

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Monday 4th May 2010 at 7.45 pm Venue: Market Cross

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs A Bindloss, Mr D Mallinson, Mr H Harrison, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr G Stainton, Mr W Warburg, Mr M Weightman
District Councillor:	Mr N Hughes
County Councillor:	Mr T. Lowther.
Police:	None
Clerk:	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	None.

Public participation:

18/5/10 Apologies for absence None.

19/5/10 Conduct.

19/5/101 The Chairman mentioned the circular letters distributed by Eden District Council to all Councillors regarding conduct. She requested that Councillors desist from talking to other councillors whilst discussions are ongoing, as this made it difficult for others to hear, and for the Clerk to take notes.

20/5/10 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 6th April 2010 were signed as a true and accurate record.

21/5/10 Declarations of interest None

22/5/10 Finance

22/5/101 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30th April 2010. *proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*

22/5/102 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Payments made between meetings:

Eden District Council –rates by Direct Debit	£62.99
British Telecommunications by direct debit	£68.14

Total	£131.13
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Payments for approval this meeting:

Wages – 3 rd May to 28 th May 2010 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£405.72
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Clerk's salary – April 2010.	£241.00
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G. Mallinson – (wheelbarrow)	£39.95
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Eden garden Services (grass cutting and weed control)	£155.00
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Cumbria Playing Fields Association (alliance fee)	£21.00
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Total	£862.67
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Proposed Cllr Warburg , seconded Cllr Hodgson.

22/5/103 To approve transfer of surplus monies to N S & I. *Proposed Cllr Hodgson, seconded Cllr Weightman.*

23/5/10 Youth Club

23/5/101 The Chairman brought this item forward because CC Councillor Lowther was unable to stay to the end of the meeting to farming commitments.

23/5/102 At the Annual parish Meeting, the Chairman had agreed to convene a meeting; she had the 'Save Our Sports Hall' poster that had been stapled to the notice board, and a letter from David Corrie regarding

Signed(as a true record)

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- rescuing to Sports Hall which stated that 'everyone is for it'; The Chairman stated that everyone she had spoken to considered it a 'crazy idea'.
- 23/5/103 CC Cllr Lowther said that a meeting with the Youth Club was a good idea before any final decision was made on how to proceed if the Sport Hall was out of the picture.
- 23/5/104 He had met previously with Steve Adcock at Shap Sports hall and Mr Adcock had been of the opinion that it would be sensible to demolish it due to the asbestos content.
- 23/5/105 Cllr Warburg asked if CC Cllr Lowther would ask Mr Adcock what the chances were for the Council to clear the site and sell or give the site to the village.
- 23/5/106 Cllr Warburg asked Cllr Mallinson for his views on the state of the building. Cllr Mallinson said that the foundations and services were there, the asbestos in the floor would pose no problem if it was not disturbed.
- 23/5/107 The building is a steel frame with brick infill and cladding. The building is about 40 years old.
- 23/5/108 The site is owned by Cumbria County Council, so would incur rent and charges.
- 23/5/109 Cllr Warburg enquired about the idea of welfare disposal, he asked whether the land was available, and whether the site is available, and at what cost. Whether the building that is there at present is worth bothering with since the roof would need replacing, the building would need damp proofing, and all the services would need renewing.
- 23/5/1010 CC Cllr Lowther said that this was matter for discussion in cabinet.
- 23/5/1011 CC Cllr Lowther asked why the Youth Club were considering abandoning a scheme for which they had planning permission and which was a manageable size in favour of something larger.
- 23/5/1012 Shap Sports Hall would be a big project. The County Council had Youth Facility grants available.
- 23/5/1013 The planning approval for a new Youth centre has had to be renewed after three years.
- 23/5/1014 CC Cllr Lowther said that he would get further information.
- 23/5/1015 EDC Cllr Hughes said he wished the County Council would decide what they were going to do about the Sports hall, if they were to demolish. Eden building department had been paying £2,500 per annum towards the rent on the sports hall, but this was not being paid at present, nor had been since may 2009. Cllr Warburg wondered what is happening to that money at present.
- 23/5/1016 Cllr Stainton said that he did not think that the Youth Club would be able to sustain the cost.
- 23/5/1017 Cllr Sowerby felt that the Youth Club would struggle.
- 23/5/1018 Cllr Hodgson said that he felt the sports hall was going to waste and whether there would be a commitment to use it if it were saved.
- 23/5/1019 The Chairman said that the hall had not been maintained. The Youth Club had enquired about erecting a shelter on the site of the planned Youth Centre.
- 23/5/1020 Cllr Warburg said that there was not the ability to raise the necessary capital.
- 23/5/1021 Cllr Mallinson said that it was a pity that there were not the people interested in working with the children who would commit themselves to run and maintain a facility.
- 23/5/1022 Cllr Warburg said that because Sports funding came from the County Council and Youth funding from the District Council this made the issue more difficult.
- 23/5/1023 CC Cllr Lowther said that there was a matter of asset disposal, but the sports hall at present is not an asset, it is a liability.
- 23/5/1024 It is hoped to convene a meeting on a Thursday towards the end of May.
- 24/5/10 Planning applications**
- 24/5/101 **Planning Application 10/0238** – Southfield Farm, Shap – proposed roof over existing cattle area. No objections.
- 24/5/102 **Planning Application 10/0300** – Rosgill Head Farm, Rosgill – proposed roof over existing cattle feed area. No objections.
- 24/5/103 **Planning Application 10/0239** – 7 Foster Street, Shap – Proposed two storey dwelling. This application had been refused on a previous occasion due to over-development. The plans have now been revised with a lower roof level. It was RESOLVED to make no objections, there were two abstentions.
- 24/5/104 **Planning decision- 09/0920** – change of use house for multiple occupation – Fell House, Shap. GRANTED
- 24/5/105 **Planning decision -10/0163-** resubmission for stable to include hay store – Brackenber Lodge, Shap. GRANTED
- 24/5/106 **Update on meeting** to discuss Application 3/10/9003 – Construction of new wastewater Treatment works to replace existing near Nook Farm, Shap. A meeting had been held with United Utilities; the new system is designed to accommodate the needs of the community. There will be a substantial building in the field, and there is an attempt to make this look like an agricultural building. There was some reservations over the finish. United Utilities have invited Parish Council representatives to visit the site once the building is underway. The new system will make the out-flowing water very clean.
- 25/5/10 Alterations to Crazy Paving.**
- 25/5/101 It is planned to remove the crazy paving near the Newsagents and fill the area with black tarmac.
- 25/5/102 It is not possible to remove the kerbs because the areas are too narrow to accommodate a vehicle without it sticking out into the highway.

