

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 6th December 2010 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross**

Attendance:

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs A Bindloss, Mrs P Watson, Mr D Mallinson, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg,
District Councillor:	EDC Cllr N. Hughes
County Councillor	CCC Cllr T.Lowther
PCSO	PCSO S. Brownrigg
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	Seven

Public participation:

136/12/10 Apologies for absence Cllr H. Harrison and Cllr M. Weightman.

137/12/10 Before the meeting commenced, a moments silence was held in respect of the late Cllr George Stainton. The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr Stainton’s work; a letter of condolence had been sent to the family on behalf of the parish Council and a copy of this was displayed.

138/12/10 Declarations of interest
Cllr Mallinson declared an interest in item 5.2 and 5.3 CDC Planning application at New Ing, since he owns a neighbouring property.

139/12/10 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 1st December 2010 were signed as a true and accurate record.

140/12/10 Finance

140/12/101 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 30th November 2010. *Proposed Cllr Hodgson, seconded Cllr Sowerby.*

140/12/102 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Wages – 1 st . Dec to 31 st Dec 2010 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£507.65
Clerks Salary – November 2010	£241.00
The Poppy Appeal – Poppy wreath	£16.50
Freedom 2 Surf subscription for 2010-11.	£167.87
A. Milne – grasscutting	£2,880.00
Post Office –postage stamps	£17.80
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£3,830.22

Proposed Cllr Warburg , seconded Cllr Watson

141/12/10 Planning applications These applications were brought forward due to the presence of several members of the public involved with this application.

141/12/101 **Planning Application No 10/0953** – Convert and extend outhouse to enable creation of one new dwelling, along with erection of none new dwelling – New Ing Lodge, Shap for Mr G Newburn

141/12/102 **Planning Application No 10/0954** – Conversion of outhouse to new dwelling and erection of one new dwelling, formation of parking area and formation of gateways – New Ing Lodge for Mt G Newburn.

141/12/103 The Chairman told the meeting that she had been advised that there had been an amendment to these plans; but to date no details had been received from Eden District Council.

141/12/104 Mr Newburn the applicant explained that they were eliminating the parking area, but would be retaining the two dwellings.

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- 141/12/105 Mr Newburn explained that the plan to create parking had been in order to relieve pressure on the shared driveway. The plan to create a gateway into the orchard from the road was also to relieve the shared driveway of walkers.
- 141/12/106 The Chairman said that the issue would require a special planning meeting to discuss it fully once the amendments had been received. This would possibly be between Christmas and New Year.
- 141/12/107 Mr Newburn said that parish councillors were welcome to visit the site.
- 141/12/108 EDC Cllr Hughes said that if there were objections to the plans then the application would have to go to Committee.
- 141/12/109 One letter of objection to this application has been received by the Parish Council.
- 141/12/1010 **Other Planning applications**
- 141/12/1011 **Planning Application No. 7/2010/3084 – Lake District National Park –** Plantation No 601, Shap summit – proposed access road from highway and timber stacking area for Lowther Estate Trust (This is area to sect of A6 on Demmings Moss). No objections raised.
- 141/12/1012 **Planning decision:** Application No 10/0738 Conservatory to side of dwelling Close Cottage, Shap for Ms S Ashberner. GRANTED.

142/12/10 Public Toilets

- 142/12/101 Shap Parish Council had written to Eden District Council objecting to the planned closure of the Public Toilets in Shap. This had been distributed at the consultation evening.
- 142/12/102 The decision to close public toilets would come into effect from April 2012.
- 142/12/103 The decision to close public toilets following consultation was in order to save money.
- 142/12/104 EDC Cllr Hughes said that Eden District Council aimed to see if possibilities can be found to help keep the public toilets open and see if anyone will be willing to take them over. In some places local businesses have agreed to open their toilets to the public for a small fee. Another parish had set up a local trust to run the toilets. Councillor Hughes said his party had tried to delay the process by a further year. He also warned that Parish Councils should not rely on the closure date being April 2012 as in some cases it may come earlier.
- 142/12/105 A letter had been received from Eden District Council and had stated that Parish Councils could invite Cllr Nicholson to attend a meeting to discuss this matter.
- 142/12/106 *Cllr Warburg proposed* that Shap Parish Council invite Cllr Nicholson to meet with them and he said that he would also like to have the Chief Executive present too. This was *seconded by Cllr Hodgson*.
- 142/12/107 The closure of the toilets was deemed to be a disgraceful decision that was not acceptable.
- 142/12/108 All councillors agreed that a meeting be arranged as soon as possible.
- 142/12/109 Cllr Bindloss said that she could not understand the decision when we are being encouraged to attract tourists to our area.
- 142/12/1010 The Clerk will write to Eden District Council to try and get some figures for the cost of running the toilets.
- 142/12/1011 Closure on the grounds that the toilets have a great use by visitors to the district should form the basis of our objections.
- 142/12/1012 A letter is also to be sent to the local MP Rory Stewart.

143/12/10 Lay-by opposite cemetery.

- 143/12/101 No further development to report.

144/12/10 Bus Shelter.

- 144/12/101 The cost of the bus shelter has now been totally funded; all grants have either been received or have been approved.
- 144/12/102 Delivery is anticipated week commencing 20th December – weather permitting.

