

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Monday 4th October 2010 at 7.30 pm Venue: Market Cross

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs A Bindloss, Mrs P Watson, 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: None.

104/10/10 Apologies for absence PCSO Brownrigg.

105/10/10 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 6th September 2010 were signed as a true and accurate record.

106/10/10 Declarations of interest None

107/10/10 Finance

107/10/101 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30th September 2010. *Proposed Cllr Hodgson, seconded Cllr Watson.*

107/10/102 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Payments made between meetings:

None

Payments for approval this meeting:

Wages 1st Oct to 31st Oct 2010 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144] £507.05

Clerks salary – September 2010 £241.00

Total £748.05

Proposed Cllr Bindloss, seconded Cllr Warburg.

108/10/10 Planning applications

108/10/101 **Planning Decision 10/0541** – Alterations, extensions and garage to White House Barn, Keld for Mr & Mrs Ware – GRANTED.

108/10/102 **Planning Application 10/0721** – Non material amendment to application 10/0392 reduction in size of garden room, Heather Brae, Shap for Prof. I McColm. No objections.

108/10/103 **Planning Application 10/0738** – Conservatory to side of dwelling – Close Cottage, Shap for Mr & Mrs Ashburner.

108/10/104 Councillors expressed concern at this application since Close Cottage is one of the oldest buildings in our village dating from 1696. It was felt that it had held a Grade 2 listing; but as several changes had been made to the property over the past 30 years or so, it may be the case that this listing had been removed.

108/10/105 Councilors, were not entirely happy with the style of the planned conservatory, but if it were to go ahead they would prefer to see the base constructed from natural stone rather than brick as this would be more complementary to the old building.

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- 108/10/106 Councillors felt that they may have no real grounds to reject this application, so raised no further objections.
- 108/10/107 **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004** – Councillors were advised that the Consultation document IS available for viewing at Shap Library.
- 109/10/10 National Savings and Investments**
- 109/10/101 Changes to signatories for Parish Council investment account and Shepherd Rae account.
- 109/10/102 Enquiries have shown that both accounts currently have signatories who are no longer connected with the Parish Council.
- 109/10/103 The following were approved as signatories for the accounts:
- 109/10/104 Shap Parish Council Investment account updated signatories: Cllrs: Jackson, Hodgson, Mallinson Bindloss and Warburg
- 109/10/105 Shap Parish Council Shepherd Rae account updated signatories: Cllrs Jackson, Warburg and Mallinson.
- 109/10/106 The changes were approved unanimously and the necessary papers were signed.
- 110/10/10 Footpaths**
- 110/10/101 A meeting had been held with Andrew Bonaker and Tony Burn from Cumbria Parish Paths Initiative.
- 110/10/102 The footpath beside the Sports Hall was visited and discussed; a concrete fencing post that has fallen over needs to be re-erected.
- 110/10/103 One proposal is to remove the stone stile and make a walk way to the field boundary.
- 110/10/104 Parkers Croft Developments withdrew their permission to install a kissing gate. The Chairman had spoken to Mr Cox to ask if he would reconsider the permission and there had been a heated discussion. He inferred that he was annoyed with the Parish Council for raising objections to the plans for the bungalows near the surgery.
- 110/10/105 The Clerk subsequently wrote and emailed Mr Cox on 8th September asking him to reconsider; but has received to reply to date.
- 110/10/106 Parish Paths are keen to go ahead.
- 110/10/107 The Clerk will write to Mr Cox again requesting that he contacts the Parish Council.
- 111/10/10 Signage**
- 111/10/101 Examples of the new 'Welcome to Shap' signs were on display.
- 111/10/102 The Chairman said that she had been advised that the Council needs to make certain that the line drawing images will be as shown, and not solid block outlines like the present signs.
- 111/10/103 The options showed images of the Market Cross and Shap Abbey. Councillors were asked to vote which they preferred.
- 111/10/104 Eight councillors voted that one be used at one end of the village and the other at the opposite end, one councillor voted for the abbey but without the 'Stepping Stone to the Lakes and Fells' phrase; one councillor voted for plain signs with no image.
- 111/10/105 The colour will be White with black lettering and a green border.
- 111/10/106 The issue of the brown sign at the Tollbar will be discussed separately at another meeting.
- 112/10/10 Bus Shelter**
- 112/10/101 The Chairman said that the cost of the Bus Shelter would be £4,405.00 including carriage and VAT. There would be an additional charge for ground works, and Cllr Mallinson has agreed to carry out this work.
- 112/10/102 Delivery will be about six weeks.
- 112/10/103 The Parish Council has received a grant of £1,000 from Cumbria County Council Eden Fells Neighbourhood Forum.
- 112/10/104 A further £1,000 has been promised from CC Cllr Tom Lowther's Community Fund.
- 112/10/105 Keiron Tetchner from the Highways department has arranged for the balance to be met from the Community Transport Fund.
- 112/10/106 The Parish Council will be able to claim back the VAT.
- 112/10/107 The Shelter will be ordered during the coming week.
- 113/10/10 Budget for precept – set date for meeting.**
- 113/10/101 This meeting will be held on Monday 25th October at 10a.m. Councillors who will attend will be:
- 113/10/102 The Chairman, Cllr Jackson, Cllrs Warburg, Sowerby and Stainton.
- 114/10/10 Report on Highways meeting held on 27th September.**
- 114/10/101 Prior to the meeting, the clerk had compiled a list of issues that had been raised with the Highways department. Some of these were still outstanding.
- 114/10/102 The school warning lights are in hand. (There were working on the morning following the meeting).
- 114/10/103 The blocked drain on the Back hill is now clear and running freely.
- 114/10/104 Work to remove the crazy paving is in progress.

