

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Monday 1st November 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:	None
County Councillor:	None
Police:	None
Clerk:	Mrs J. Scott-Smith
Public:	One

Public participation:

120/11/10 Apologies for absence

120/11/101 Apologies were received from CCC Cllr T. Lowther, EDC Cllr N. Hughes, PCSO S. Brownrigg.

121/11/10 **The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 4th October 2010** were signed as a true and accurate record.

122/11/10 **Declarations of interest** None

123/11/10 Finance

123/11/101 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 31st October 2010. *Proposed Cllr Bindloss , seconded Cllr Mallinson.*

123/11/102 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Payments made between meetings:

BT Telephone bill by Direct Debit on 27/10/10	£65.56
Post Office Ltd – HMRC NI & Tax pmt Qtr 2	£4242.39
Total	£489.95

Payments for approval this meeting:

Wages – 1 st . Nov to 30 th Nov 2010 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	£507.05
Clerks Salary – October 2010-11-02	£241.00
W. E. Hudson – weed control	£60.00
Shap Memorial hall – rent Shap the Way Forward days.	£26.00
Shap Local History Society – rent second part (rates & electricity)	£500.00
L. Newton – honorarium internal audit	£75.00
DTec – Computer sundries	£34.00
Total	£1,443.05

Proposed Cllr Hodgson, seconded Cllr. Watson

124/11/10 Planning applications

124/11/101 Although no planning applications appeared on the Agenda, an application had been received too late for inclusion, however since the Council had previously dealt with applications for the same site, the Chairman deemed that the application could be discussed.

124/11/102 **Planning Application 10/0761** – Two Storey dwelling on land adjacent to 7 Foster Street, Shap for Mr & Mrs J. H. Sharpe.

Signed(as a true record)

Date

124/11/103 Applications have been received for this same plot on three previous occasions, and had either been refused or withdrawn. This was an amended plan.

124/11/104 Council RESOLVED to make no objections to this application.

125/11/10 Footpaths

125/11/101 Andrew Cox has now responded to the Parish Council's request that he reconsider the matter of the footpath alongside the Sports Hall.

125/11/102 Mr Cox had agreed for work on the footpath to commence early next year.

126/11/10 Public Toilets

126/11/101 In the light of financial cuts planned by Eden District Council, there are new concerns with regard to the future of the Public Toilets in Shap.

126/11/102 Cllr Warburg has responded to the Corporate plan.

126/11/103 He explained that expenditure is divided into four categories.

126/11/104 Cllr Warburg has objected on the grounds that a key objective of the economy in Eden is tourism, and that public toilets are essential to tourism.

126/11/105 The future of public toilets will be discussed in council by EDC on 25th November.

126/11/106 EDC Cllr Hughes feels that the Shap public toilets will go.

126/11/107 The public toilets would cost somewhere in the region of £6,000 per annum to run; and if the Parish Council chose to take responsibility, some sustainable revenue to meet the cost would have to be sourced.

126/11/108 Eden District Council plans to keep public toilets in Penrith, Appleby and other main service centres where there is probably other provision. Shap is a local service centre and therefore needs to have public toilets.

126/11/109 The Clerk will write to Eden District Council outlining the concerns of the Parish Council.

127/11/10 Lay-by opposite cemetery

127/11/101 Highways department would have to dig the area out, but Hanson have a team who can lay tarmac, and they may be approached to supply and lay the tarmac.

128/11/10 Lay-by extensions

128/11/101 The work on the lay by extensions are now completed.

128/11/102 Work is in progress to repair the broken drains at the junction with Cross Garth.

129/11/10 Bus Shelter

129/11/101 The £1,000 that was expected from CC Cllr Tom Lowther's Community Fund, had been missed off the agenda at the County Council meeting. The next meeting will not be held until 30th November.

129/11/102 The Chairman asked whether the Parish Council could fund that part of the cost at least for the interim. *Proposed: Cllr Hodgson; Seconded Cllr Sowerby.*

129/11/103 The Bus Shelter will be ordered very shortly.

130/11/10 Budget for precept

130/11/101 A meeting had been held earlier in the day, and sheets showing the Budget Updates were distributed.

130/11/102 Another meeting will be held and proposals handed to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

130/11/103 Cllr Warburg ran through the figures and proposed virements. *Proposed Cllr Warburg Seconded Cllr Mallinson, All agreed.*

131/11/10 Report on Quarries Liaison meeting

131/11/101 A brief resume of the meeting held on 12th October was given by the clerk.

132/11/10 Shap – the way forward.

132/11/101 A report on the meeting held on 25th October was given by the clerk.

132/11/102 It is hoped to have a plan in place by the beginning of next year.

133/11/10 Correspondence

133/11/101 **United Utilities re: Wet Sleddale tree felling.** The tree felling plans were put on hold following representation from the Red Squirrel group,. A survey for red squirrel activity proved negative, and plans are now in hand to commence felling from mid to late July 2011.

133/11/102 EDC – re Council savings Proposals

133/11/103 **Green Spaces – Information for file**

133/11/104 **Rural Broadband information** – taken by Cllr Warburg for perusal.

133/11/105 **LDNPA Core Strategy & proposals** – large document for reference.

A further letter has advised of further proposals.

133/11/106 **West Cumbria Managing radioactive waste** – information.

Signed(as a true record)

Date

133/11/107 **Police funding fro Kick wall.** Information has been received advising that some funding may be available from the Chief Constable's Property fund. This would be quite a small amount around £250.

133/11/108 **EDC emails re: recycling centre and street cleaner.**
 Following a complaint to EDC made by ED Cllr Hughes regarding fly tipping at the recycling centre,
 there and
 Eden District Council sent their warden to inspect the site. The warden had met John Lewis
 Mr Lewis had stated that he refused to clean the recycling area.
 This was reported to the Parish Council.
 Cleaning of the recycling area was part of Mr Lewis's duties, as the Parish Council had
 undertook to
 keep the recycling centre clean under their contract with Eden District Council.
 everywhere.
 The Chairman said that the centre was never perfect, and that fly tipping was a problem
 Council who
 Mr Lewis was not expected to remove fly tipping, but should report incidents to the Parish
 would then report the matter to Eden.
 Mr Lewis was however expected to clear up any litter in the centre.
 Council.
 The Chairman said that Mr Lewis tends to be abusive, and this is not acceptable to the Parish
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 A letter should be sent to Mr Lewis in the form of a written warning, a draft letter was read to the
 meeting. *Proposed Cllr Warburg; Seconded Cllr. Mallinson* five were in favour, there were
 abstentions.

134/11/10 Matters for report

134/11/101 Cllr Stainton reported pot holes and a ridge in the road at the junction with Moss Grove.

134/11/102 Cllr Sowerby reported that the sewer cover just north of the junction with Croft Avenue is loose.

134/11/103 Cllr Hodgson reported that an alarm had been going off constantly at the Tranfield site for a week.
 The clerk will report the matter to Environmental Health department.

134/11/104 Cllr Watson reported that the street light south of Prospect House was not working – this is for the third time recently.

134/11/105 Cllr Warburg reported on the Big Society meeting; the County Council boundaries are to be reviewed, and a decision made on the number of County Councillors by 2011.

134/11/106 Cllr Harrison said that trees on the Wet Sleddale road were now an impediment to vision, and needed to be trimmed.

134/11/107 The Chairman reminded Councillors that Remembrance Day was on Sunday 14th November, and Cllr Stainton was chosen to lay the Parish Council wreath.

134/11/108 A quote for felling two trees in the Memorial Park had been received and was quite expensive, a further quote is awaited.

135/11/10 Date of next meeting 6th December 2010

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.