

**SHAP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30 pm  
Venue: Market Cross**

**Attendance:**

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs A Bindloss, Mrs P Watson, Mr D Mallinson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr W Warburg, Mr M Weightman
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	None
PCSO	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

**Public participation:**

**164/2/11 Apologies for absence Cllr. E. Hodgson, Cllr H. Harrison and CCC Cllr T.Lowther.**

**165/2/11 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011** were signed as a true and accurate record.

**166/2/11 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Mallinson declared an interest in Item 5.3 Planning at New Ing Lodge, Shap.

**167/2/11 Finance**

167/2/111 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011. *Proposed Cllr Mallinson, seconded Cllr Bindloss.*

167/2/112 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Wages – 1 <sup>st</sup> February to 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£492.33
Clerk's Salary January 2011.	£254.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>£747.30</b>

*Proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr Weightman*

**168/2/11 Planning applications**

168/2/111 **10/1102 Change of use from shop to form annexe to dwelling house for use as a writers studio – The Buttermarket, Holly Cottage, Keld for Miss K. Hale.**

168/2/112 **10/1103 (Listed Building) Change of use from shop to form annexe to dwelling house for use as a writers studio – The Buttermarket, Holly Cottage, Keld for Miss K. Hale.**

168/2/113 Council declared that they had no objections to these applications.

168/2/114 **Planning Applications for New Ing Lodge, Shap.** A letter had been sent to the planning department following the January meeting and this had been acknowledged.

**169/2/11 Public Toilets**

169/2/111 A meeting had been held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to discuss the future of the toilets.

169/2/112 The Clerk outlined the details of the meeting.

169/2/113 The Chairman said that cost had been obtained and that the Clerk had obtained a quotation for insuring the building for £100,000 for vandalism and damage due to burst pipes..

169/2/114 Councillors wished to have more details of quote and asked that a quote be obtained to cover storm damage, fire and damage by vehicles, also to check on excess.

169/2/115 The Chairman said that she knew there was some reluctance from the council regarding taking on the expense of the toilets.

169/2/116 The Chairman said that it might be a good move to hold a further meeting with Adrian Cozens to clarify the terms of any proposed take over, also to clarify the situation with the rates.

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- 169/2/117 Cllr Warburg said that the £10,000 on offer as a one-off payment was in lieu of demolishing the building. There was also £500 available for running the toilets but it was not certain if this would be available annually on a permanent basis.
- 169/2/118 Cllr Watson asked whether the toilets would incur an additional charge on the Council tax, and the Chairman said that it would not.
- 169/2/119 The Clerk had written to New Balance asking for their support, and the Chairman had spoken to the landlord at the Crown Inn who had said that he did now wish to see the toilets close.
- 169/2/1110 The Chairman asked if the Council wished to take this matter forward, and that a firm decision could be made at a later date. *Proposed Cllr Warburg; Seconded Cllr Mallinson.* There was one abstention.

### **170/2/11 Dog Fouling.**

- 170/2/111 There had been many complaints about dog fouling over the past month and these had been passed to the Dog warden.
- 170/2/112 Two Dog Wardens had visited the village and met with the Chairman, they had posted new notices throughout the village.
- 170/2/113 The Clerk had compiled an article to appear in Shap Today. This warned dog owners of the penalties and health risks caused by dog fouling. It included details on how to report offences.

### **171/2/11 Local Policing – future plans.**

- 171/2/111 The council had received correspondence from Cumbria Constabulary regarding the changes to the Neighbourhood Policing Team, this will from 7<sup>th</sup> February be known as Eden Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 171/2/112 The Lakes and Shap area will have five dedicated officers.
- 171/2/113 We are assured that the Police will still provide 24 hour cover seven days a week, and that Eden has not lost any officer numbers but that they have been deployed more effectively.
- 171/2/114 The Police have been invited to attend Parish Council meetings and have been issued with dates.
- 171/2/115 There have been some reports of nuisance in the village.

