

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 10th January 2011 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, Mr M Weightman
District Councillor:	Mr N. Hughes
County Councillor	None
PCSO	None
Clerk	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	Three

Public participation:

150/1/11 Apologies for absence Cllr H. Harrison.

151/1/11 The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 6th December 2010 were signed as a true and accurate record.

152/1/11 Declarations of interest

Cllr Mallinson declared an interest in items 5.2 and 5.3 – Planning Application at New Ing Lodge, Shap.

153/1/11 Finance

153/1/111 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st December 2010. *Proposed Cllr Sowerby, seconded Cllr Weightman..*

153/1/112 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Wages – 1 st January to 31 st January 2011 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£417.21
Clerk's Salary - December 2010.	£254.77
Clerks expenses -stationery	£15.67
Total	£687.65

Proposed Cllr Warburg , seconded Cllr Bindloss.

154/1/11 Community Fund grants.

154/1/111 The Chairman invited Mr Oliver Shimell Policy Officer from Eden District Council to address the meeting.

154/1/112 Mr Shimell explained that £50,000 was available each year to use for grants to community schemes, especially any that would generate jobs. The minimum grant was £500.00, and the size of grants were proportionate to the cost of each scheme.

154/1/113 Mr Shimell said that he required any applications to be in by the end of March 2011.

154/1/114 Mr Shimell said that he would like to see an application from Shap.

154/1/115 The grants were not available for sports or youth schemes.

154/1/116 The Chairman enquired whether it might be possible to apply for a top up for the cost of the kick wall – Mr Shimell said that if an application was received it would be considered.

154/1/117 A quantity of application forms were left at the meeting.

154/1/118 Mr Shimell thanked the Parish Council for their time and left the meeting.

155/1/11 Planning applications

155/1/111 **Planning decision – Application 10/0761 – Two storey dwelling adjacent to 7 Foster Street, Shap – GRANTED.**

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- 155/1/112 **Amendment to Planning Application No 10/0953** – Convert and extend outhouse to enable creation of one new dwelling along with erection of one new dwelling – New Ing Lodge, Shap for Mr G. Newburn.
- 155/1/113 **Amendment to 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, Shap for Mr G Newburn.
- 155/1/114 Both the above applications were discussed together since they are for the same property.
- 155/1/115 Three members of the public who live in adjacent properties were present.
- 155/1/116 Three members of the Parish Council had visited the site and expressed concerns about some aspects of the application.
- 155/1/117 Lengthy discussion ensued with both councillors and members of the public and these raised several areas of concern.
- 155/1/118 The Chairman said that the Parish Council was limited in its powers and needed to be fair to both parties, and proposed that a letter be composed by the Clerk and submitted to Eden District Planning department the following day and this would recommend a site visit by the planning committee. *Proposed Cllr Warburg, Seconded Cllr Hodgson* – six councillors voted in favour.
- 156/1/11 Public Toilets**
- 156/1/111 The Clerk read the notes from the meeting held with representatives of Eden District Council at Penrith Town Hall.
- 156/1/112 The Chairman said that the plans to open Lowther Castle would increase traffic through the village and therefore usage of toilets.
- 156/1/113 Cllr Warburg said that the Parish Council needed to get a firm handle on costs of running the toilets.
- 156/1/114 The Chairman said that some investigation needed to be done on costing figures. Details would also be sought regarding water and electricity usage.
- 156/1/115 Enquiries will be made about cost of insuring for £100,000.
- 156/1/116 It was generally felt that it would be terrible shame if the toilets were to close following the rebuilding and refurbishment.
- 156/1/117 It was decided that a Toilet Group be formed to discuss these issues. Those interested were; Cllrs Jackson, Warburg, Sowerby, Mallinson, Weightman. A meeting will be convened shortly.
- 156/1/118 EDC Cllr Hughes wished the group luck with their efforts.
- 157/1/11 Police**
- 157/1/111 Emails had been received from PCSO Brownrigg confirming his relocation to Kirkby Stephen, and outlining the future staffing for communities such as Shap.
- 157/1/112 It was suggested that a representative be invited to attend a meeting to explain the new regime.
- 157/1/113 EDC Cllr Hughes said the Parish Council needed to check whether the liaison meetings will continue.
- 158/1/11 Bus Shelter.**
- 158/1/111 The delivery of the bus shelter was planned for week commencing 20th December, but was postponed due to the weather.
- 158/1/112 The parish Council will await Cllr Mallinson's advice on when to rearrange delivery.
- 159/1/11 Budget Precept.**
- 159/1/111 The precept had been approved at the last meeting, and the form has now been completed and submitted to Eden District Council.
- 160/1/11 Update on meeting held earlier in the day.**
- 160/1/111 A meeting had been held with Mr Lowis the street cleaner to discuss several issues.
- 160/1/112 A letter outlining the relevant points was circulated for approval.
- 160/1/113 The issue of fly tipping had been promptly dealt with, and some clarification was required regarding any prosecution or penalties.
- 161/1/11 Correspondence**
- 161/1/111 Great North Air Ambulance – appeal for funds – they had received a grant at the end of the last financial year.
- 161/1/112 Information on The Great Poppy Party Weekend 10th, 11th and 12th June 2011 to mark 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion.
- 162/1/11 Matters for report**
- 162/1/111 The Chairman asked Cllr Sowerby whether the road drained had been cleared this winter. Cllr Sowerby said that he would check.
- 162/1/112 EDC Cllr Hughes asked whether there were any concerns in Shap regarding the planned closure of the Lonsdale Cinema in Penrith. Cllr Bindloss said that several car loads of people regularly travelled there to play Bingo.

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- 162/1/113 EDC Cllr Hughes said that he had no updates on the negotiation over the Tranfield site and New Balance, he would check on the situations.
- 162/1/114 The Chairman asked EDC Cllr Hughes whether he had attended any recent meeting about the future of the Sports Hall – Cllr Hughes said that he had not. The Chairman asked how big the group was, and Cllr Hughes replied that there were about five people.
- 162/1/115 Cllr Watson expressed concern about the cuts in funding for swimming pools.
- 162/1/116 Cllr Hodgson said that the problem in the road at Carleton terrace reported at last meeting had been attended to, but now there was a hollow where there had been a hump. Cllr Sowerby said that the road was now alright.
- 162/1/117 Cllr Mallinson reported that there had been several instances of vehicles speeding on the approaches to the medical centre and wondered whether some traffic calming measure could be instated. The Clerk will write to Highways regarding this.
- 162/1/118 The Chairman said that the Christmas tree supplied by TaTa Steel and Hanson had been very nice, and asked that the Clerk write to both companies thanking them.
- 162/1/119 The Chairman said that she was meeting with a representative from another supplier of Kick Walls the following day to obtain a second quote of the costs.

- 163/1/11 Date of next meeting** Monday 7th February 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.