SHAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING, Held on Tuesday 5th May 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, Cllr. W. Jones.
Unitary Councillor:	UCllr. N. Vecqueray
Clerk:	Mr G. Grace
Public:	One

Apologies for absence – None

Public Participation – Suzanne Stolberg attended the meeting to introduce herself as the LDNPA member for the East Distinctive Area. Details were shared about the Public Information Event at Bampton Village Hall on the 7th and 8th June regarding tree works at Haweswater Reservoir and Infrastructure works planned for Blea Water.

Minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 7th April March Council RESOLVED that these be approved.
Proposed: Cllr. N. Capron, Seconded: Cllr. A. Sowerby - all in favour.

12/05/26 **Declarations of interest –** None
13/05/26 **Requests for dispensation** – None

14/05/26 **Finance**
The statement of accounts for March was circulated. Proposed: *Cllr. N. Capron. Seconded: Cllr. N. Lindwall. All approved.*

Payments received account 170:		
HMRC VAT		£3,265.47
Westmorland and Furness tree grant		£500.00
25-26 toilet costs transfer		£241.50
	Total	**£4,006.97**
Payments received account 281:		
Toilet donations March		£33.95
	Total	**£33.95**
Payments between meetings:		
HMRC PAYE		£247.80
BG sports lighting		£15.08
Microsoft 365 subscription		£84.99
Amazon – moss treatment		£13.99
	Total	**£361.86**

14.2 Council RESOLVED the following payments be made. *Proposed: Cllr. G. Crowe. Seconded: Cllr. A. Bindloss. All approved.*

Wages 1	£553.70
Wages 2	£277.22
Wages 3	£152.52
Wages 4	£228.78
Natwest Service Charge	£9.60
Vodafone broadband	£24.41
BG Public toilets electricity	£28.45
Huws Gray – building supplies	£670.03
Waterplus water bill	£61.61
CEF	£843.14
NS&I transfer end of year surplus	£3,990.05

WR pressure washing		£1,200.00
Clear insurance renewal 3 year term		£1,636.81
Lonsdale Settled Estates		£14.40
	Total	**£9,690.72**

15/05/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

15.1 Internal audit completed by R. Kelly. Work to be undertaken on the Parish Website 26-27 to make it compliant with WCAG 2.2 AA / Accessibility Regulations. Action plan agreed April 2026.

15.2 Councillors agreed the designation of reserves 26-27. Earmarked reserves £15,465.40, Restricted reserves £3,878.80, General reserve £31,593.00. Proposed: Cllr. N Lindwall, Seconded: Cllr. W. Jones.

15.3 The Clerk shared the Annual Governance Statement 25/26 (section 1) with Councillors and requested its approval. The statement was approved in full and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

15.4 The Clerk shared the Accounting Statements 25/26 (section 2) with Councillors and requested their approval. The statement was approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

16/05/26 Planning

16.1 Appeal 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). Chairman to make additional comments before the deadline 22/05/2026.

16.2 Correspondence with Kath Joynt | Enforcement Officer (Development Management) was shared with councillors.

17/05/26 Highways

17.1 The Clerk shared correspondence from John Banks (W&F highways) regarding damage to gulleys at Croft Avenue and Derwent House. Remediation work is required.

18/05/26 Memorial Park

18.1 Cllr. L. Langdale carried out the inspection of the Shap Play Area. Moss is starting to grow on the astroturf in the play area - some cleaning required. Cllr. D. Mallinson to agreed to reattach the net on the MuGA.

18.2 MuGA surface cleaning was carried out 23/04/26. Water supply from the Bowls club was used. SPC to reimburse the Bowls club for costs incurred.

18.3 The Clerk has informed Lunesdale United that remediation work has been completed.

18.4 Clerk to work with Skate Park group to complete Francis Scott grant monitoring report.

19/05/26 Public Toilets

19.1 The Public Toilet refurbishment has been completed. Electrical checks need to be carried out before the toilets are officially opened.

19.2 Proposed opening day to be decided by the working group. Total funding remaining. £3,028.84.

19.3 New signage to be designed at a working group meeting 08/05/26.

19.4 Press release to be arranged by the Clerk and the Chairman. Provisional date for official opening June 12th at `11am.

19.5 Disabled toilet door to be restored to disabled access only.

20/05/26 Upcoming meetings

20.1 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 8.15 pm.

Date of next meeting: the next meeting of the Council will be June 2nd at 7:30p.m. **Venue**: The Market Cross.