SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING, Held on Tuesday 3rd March 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. W. Jones. Cllr. G. Crowe, Cllr. L. Langdale, Cllr. L. Snaith
Unitary Councillor:	UCllr. N. Vecqueray
Clerk:	Mr G. Grace
Public:	None

Apologies for absence – none

Minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 3rd February Council RESOLVED that these be approved.
Proposed: Cllr. N. Capron, Seconded: Cllr. W. Jones - all in favour.

124/03/26 **Declarations of interest –** Cllr. A. Bindloss – agenda item 5.3 (127.3 minutes)
125/03/26 **Requests for dispensation** – None

126/03/26 **Finance**
The statement of accounts for February was circulated. Proposed: *Cllr. N. Capron. Seconded: Cllr. W. Jones. All approved.*

Payments received account 170:		
Lunesdale Utd MuGA hire		£120.00
Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Grant		£1,000.00
Fireworks donations xfer		£30.91
Public toilet costs xfer		£8,460.74
	Total	**£9,611.65**
Payments received account 281:		
Paypal toilet donations		£0.93
Market money xfer		£100.00
PCC grant xfer		£2,500.00
	Total	**£2,600.93**
Payments between meetings:		
Arco Ltd		£124.01
Amazon – ink cartridges		£32.35
Fireworks donation xfer		£100.00
PFCC grant xfer		£2,500.00
	Total	**£3,060.23**

126.2 Council RESOLVED the following payments be made. *Proposed: Cllr. N. Lindwall. Seconded: Cllr. D. Mallinson. All approved.*

Wages 1 *estimate*	£499.07
Wages 2	£263.02
Wages 3	£146.52
Wages 4	£219.78
Natwest Service Charge	£4.80
Vodafone broadband	£20.91
BG Public toilets electricity	£119.02
Waterplus water bill	£36.31
Huws Gray – building supplies	£2,257.51
Barnhill Donkey Sanctuary	£50.00
Shap Playgroup	£50.00
NS&I to transfer fireworks income	£380.91
R. Iveson – tractor parts	£73.68

Healthmatic – toilet doors		£9,249.00
Shap Today contribution *estimate*		£600.00
A.Milne Grasscutting *estimate*		£6,120.00
	Total	**£20,090.53**

118.3 A finance meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th March at 7pm to discuss the budget and insurance renewal. NL, AS, AB, NC, DM.

127/03/26 Planning applications

127.1 Decision notice. 2026/0026/TPO. Location: St Michael's Church Jackson's Lane Shap CA10 3LD. Proposal: Beech TPO No TPO3-T3 identified as T1 on Worksheet and Tree Risk Survey. The tree has had a recent aerial inspection and a further ground survey with a QTRA score of 2,P,3, 1/3K. This is an unacceptable risk to the public/property and I request to fell the tree on safety grounds. Applicant: Mr Andy Ramsay – Westmorland and Furness Council. TPO Approved.

127.2 Decision notice. 2024/2358/FPA. Location: Land East of M6 Motorway, Shap, CA10 3LG. Proposal: Temporary planning permission for 40 years for a proposed change of use of agricultural land to a mixed use of agricultural and for the siting of a solar farm, battery energy storage system (BESS), access improvements and ancillary development including ecological enhancements. Applicant: Abei Energy Green V Ltd (Abei Energy Ltd). Refused. Cllr J. Jackson spoke at the W&F committee meeting representing the views of Shap Parish Council.

127.3 2026/0301/FPA. Location: Buildings Northwest of Keld Lane Shap Penrith CA10 3NA. Proposal: Change of use of agricultural buildings to a dwelling, including associate operations. Applicant: Lonsdale Settled Estates. Councillors discussed the proposal and noted that a water main and drainage culverts are located within the proximity of the proposed development. Currently, water escapes from the road onto farm land which reduces the effect of surface water flooding - concerns were raised about the proposed alterations leading to increased flooding incidents and associated risks. The barn is an agricultural building which is used for farming operations year-round. A change of use would have a detrimental effect on a local business. The proposed development is also outside the curtilage of Shap village which is linear in form and character. The Parish Council objected to the plans based on the concerns raised. Proposed: J. Jackson. Seconded: N. Lindwall. One Councillors abstained from the vote. Clerk to respond to consultation with material concerns.

127.4 2026/0084/DISC. Location: Fell Garage, Main Street, Shap, CA10 3PZ. Proposal: Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 3 (production of a 30 year Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP)) and the Biodiversity Net Gain Deemed Condition, attached to approval 2025/1711/FPA. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Darren & Sharelle Broughton. Decision Type: Approval of Details Reserved by Condition(s). Discharge Of Conditions.

128/03/26 Highways

128.1 The gulley sucker visited the village in February to empty gulleys, following a report made by the Clerk.

128.2 UCllr. N. Vecqueray reported on the new road markings being installed by W&F highways, which have been delayed due to issues with the contractor. Once line markings have been installation, the community will be consulted on proposed parking restrictions.

129/03/26 Memorial Park

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

129.2 The Council discussed the condition of the MuGA playing surface which is holding water and has been affected by the use of grit in icy conditions. Clerk to seek quotations for pressure washing the surface to help improve drainage.

129.3 Two groups are now hiring the MuGA on a regular basis.

129.4 Brian Johnson is retiring as groundsman of the bowls club next year. The club are seeking support from the Parish Council. Chairman to arrange a meeting with the Committee. The Chairman, Cllr.A. Sowerby, Cllr. N. Capron, and UCllr N. Vecqueray hope to attend a meeting.

129.5 Clerk to purchase a new flag for the Memorial Hall flag pole.

129.6 The Chairman and Cllr. A. Sowerby met with Network Rail at Forcebeck Woods to discuss the condition of trees near the railway. Network Rail will carry out work to remove trees where necessary. Logs will be left on site to create new seating areas.

130/03/26 Public toilets

130.1 The Chairman provided an update on progress. Cllr. W. Jones has installed the tiled floor. Most of the plumbing work has been completed but electrical work needs to be carried out before walling is installed. The Parish Council hope to open the new facility at the beginning of April, in time for the tourist season.

130.2 The working group will meet to review progress and plan next steps 6/03/26 at 9.30am.

131/03/26 Cumbria Resiliance Community Hub

131.1 The Memorial Hall will be used as the Resilience Hub in emergency situations. Cllr. G. Crowe to help manage this ongoing project.

132/03/26 Rosgill Phone Box Adoption

132.1 The Parish Council now has legal ownership of the Rosgill telephone box. A grant application to BHF for a defibrillator has been declined. Clerk to seek quotations for a defib.

133/03/26 Easter egg hunt

133.1 An egg hunt organised by the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th April at 10.30am. Cllr. L. Snaith to make a poster to advertise the event. Clerk to prepare a risk assessment and purchase easter eggs.

134/03/26 Flood report

134.1 A report setting out the next steps for the flood report project was presented by Cllr. N. Lindwall. Cllr. N. Lindwall recognised the efforts of Alan Sowerby for providing a significant amount of local knowledge and observations which have helped guide the project. Cllr. N. Vecqueray, Cllr N. Lindwall and Cllr. A. Sowerby to attend a meeting with stakeholders – date tbc.

135/03/26 Policies for Adoption

135.1 Shap Parish Council adopted a new Freedom of Information Policy and publication schedule, a Lone Working Policy, and an IT Policy. Proposed N. Capron. Seconded Cllr. L. Snaith. Policies are reviewed each year in May.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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