

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

N O T I C E

The first two meetings of the new

AMENITIES (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE

will be held;

1. Inaugural Meeting - Wednesday, 20th September at 7.30pm

This will be an informal meeting to discuss details of areas to be covered by the advisory committee. An agenda for the following meeting will also be made.

2. First Minuted Meeting - Thursday, 28th September at 7.30pm

Items discussed will be taken to the October Parish Council meeting for formal propositions and ratification.

VENUE FOR BOTH MEETINGS: The Office, Manor Farm.

Members of the above committee;

Mr I Thomson - Chairman of Sherington Parish Council

Mr A Pilcher - Vice-Chairman " " "

Mr M Cook - Parish Councillor

Mrs W Haynes - Parish Councillor

Mr A Whatton - Voluntary Tree Warden

Mr E Pepper

Mr O Powell

Pearl Teasdale
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council
14th September 1995

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities (Advisory) Committee on Monday, 13th November 1995

at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: The Office, Manor Farm

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Maintenance of Grass Areas:
 - 2.1. The Knoll & Play Area
 - 2.2. Sports Field
3. Moving of Lamp Post on The Knoll
4. Fencing of Play Area
5. Bus Shelter
 - 5.1. Maintenance & Insurance
 - 5.2. Official Opening
6. Recreational Area (Perry Lane)
 - 6.1. Poles for Lighting
 - 6.2. Old Pavilion
 - 6.3. Sports Pavilion
7. Other Matters for Discussion
8. Date of Next Meeting

For distribution to the following members:

Chairman of PC	- Ian Thomson
Vice-Chairman of PC	- Tony Pilcher
Parish Councillor	- Michael Cook
Parish Councillor	- Wendy Haynes
Voluntary Tree Warden	- Archie Whatton
Co-Opted Member	- Edward Pepper
CO-opted Member	- Oliver Powell

Pearl Teasdale
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Amenities (Advisory) Committee Meeting held on Monday, 13th November 1995

1. Present. Councillors: Mr A Pilcher (Committee Convenor), Mr M Cook,
Mr I Thomson,
Co-opted Members: Mr O Powell, Mr A Whatton.
Apologies received from Councillor Mrs W Haynes, Mr E Pepper

No notes had been taken of the Inaugural Meeting held 20th September and the meeting planned for 28th September had been cancelled.

2. Maintenance of Grass Areas:

2.1 The Knoll & Play Area.

Options considered:

- a) price per cut or hourly rate
- b) go to tender or request Giles Ferris to continue his services for 1996/97.

Recommendations: Request Giles Ferris to continue at hourly rate, as now.
This option provides more flexibility and time for mower maintenance.
The committee believes we gain added benefit from Giles Ferris by his willingness to take on all work with minimum of supervision.

Precept: £400.00 plus depreciation for mower and strimmer.

Action No. 1: Request Clerk to confirm council rate for cutting 2 acres of mixed land to give a comparison of costs - based on available figures, ie £372 for 94/95.

2.2 Sports Field.

Options considered: As in 2.1.

Recommendations: Renew contract with Sinfield Landscapes (Andy Allen) for cuts when necessary and with Giles Ferris for edge of field with small mower.

Precept: £350.00 for mowing, plus £300.00 for spraying.

Action No. 2: Request Clerk to obtain verbal quote for coming year from MKBC.

Compare quotes from MKBC with Sinfield Landscapes & Giles Ferris if necessary.

Action No. 3: Request Clerk to obtain costs for spraying field in spring 1996.

3. Moving Lamp Post on The Knoll.

Options considered:

- a) move lamp post so that light shines in shelter and over roadway
- b) position post about 2 metres from back of shelter and light over small path.

Recommendations: to move as in b) above. To request Mr Derek Ferris to meet representative from MKBC regarding this.

Action No. 4: Clerk to enquire of MKBC if a more suitable post could be installed.
Mr Pepper to talk with Mr Gadsby about a suitable post and where one may be obtained.

4. Fencing of Play Area.

Options considered: whether to re-fence problem area.

Recommendations: Complete update of boundary lines.

Action No. 5: Clerk to request representative from MKBC should meet committee to offer suggestions: how to improve the area; suggest costs and possible grants.

Action No. 6: Mr Pilcher to obtain costings for fencing the rear boundary.

Action No. 7: Request be sent to the Sherington First School PTFA for help in erecting fence in springtime/or recruit other labour.

Suggested precept: £320.00 fencing plus £150.00 labour. (There was no agreement re this matter so is included for discussion only.)

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5. Bus Shelter.

5.1 Maintenance & Insurance.

Options considered on maintenance:

- a) MKBC to be requested to assist with maintenance.
- b) The PC to maintain the shelter.

Recommendations on maintenance: In view of the previous correspondence the Clerk had from MKBC, it is unlikely the Borough will assist with maintenance. PC possibly better body to carry this out.

