 Shap the Way Forward.

- 39/6/111 Councillors had been given a list of priorities at the May meeting.
- 39/6/112 **Signage:** The Chairman said that we were still waiting for the new village signs. The designs had been received by Highways, but there was no further news on when they were likely to arrive. We are waiting to see how much money is left over from the grant before any decisions can be made about a sign at the Toll Bar.
- 39/6/113 The Chairman asked Cllr Lowther to speak to Highways about this matter.
- 39/6/114 Cllr Hughes asked about signage for the Medical Centre. The Chairman said there had been many reports of speeding in the area, and this had been reported to Highways.
- 39/6/115 Cllr Lowther advised contacting the police about speeding.
- 39/6/116 **Youth provision:** Mr Dave Corrie arrived as arranged at 8.20p.m. Mr Corrie was invited to address the meeting on the situation with the Sports Hall.
- 39/6/117 Mr Corrie said that he a letter from the County Council giving two weeks for a decision. He said that they group had only managed to gain access to the Sports Hall on 5th April, and that the building had been found to be in a terrible state with cracks in the floor. A builder had been present had had stated that he would not want to touch it.
- 39/6/118 Mr Corrie said that there had been a suggestion that a vented barn type building on the site might give a covered sports venue, but this would be of no benefit for the youth.
- 39/6/119 The group were therefore abandoning the Sports Hall project.
- 39/6/1110 Mr Corrie asked whether the County Council could be approached to provide funding for an alternative project.
- 39/6/1111 The group had attended a funding fair on 6th April and found that there was no funding available for Shap as it was not listed as a needy community.
- 39/6/1112 Cllr Warburg agreed that there was no Sports funding available for Shap, but said that there was funding available for Youth provision, and the project would be a good one to take forward for the community.
- 39/6/1113 Mr Corrie asked whether there would be any asset transfer to the community from the County Council if the site was sold for development. In this way Shap could benefit.
- 39/6/1114 The Chairman said that a meeting would be needed with representatives of the County Council to discuss this.
- 39/6/1115 Cllr Lowther said that he would arrange a meeting with someone from Property Services and representatives of Shap Parish Council in the next two weeks.
- 39/6/1116 Cllr Hodgson asked what was happening about the plans for a Youth Shelter in the Memorial Park. Mr Corrie replied that there was planning permission in place. He said that it might be possible to do a phased build starting with toilets, kitchen and foyer, then add on to this later.
- 39/6/1117 The Chairman said that once further information regarding funding is to hand, a meeting could be held between the Parish Council and the Youth Group to discuss the future of the Memorial Park project and see how the Parish Council could help. Mr Corrie would be kept informed of developments.
- 39/6/1118 Mr Corrie left the meeting at 8:40p.m.
- 39/6/1119 **Footpaths:** news is awaited regarding the funding for the commencement of work on the footpath behind the Sports Hall.
- 39/6/1120 **Public Toilets:** Cllr Hughes said that Eden District Council are due to make their decision in September. They are looking at where budget cuts could be made elsewhere and therefore keep toilets open.
- 39/6/1121 The Chairman said that the Parish Council would write to EDC about this.

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39/6/1122 **Concrete Road:** Matter in abeyance at present.

39/6/1123 **Lay-by opposite Cemetery:** The lay-by is badly eroded, but Highways have not made any plans to deal with it. Cllr Lowther said that he would look into this matter.

39/6/1124 **Police:** Information and contact details have now been received and are posted on the notice board. There is now 24 hour cover.

39/6/1125 **Speeding:** This is still an issue.

39/6/1126 **Quarries:** A Liaison meeting is planned for Monday 11th July at 10:30a.m.

39/6/1127 **Kick-wall:** We are waiting for another application for funding to go in.

40/6/11 Village Walk

40/6/111 The aim of the walk will be to allow councillors to see where there may be issues in the parish.

40/6/112 Issues that have already been raised include: Parking, drainage, pavements, road condition, litter, dog fouling.

40/6/113 In the Memorial Park: dog fouling, litter, trees, standard of grass cutting, play area and tennis courts.

40/6/114 The Chairman suggested that the walks could be done in three sections: 1. Memorial Park and Central, 2. South including estates, 3. North including Back Hill.

40/6/115 The chosen dates are: Thursday 9th June at 7:30p.m. – Section 1 Memorial park and Central meet at memorial hall car park; Monday 20th June at 7:30p.m. Section 3 North meet at Fire Station; Tuesday 28th June at 7:30p.m. – Section 2 South meet at Forcebeck.

41/6/11 Bus shelter.

41/6/111 A volunteer or volunteers were sought to paint the inside of the stone bus shelter outside the library.

41/6/112 Cllrs Sowerby and Newsome volunteered to paint, but would need paint and brushes.

41/6/113 The Clerk will arrange to obtain the necessary materials.

42/6/11 Correspondence

42/6/111 New Police poster with contact details. This has been displayed on the notice board.

42/6/112 Eden District Council, advice of recycling credits Jan- March 2011 - £443.60, plus advice about fly tipping.

42/6/113 The table showed Shap in second place last quarter. Cllr Hodgson said that recycling credits were down. The Clerk asked if she could comment, this was granted; she said that she felt that the introduction of kerbside green boxes had caused a drop in tonnage, people were putting bottles, cans and newspapers into them because they were convenient, but the revenue for all recycling collected at the kerbside would go the Eden, not to Shap.

42/6/114 The Clerk read details about fly tipping and how to report it. She reported that there had been a large quantity of fly tipping at the Recycling Centre that morning, and that she had reported it immediately.

42/6/115 Letter from street cleaner. This raised several issues throughout the village, and these will be included in the village walks. The Clerk had replied to Mr Lewis.

43/6/11 Matters for report

43/6/111 Cllr Sowerby reported street light 42 on Unity terrace was on during the daytime. Clerk will report this.

43/6/112 Cllr Sowerby said that he had been approached by a resident who had concerns about the grass cuttings tipped at Forcebeck, and asking whether this posed an environmental problem like effluent from silage leaking into watercourses. Cllr Hodgson said that since this was not compressed like silage, it would not produce effluent, but simply rot away.

43/6/113 Cllr Warburg said that there was a consultation on electoral divisions, and showed councillors how Cllr Lowther's division was large with a small population, whilst a neighbouring division covered a smaller area but had a similar population. Cllr Warburg said that he needed to get Cllr Lowther's views on this. The consultation is aimed at trying to get a better balance.

43/6/114 Cllr Hodgson said that a resident had asked why grass on Wandsworth Gardens had not been cut. The Chairman said this is not an area adopted by Highways, therefore does not get cut.

43/6/115 Cllr Jones said he was concerned about the school crossing, saying that the crossing was brown and white not black and white. He considered the crossing to be dangerous. The clerk will contact Highways.

43/6/116 The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Cllr Warburg for preparing the accounts for audit.

43/6/117 The Chairman reported that the flag had come down or been taken down, and had been tied onto the lamp post next to the bus shelter at the library; the flag is now in storage. The cord on the flag pole had been broken and the ring might also be missing.

43/6/118 The Chairman said that there had been a report about suspicious people at the Tranfield (sausage factory) site. The Police had been contacted, and found that the pole were working at the site and had said that they were setting up a bread factory.

43/6/119 The Chairman reported serious damage to the netting on the far tennis court.

43/6/1110 The Chairman reported that a large quantity of lead had been stolen from the church roof. The culprit was due in court shortly.

44/6/11 Date of next meeting Monday 4th July.

Signed(as a true record)

Date

45/6/11 Advance notice of Quarry Liaison Meeting – Monday 11th July at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 9:45p.m.