### **172/2/11 Bus Shelter**

- 172/2/111 Cllr Mallinson was asked when he could install the bus shelter, as the supplier required three weeks notice.
- 172/2/112 Cllr Mallinson said that early March would be convenient.
- 172/2/113 The Clerk will contact the supplier to arrange delivery

### **173/2/11 Grasscutting tenders.**

- 173/2/111 The Clerk had prepared an advertisement to appear in the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald inviting contractors to apply.
- 173/2/112 The Clerk will contact the last contractor to advise that tenders were invited.
- 173/2/113 The Clerk will contact the newspaper for price and arrange for insertion of advert.
- 173/2/114 The matter of contractors displaying warning signs whilst carrying out grass cutting was raised.
- 173/2/115 It was decided that this be a requirement of the contract.

### **174/2/11 Correspondence**

- 174/2/111 Shap School – a letter updating on progress regarding the realignment of the footpath on the school field.
- 174/2/112 Andrea Bonaker - Countryside Access Team. Permission has been given by Andrew Cox to proceed with improvements to the footpath beside the Sports hall. Chairman had contacted Ms Bonaker regarding a Public Paths Initiative application for this work, and had received a reply to say that all 2010/11 funding had been used and a new budget for 2011/12 was anticipated shortly she advised that our application is submitted as soon as possible.
- 174/2/113 Notification of District Council and Parish Council Elections to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### **175/2/11 Matters for report**

- 175/2/111 Cllr Sowerby asked whether the Highways department had cleared the road drains yet because the one at the Toll bar was overflowing. The Clerk will contact again.
- 175/2/112 The Chairman reported that water had been coming off the railway and had flooded the football pitch and bowling green.
- 175/2/113 EDC Cllr Hughes asked whether anything had developed regarding new employment opportunities in Shap following Shap the way forward consultation days. The chairman said that no meeting had been held in Shap.
- 175/2/114 Cllr Hughes said that CCC Cllr Lowther had indicated that any initiatives should come from Shap Parish Council.
- 175/2/115 The Chairman said that the public will be given a further opportunity to comment on Facebook and the Website, and this would feature at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- 175/2/116 Cllr Watson reported that a vehicle had hit the traffic island north of Skew Bridge. She also reported that the road surface was breaking up south of the entrance to Cemex.

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- 175/2/117 Cllr Mallinson reported that vehicles reversing off the Coop front were a danger to the public and that one lady had recently been hit by a car.
- 175/2/118 The chairman said that the Clerk would write to the Co-op requesting the removal of the bollards and enquiring if there was any progress with the car park following the meeting held with Cllrs Jackson and Hughes.
- 175/2/119 Cllr Weightman asked if the Chip Shop had been taken over.
- 175/2/1110 Cllr Sowerby said that there was still a problem with speeding on Peggy Nut Croft.
- 175/2/1111 The Clerk had contacted Highways about this, and had been told they needed more evidence.
- 175/2/1112 The Chairman said that this matter needs to be addressed, and that Mr Banks be asked to come for a meeting.
- 175/2/1113 Cllr Weightman enquired what state the inside of the Sports Hall was in at present. Cllr Warburg said that no-one had access to the building, only Cumbria County Council.
- 175/2/1114 The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone message about some bollards at Brackenber Lodge. Cllr Sowerby offered to go and look at the situation and report back.
- 175/2/1115 The Chairman reported that an email had been received from PCSO Brownrigg advising that he had secured two grants of £1,000 each towards the cost of the Kick-wall. One was from CDRP and one from North Cumbria BCU Police Fund. The Clerk is to contact both groups to arrange payment.
- 175/2/1116 The Chairman said that the cost for two kick walls was about £13,000. There were other grants being applied for and she asked whether the Parish Council could contribute from surpluses. Cllr Warburg advised waiting to see what the surpluses were at the end of the year.

**176/2/11 Date of next meeting -Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

**The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.**