- 25/5/103 EDC Cllr Hughes said that the Parish Council need to ascertain with the County Council whether the plans for these alterations will not prejudice the Shap Travel Plan.
- 26/5/10 Printer.**
26/5/101 The printer copier is not working properly and is using excessive amounts of ink. A new machine needs to be purchased at an approximate cost of £140. *Proposed: Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*
- 27/5/10 Insurance Renewal.**
27/5/101 A sub committee meeting had been held to discuss the levels of cover. Brief minutes were available. The Clerk is to enquire about additional premiums for insuring the football stand, gates and fences.
- 28/5/10 Councillors attendance record.**
28/5/101 Copies of the attendance record were distributed. Councillors were reminded that when apologies for absence are tendered that the reason must also be given.
- 29/5/10 Shap – the way forward.**
29/5/101 The Vital Villages survey will be updated, and a further meeting held with Brian Morris. Cllr Warburg said that the action plan would be checked to see what was still relevant and take those matter forward for consultation. Cllr Mallinson said that there seemed to be not community sprit, and a great deal of apathy.
- 30/5/10 Correspondence**
30/5/101 Circular letter from Eden District Council; this mentioned local training. The clerk will write to the Standards committee asking whether Shap could be considered as a venue for a training aimed at Parish Council within the locality. Cllr Warburg said that the training would have to be pertinent, relevant and sharp.
30/5/102 Lake District National Park Development Agency, regarding sites to be kept as open space.
30/5/103 Capita Symonds: advising that our parish would be included in the annual programme of improvements to rights of way. The clerk will write requesting details of planned work.
30/5/104 Cumbria County Council Highways response to clerks letter regarding road markings at Toll bar and ditch on Keld road. Both matters in hand and due fro completion within 10 days.
30/5/105 Annie Donnelly Eden Council officer for Health and Safety, by email with images. Play Area has two sections of wall breaking down and damaged wire fencing. The clerk will contact Network Rail to ascertain if the wall is their responsibility, and will seek a quote from Frank Grundy for replacing the damaged fencing.
30/5/106 Amey Mouschel a letter thanking everyone for their patience during the work on the motorway bridge at Thrimby.
30/5/107 Royal Mail, reply regarding Rosgill post box, now replaced.
30/5/108 NALC – list of events – none are local or in this county.
30/5/109 Glasdon, new catalogue and voucher to be used against any future purchases.
30/5/1010 Letter from Shap Memorial hall committee regarding boiler – to be added to next agenda.
30/5/1011 HMRC notice of overpayment.
30/5/1012 There has still been no reply to the letter sent to NatWest regarding the future of the Shap branch.
- 31/5/10 Police Update:**
31/5/101 An email had been received from PCSO Brownrigg with regard to several issues; such as the Co-op burglary, Anti Social behaviour and liaising with youth.
31/5/102 The chairman read this to the meeting.
- 32/5/10 Matters for report**
32/5/101 The Chairman said that the Bus Shelter was now back on the agenda. She also reported that the Tennis Courts have been rewired, and she had requested that the young people play football in the end court; they had brick fro a goal post, and wondered if it might be a good idea to purchase a goal post for them to use and would cost one.
32/5/102 Cllr Stainton said that a villager had reported a lot of stones in the Copy Hill lane section leading to the Keld road. These need clearing.
32/5/103 Cllr Sowerby reported that there is a dead tree in Green Croft that needs to be removed.
32/5/104 Cllr Weightman reported that a gate has been placed across a road used for access, the Chairman said that we need to check the situation and whether this is a right of way.
32/5/105 Cllr Mallinson reported an apparently abandoned car in the Low Well lay by. He also asked whether a safety 'Grass Cutting in progress' sign be provided for use whilst the grass is being cut.
32/5/106 Clerk reported that there were problems with balls being kicked around in the children's Play Area, and some small children having been struck by balls. Clerk was asked to investigate signs 'No ball games'.

32/5/107 Clerk reported that the matter of the car parked in the Swimming Pool car park had been passed on to the Swimming Pool committee and that they had reported the matter to the Police.

33/5/10 Date of next meeting 7th June 2010

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.