Precept for maintenance: £50.00 in first year.

Options considered on insurance:

Value of shelter £7000.00 (including £4500.00 in materials). Malicious damage insurance to be considered.

Recommendations on insurance:

Insure for £7000.00 and include malicious damage.

Precept for insurance. This to be included in annual premium for main policy. Clerk to advise at next PC meeting.

5.2 Official Opening.

Options considered: Names suggested for openers: Borough Councillor Pat Seymour, Major Chester, Mr Brian Hansford.

Date of opening: Boxing Day, New Year's Day.

Recommendations: Bor Cllr Pat Seymour for opener and date - New Year's Day.

Action No. 8: Clerk to continue to seek further suggestions from other councillors and residents.

6. Recreation Area (Perry Lane).

6.1 Poles for Lighting.

Options considered: whether poles should be situated left or right of pavilion.

Recommendations: poles are needed for football training, but siting to be agreed with club.

Action No 9: Clerk to enquire of MKBC if planning permission is required for 4 poles.

6.2 Old Pavilion.

Options considered: To creosote or not during the coming year.

Recommendations: To complete the work during the spring of 1996.

Precept: £75.00 for materials plus £25.00 for labour.

Action No. 10: Clerk to advertise for maintenance person via SCAN.

6.3 Sports Pavilion.

Options considered: To give a coating of Sadolin in spring 1996.

Recommendations: To carry out the work as necessary.

Precept: £50.00 materials plus £25.00 labour.

7. Other Matters.

7.1 Gravel on The Knoll. The drive outside nos 1, 2 & 4 needs pea shingle.

Options considered: To seek voluntary labour.

Recommendations: To carry out work asap with voluntary labour.

Precept: £100.00 materials.

7.2 Trees on The Knoll. Two or three trees need removing.

Options considered: To carry out the work by voluntary labour under the instructions of Mr Whatton.

Recommendations: To ask PC to agree this work should be carried out.

7.3 Trees in Play Area. Some trees need attention.

Options considered: To lop various branches as necessary.

Recommendations: Mr Whatton requests PC ask Mr Mike Inskipp to carry out the work.

Precept: Cost of work and insurance TBA.

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7.4 Undergrounding.

Options considered: whether or not to precept for the extra amount requested by EME, via MKBC.

Recommendations: Precept for the additional amount, but wait until the money is demanded. Mr Oliver Powell to be given permission to look over the contract.

Precept: £1500.00

7.5 New Ride-on Mower & Strimmer.

Precept: Depreciation - £250.00 for mower, £50.00 for strimmer.

Maintenance - £80.00 for mower. 7.6 Small Mower.

Options considered:

a) to buy a new small mower

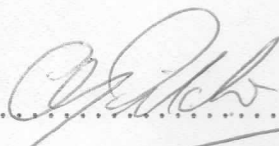
b) to allow Giles Ferris to use his small mower at a minimal cost to PC

Recommendations: as b) above.

Precept: taken into consideration with the mowing costs.

8. Date of Next Meeting. This to be either the 2nd or 4th Thursday in February '96

Signed.....



SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities Committee to be held on Tuesday 20th February 1996

at 8.00 pm

Venue: Manor Farm Office

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Grass Cutting Programme
5. Consideration of Estimate of PC Grass Cutting (copy attached)
6. Any further reports
7. Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Pearl Teasdale
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Committee Members:

Parish Councillor Michael Cook
Parish Councillor Wendy Haynes
Parish Councillor Tony Pilcher
Parish Councillor Ian Thomson
Mr Edward Pepper
Mr Oliver Powell
Mr Archie Whatton

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Amenities (Advisory) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th February 1996

1. Present. Councillors: Mr A Pilcher (Committee Convenor), Mr M Cook,
Mrs W Haynes, Mr I Thomson
Co-opted Members: Mr E Pepper, Mr O Powell, Mr A Whatton.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were agreed and signed by Mr Pilcher

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

The Knoll & Play Area (2.1.11/95) Mr John Price MKBC is still to contact Mr Ferris re site visit and advice on the best way forward to improve the area.

Recommendations: Mr Cook's name and telephone number to be given to Mr Price as he may have had difficulty in making contact with Mr Ferris.

Action No. 1: Request Clerk to contact Mr Price at MKBC.

Moving Lamp Post on The Knoll (3.11/95)

The new lamp post is in position and is in keeping with surrounding area.
The electricity is still to be connected.

No further action required.

Bus Shelter (5.1 & 5.2.11/95)

The bus shelter has been insured and officially opened.

No further action required.

Poles for Lighting (6.1.11/95)

Planning permission is required to erect poles on recreation field.

Further action to be recommended at a later date.

Gravel on The Knoll (7.1.11/95)

Further action to be recommended at a later date.

Trees on The Knoll and in Play Area (7.2. & 7.3.11/95)

Contractors have been appointed by the PC and some work carried out. Further work to be completed as weather permits.