145/12/10 Budget for Precept

- 145/12/101 Budget forecast sheets and notes were circulated to all councillors.
- 145/12/102 Cllr Warburg explained the calculations.
- 145/12/103 EDC Cllr Hughes said that Eden District Council were withdrawing funding for local swimming pools, so more may be required by Shap Swimming Pool. Recycling credits may also be scaled down significantly.
- 145/12/104 CC Cllr Lowther said that he had no details on this, but thought it likely.
- 145/12/105 There will be a consultation by Eden District Council at the end of January when decisions on cuts would be decided; Cllr Warburg did not think that delaying our submission would help as the information would not be available in time.
- 145/12/106 The Chairman said that calculations had been made as best they could with the information available; if further money was required then the council would have to draw on reserves.
- 145/12/107 The Chairman asked if Councillors accepted the budget.
- 145/12/108 Cllr Mallinson said that he would have liked to have had definite figures.
- 145/12/109 *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Hodgson*. Seven were in favour.

146/12/10 Local Council Election 2011.

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- 146/12/101 There is now a vacancy on Shap Parish Council following the death of Cllr Stainton.
 146/12/102 Since we are within six months of the election we cannot co-opt another councillor and the seat will have to remain vacant until the elections.
 146/12/103 The Chairman said that two people had expressed an interest in becoming Councillors.

147/12/10 Correspondence

- 147/12/101 Lake District National Park – Consultation document on governance arrangements for NPAs . For reference.
 147/12/102 Cumbria County Council – Winter gritting service. The scheme set up last winter is to be run again. Following the letter, seven tonnes of grit and salt have been offered to the parish; this has been accepted but there was no information on when it was to be delivered.
 147/12/103 Eden District Council – Recycling newsletter and tables; Shap is still in fourth position.
 147/12/104 Eden Local Strategic Partnership – Winter warmth Campaign; leaflets to be circulated to the elderly and vulnerable.
 147/12/105 Two further quotes to fell two poplar trees in the Memorial Park; One was considerably less than the others. *Cllr Mallinson proposed that the cheaper quote be accepted subject to viewing insurance details. Seconded Cllr Hodgson.* The Clerk will write requesting the information.
 147/12/106 Email from Cumbria County Council clarifying the situation for individuals clearing snow. No liability should fall on individuals or parish provided that any action taken has not been carried out in a negligent or reckless manner. Clearing a footpath of snow and applying salt to help clear the ice should not leave individuals or parishes open to claims. However pouring boiling water onto ice which then freezes or creating an obstruction by leaving a heap of snow or grit on a road or pavement would very likely be regarded by courts as reckless and unreasonable behaviour.

148/12/10 Matters for report

- 148/12/101 The chairman said that there was an employment issue for discussion. The clerk left the meeting whilst this was discussed.
 148/12/102 The clerk had received her review; and was due for a pay increase; councillors approved that her hourly rate be increased to £8.919.
 148/12/103 The Kick-wall, a quote had now been obtained; from Wicksteed for two kick-walls – one at each end of the court. The cost of this is £17,000.
 148/12/104 PCSO Brownrigg said that he had submitted an application for £1,000 funding on behalf of Shap Parish Council to North Cumbria Police funding; this had been approved by his inspector and it was hoped that another source may match fund this amount; He is still awaiting news; another application is to be submitted to the Police Property Fund.
 148/12/105 PCSO Brownrigg then gave the council some grim news; he said that this would be the last council meeting he would attend as he was being removed from Shap in February, and possibly relocated to Kirkby Stephen. There will be no PCSO allocated for Shap, however contact names will be issued.
 148/12/106 The Chairman said that this was the worst news of the evening; and said that PCSO Brownrigg's presence in the village had made an enormous difference to the village and its young people with whom he had built up an good rapport.. She thanked PCSO Brownrigg for his excellent work in Shap; and said that his presence would be greatly missed. This latest move means that we will all lose out.
 148/12/107 Other councillors responded in a similar vein saying that whilst PCSO Brownrigg had been coming to the village, incidences of anti-social behaviour had reduced dramatically and were now virtually nil.
 148/12/108 CC Cllr Lowther said that he would look into the situation regarding recycling.
 148/12/109 Cllr Sowerby asked if there was any news regarding the Fire Service; and appeal for more fire-fighters had appeared in Shap Today. Another councillor said that several people had responded.
 148/12/1010 Cllr Watson said that the pot holes in Moss Grove were still a problem. The clerk replied that this had been reported to highways. She then reported a hump in the road on Carleton Terrace. Cllr Sowerby replied that Highways had checked the situation and work was in hand.
 148/12/1011 ED Cllr Hughes thanked PCSO Brownrigg for his commitment to Shap. He said the situation at the recycling centre had improved. He said the council could be funded by Eden District Council for small projects, and that government grants were available for community organisers. There was no further news on two-weekly refuse collections but a report was expected in April. He warned councillors that everyone would be entering a different world with 25% to 30% cuts in grants to district councils, however Parish Councils will not be expected to pick up the difference.
 148/12/1012 Cllr Warburg said that key service centres were not suffering the cuts.
 148/12/1013 Mr Priestley a member of the public who has recently become involved with the Youth Club and Sports Hall committee, asked a number of questions related to the Sports Hall.
 148/12/1014 All Mr Priestley's questions were answered, and he was informed that the Parish Council was unable to take the project on; but if the group were able to go ahead with their plans, the Parish Council would support them, but not in a financial manner.
 148/12/1015 A letter had been received from Mrs Beverley Anderson, from Anderson News outlining her concerns about the newly refurbished Co-op store selling newspapers and magazines. She had written to the general manager at Penrith and had been told that it was 'business'. This is not an issue that the

Parish Council can act upon, however councillors were urged to write individually to Penrith voicing their concerns about the impact this would have on an established village business.

148/12/1016A letter had been received from Mr Lowis the street cleaner in response to one sent by the Parish Council. A sub committee will meet to discuss the contents of the letter.

149/12/10 Date of next meeting Monday 10th January 2011

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.