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- 114/10/105 The railings at the school crossing have been causing concern since they obscure a driver's view of anyone waiting to cross. Mr Tetchner told the meeting that this was in fact the wrong type of barrier for this situation and should have been a 'Visi-Rail' barrier which has groups of railings that are angled to give drivers a clear view of pedestrians...Arrangements will be made for this to be changed to Visi-Rail.
- 114/10/106 Road marking at the south end of the village and at the Tollbar will be dealt with within six months.
- 114/10/107 There had been a general discussion about traffic calming; highways plan to remove the 40 mph zone and introduce three graded signs leading into the 30 mph zone. They will also repaint the patches.
- 114/10/108 The planned Corus flashing sign will be within the 30 mph zone.
- 114/10/109 The Chairman said that she thought Shap needed another flashing sign at the north end of the village funded by the County Council. She said that the Parish Council may be able to contribute to the cost of this.
- 114/10/1010 Cllr Watson wondered if there were plans for removal of the island at the north end of the village, also the one at the Kings Arms, as both create an obstacle to traffic.
- 114/10/1011 EDC Cllr Hughes asked about the Shap Local transport Plan.
- 114/10/1012 Keiron Tetchner had no knowledge of any plan.
- 114/10/1013 Cllr Warburg thought that Shap needed four flashing speed signs, two in each direction.
- 114/10/1014 This matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

115/10/10 Shap – the Way Forward

- 115/10/101 The sessions had been held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd October in the Memorial Hall.
- 115/10/102 The Clerk had collated the comment sheets, and councillors had been emailed with these, and some were given printed copies for perusal.
- 115/10/103 The Chairman had visited both Youth Club sessions, but had not had much positive response from the youngsters, however the plans for a kick wall were met with great enthusiasm.
- 115/10/104 Most Councillors had attended at some time.
- 115/10/105 The clerk reported that around 12 people had attended on Friday and about 25 on Saturday. A very disappointing response.
- 115/10/106 The Sports Hall group had been invited to man a section. There is now an update on the situation. The County Council are reconsidering their approach to community asset transfer.

