SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING, Held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.30pm Venue: The Market Cross, Shap

Attendance:

Chairman/Vice Chairman:	Cllr. J. Jackson
Councillors:	Cllr. A. Bindloss, Cllr. A. Sowerby, Cllr. N. Lindwall, Cllr. N. Capron, Cllr. D. Mallinson, Cllr. G. Crowe, Cllr. L. Langdale, Cllr. L. Snaith
Unitary Councillor:	UCllr. N. Vecqueray
Clerk:	Mr G. Grace
Public:	None

Apologies for absence – Cllr. W. Jones – work commitments. Apologies accepted.

Minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 3rd March Council RESOLVED that these be approved.
Proposed: Cllr. N. Lindwall, Seconded: Cllr. A. Bindloss - all in favour.

1/04/26 **Declarations of interest** – None
2/04/26 **Requests for dispensation** – None

3/04/26 **Finance**
The statement of accounts for March was circulated. Proposed: *Cllr. N. Capron. Seconded: Cllr. N. Lindwall. All approved.*

Payments received account 170:		
Lunesdale Utd MuGA hire		£180.00
Public toilet costs xfer		£10,434.87
Westmorland and Furness		£872.28
	Total	**£11,487.15**

Payments received account 281:		
Paypal toilet donations		£28.20
Toilet donations Feb		£53.73
Lakeside creations grant		£2,000.00
	Total	**£2,081.93**

Payments between meetings:		
BG sports lighting		£38.51
Waterplus water bill		£36.31
BG sports lighting		£38.27
Amazon – Union Jack Flag		£22.99
The Radar Key company		£210.00
	Total	**£309.77**

3.2 Council RESOLVED the following payments be made. *Proposed: Cllr. L. Snaith. Seconded: Cllr. G. Crowe. All approved.*

Wages 1	£586.85
Wages 2	£268.42
Wages 3	£146.52
Wages 4	£219.78
Natwest Service Charge	£6.45
Vodafone broadband	£23.85
BG Public toilets electricity	£31.69
Huws Gray – building supplies	£2,195.78
Swimming Pool Grant	£3,683.66
National Non-domestic rate bill	£785.92
Nayax	£24.00
ALDI	£14.97
Amazon – stationary	£6.48

Cumbrian Fruit		£346.00
South Lakeland Orachard Group		£64.00
Ms M Hughes and Mr P Kerr		£90.00
	Total	**£8,494.37**

3.3 A finance update was summarised by the Chairman and the Clerk and surplus funds will be transferred into the reserves.

3.4 The Parish Councils insurance policy was reviewed by councillors in March and the existing policy cover was considered adequate - covering all Council assets and operations including public liability.

3.4 A grant application made by Shap Swimming Pool for the replacement of gas boilers was considered and awarded by the full council. Proposed Cllr. J. Jackson, Seconded Cllr. L. Snaith. All approved.

4/04/26 Planning applications

4.1 Decision notice. 2026/0052/HOU. Location: Laithholme Main Street Shap Penrith CA10 3PH. Proposal: Erection of front porch. Applicant: Mr D Richardson. Approved with conditions.

4.2 Decision notice. 2025/2062/FPA. Location: Green Trees Hardendale Shap Penrith CA10 3LQ. Proposal: Change of use of part of agricultural barn to form additional accommodation to dwelling; external and internal alterations and replacement car port. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Adam and Kay Wood and Lord. Approved with conditions.

4.3 LDNPA 7/2026/3018. Location: Rosgill Bridge, Rosgill. Proposal: To replace the timber and Metal support of the bridge parapet where a RTA happened. Applicant: Mr Joe Jackson Westmorland and Furness Council. No comments or objections were raised by the council.

4.4 Decision notice. LDNPA 7/2025/3173. Location: Proposal: Forestry Track. Applicant: Lowther forestry partnership. Decision: Approved NOI (Agriculture).

4.5 2026/0540/REG77. Location: Land adjacent Lea Field Shap Penrith CA10 3PZ. Proposal: Regulation 77 application for a 5 pitch campsite. Applicant: Sharelle Broughton. No objections were raised by the council.

5/04/26 Highways

5.1 The Clerk reported on various issues in March raised by residents and Councillors.

5.2 Drain surveys have been carried out by W&F on the Croft Avenue/ A6 junction, and near the Coop, to help rectify issues with road drainage.

5.3 Hand railings have been replaced at the Pow Lane Junction.

5.4 Correspondence from Laura McClellan W&F Traffic Management team leader, was shared with Councillors about proposed alterations at Low Well. Observations were made about traffic flow and reduced off road parking. However, it was noted that the Low Well belongs to the Parish Council, and it is not a car park. Plans will be developed in the coming year and W&F will support the Parish Council with advice from a highways perspective. Clerk to respond to Laura McClellan.

6/04/26 Memorial Park

6.1 Cllr. L. Langdale carried out the inspection of the Shap Play Area. No new issues to report.

6.2 Pressure washing/cleaning of the Rosgill play area was recommended.

6.3 MuGA surface cleaning is expected to take place 07/04/26.

6.4 Lunesdale Utd have cancelled their ongoing hire arrangement of the MuGA citing dissatisfaction with the condition of the playing surface. Another group have begun playing regularly on a Thursday.

6.5 Cllr. N. Capron, Cllr. D. Mallinson and the Chairman attended a meeting with the bowls club. Concerns were raised that club membership numbers are decreasing. The club are seeking someone to take on the groundsman role, following the resignation of Brian Johnson, and are looking into various options.

7/04/26 Public toilets

7.1 The public toilets are waiting for plumbing work and electrical second fix to be carried out. Opening date to be confirmed. Cllr. D. Mallinson provided the update.

8/04/26 106 Bus

8.1 Cllr. A. Sowerby updated the Council on the 106 partnership. Service delivery has been taken over by Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches and Westmorland and Furness Council are expected to take back the commissioning of the 106 bus route. The 106 bus group will keep the charity running as a 'back-up' until after the AGM in 2027, but will not be fundraising during this period. The 2026 AGM will take place on Wednesday 18th November, 7pm at Shap Memorial Hall.

9/04/26 Force Beck Woods

9.1 The Chairman reported that the Easter Egg hunt event held at Force Beck Woods was a great success. Lots of people attended the event and took part in replenishing the dead hedge. Logs have been placed by the entrance gateway to create a new seating area.

10/04/26 Audit Preparation

10.1 The Council has put in place an action plan to meet the new Assertion 10 audit requirements. Work on the website and Council email addresses has been put on hold until July 26 to help manage the Clerks workload.

11/04/26 Upcoming meetings

11.1 The Annual Parish Open Meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm –This meeting is open to all residents and groups to hear the Chairmans annual report, report any concerns, and plan for the year ahead.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Date of next meeting: the next meeting of the Council will be May 5th at 7:30p.m. **Venue**: The Market Cross.