116/10/10 Parish Council Elections 2011

- 116/10/101 The parish Council had sought advice from the legal department of Eden District Council regarding the ratio of councillors to electorate. They were advised that the proportion should be roughly one councillor for every 100 electors.
- 116/10/102 At present the ratio in Shap is as follows: seven councillors to 995 electors in Shap Urban Ward, and three councillors to 97 electors in Shap Rural Ward.
- 116/10/103 Cllr Warburg suggested that to bring Shap into line with the advice received, there ought to be eight Urban councillors and two Rural councillors. This would not change the number of councillors.
- 116/10/104 Cllr Warburg also told the meeting that anyone can stand for the council in either ward if they live within three miles of the parish boundary.
- 116/10/105 Cllr Hodgson said that it would not make any difference to the councillor numbers.
- 116/10/106 There followed a lengthy and heated debate.
- 116/10/107 Cllr Warburg stated that Rural Ward Councillors can only be elected by the electors in the Rural Ward and Urban Ward Councillors can only be elected by electors in the Urban Ward.
- 116/10/108 Cllr Warburg said that he did not mean to cause any offence but said that was going to propose that the change be made.
- 116/10/109 Proposal: That in future Shap with Shap Rural Parish Council be made up of eight Urban councillors and two Rural councillors. *Proposed: Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Jackson.*
- 116/10/1010 There was secret ballot which resulted in: One abstention, three voted YES, and 6 voted NO. CCC Cllr Lowther acted as teller and declared that the NOs won. THE PROPOSAL WAS THEREFORE NOT CARRIED.

117/10/10 Correspondence

- 117/10/101 A letter from Mandy Jackson asking if the Parish Council would consider helping the event next year by meeting the cost of insurance which is £75. This event is held to raise fund for charity; and the Chairman said that the Parish Council should request to view last year's accounts. Councillors approved supporting the group. in this way. *Proposed: Cllr Weightman, seconded: Cllr Sowerby.*
- 117/10/102 The Clerk will write to Ms Jackson advising her of the Council's decision.
- 117/10/103 Letter from Mr Fleming at A. W. Jenkinson in reply to a letter sent by the clerk regarding speeding issues. The letter reassured the Parish Council that the company instruct their driver on observing speed limits and have procedures in place to deal with any complaints they receive.
- 117/10/104 Eden District Council Draft Corporate Plan. This is a lengthy document which states priorities

- 117/10/105 Cumbria and the Public Spending review. CCC Cllr Lowther explained that the cuts were likely to be bad. Children and the elderly would be least affected. An outline of services that the County Council provide may be viewed on line.
- 117/10/106 The corporate plan is likely to merge services.
- 117/10/107 CALC The Big Society briefing is being held on Saturday 9th October at Newton Rigg and will be attended by the Chairman and Cllr Warburg.
- 117/10/108 Voluntary Action Cumbria – Countywide Businesswomen’s Networking event on 24th November at Roundthorn Hotel Penrith. Small poster –will be displayed on board.
- 117/10/109 Booklets on ‘Growing Communities’ for reference.

118/10/10 Matters for report

- 118/10/101 Cllr Stainton again reported potholes in Moss Grove.
- 118/10/102 Cllr Sowerby reported blocked drains at the Coach-house opposite the Greyhound Hotel.
- 118/10/103 EDC Cllr Hughes reported that the budget will be in draft form – an informal executive will decide on the framework for the budget and this will be passed to Eden District Council in February. He felt that this would affect Shap in some way. Facilities that may be at risk could include the toilets, play area and swimming pool.
- 118/10/104 Cllr Watson reported the drain between Leaside and Fothergill was blocked. The Chairman said that the plan was to empty the drains later in the autumn.
- 118/10/105 Cllr Warburg reported that the road in Rosgill below Rosgill Hall was in bad condition; Cllr Weightman added that another section at the top of Rosgill near Ash Hill was also bad.
- 118/10/106 Cllr Weightman reported that the traffic island at the north end of the village had caused two cars to go off the road into a farmers field.
- 118/10/107 CCC Cllr Lowther said that with winter coming the salt bins ought to be checked and refilled if necessary.
- 118/10/108 He also reported that the Highways Steward Scheme no longer operates, and another scheme ‘Find and Fix’ operates with three gangs of two men who inspect the roads and deal with potholes and blocked drains. He will furnish the Clerk with contact details so that any issues can be reported directly to them.

119/10/10 Date of next meeting 1st November 2010

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.