Further action to be recommended as or when necessary.

Undergrounding (7.4.11/95)

The Clerk has had a telephone conversation with Mike Ryan at MKBC. He is to make further contact with Roger Grew at BT. The PC is concerned the work at Church End is not forgotten.

Recommendations: That Mr Pilcher contacts Roger Grew if necessary to discuss the hold-up in the programme.

Action No. 2: Request Mr Pilcher to do as recommended above if MKBC is unable to move forward with BT.

4. Grass Cutting Programme. Grass cutting to go ahead in 1996 as prepared chart.

Recommendations: Andy Allen (Sinfield Landscapes) be asked to continue the contract for the sports field.

Recreation Field Committee should meet to discuss grass cutting of field.

Action No. 3: Clerk to contact Sinfield Landscapes re cost of this year's contract.

Action No. 4: Mr Thomson to convene a meeting of the Recreation Field Committee.

Grass cutting in other areas to be considered under next item.

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5. Consideration of Estimate of PC Grass Cutting. An estimate has been received from Giles Ferris ("Man with a Mower") and circulated to all committee members. Mr Pilcher explained the document in detail and there was considerable discussion.

An offer of services has also been received from W Loftus Gardens of MK.

Recommendations: A letter be sent to Giles Ferris thanking him for his estimate and explaining PC policy of having to consider three estimates and the necessity of giving equal opportunities to all village residents to tender for the work of grass cutting. Committee also recommended Giles Ferris be ask to contact St Laud's Church with his proposal for putting up the hourly rate for the maintenance of the churchyard and asking for the Church Committee's agreement for "The Man with a Mower" contract to be with the PC only (and the PC to charge St Laud's Church accordingly).

Action No 5: Mr Pilcher telephoned Parish Councillors Mrs K Hayes and Mr B Holliss re the above recommendations. Mrs Hayes agreed action should be taken to see other estimates. Mr Pilcher left a message on Mr Holliss's answer-phone to contact the Clerk on this matter.

Action No 6: Clerk to write to Giles Ferris informing him of the recommendations.

Action No 7: A third estimate be obtained from W Loftus Gardens (a second one has already been received from MKBC and considered by the PC).

Action No 8: A notice be put in SCAN seeking estimates from local residents who could carry out grass cutting under contract.

6. Any further reports.

6.1 Sherington Cricket Club. Mr Cook reported on the cricket club not being in a position to use the sports field this coming season.

Recommendations: To offer the cricket facilities to other clubs.

Action No 9: The Clerk to write to MKBC stating the PC has a cricket facility available for any local club to use.

Action No 10: Mr Cook to contact Stoke Goldington Cricket Club and offer the facility.

Payment for the hire of the above to be arranged.

6.2 Unmetalled Roads. Mr Cook reported on the action being taken by BCC in seeking out unmetalled roads in the north of the county. The Clerk has just received a letter from BCC regarding this matter.

Recommendations: To seek advice from County and Borough Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour who has had experience of this matter.

Action No 11: This item to be on the agenda for next Parish Council meeting.

7. Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Tuesday, 21st May 1996 at 7.30 pm. Venue: Manor Farm Office.

The committee thanked Mr Cook for the use of his office.

Signed.....

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities (Advisory) Committee on Tuesday, 21st May 1996

at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: The Office, Manor Farm

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll
 - 3.3 Undergrounding
 - 3.4 Sherington Cricket Club
 - 3.5 Poles for Lighting at Recreation Area (Football Club)
4. Improvement of Play Area
5. Conservation Area Character Statement
6. Other Matters for Discussion
7. Date, venue and time of next meeting

For distribution to the following:

Chairman of PC	- Tony Pilcher
Vice-Chairman of PC	- Ian Thomson
Parish Councillor	- Michael Cook
Parish Councillor	- Wendy Haynes
Parish Councillor	- Derek Ferris
Co-opted Member	- Archie Whatton (Tree Warden)
Co-opted Member	- Edward Pepper
Co-opted Member	- Oliver Powell

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Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Amenities (Advisory) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st May 1996

1. Present. Councillors: Mr A Pilcher (Committee Convenor), Mr M Cook, Mrs W Haynes, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes.
Co-opted Members: Mr E Pepper, Mr O Powell.
Apologies received from Mr A Whatton.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting. Giles Ferris ('Man with a Mower') has the contract with a fixed price for 2 years.
Extra insurance cover will be charged to PC (approx £100).
Clerk has written to Giles Ferris asking to see insurance cover before a cheque is paid for this.
No further action required.
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll. There are difficulties at nos 2 & 3 The Knoll regarding the water mains and further holes may need to be dug.
Action to be recommended at a later date.
 - 3.3 Undergrounding. The work has not yet been finished satisfactorily as there is still one pole on The Knoll with cables attached.
Recommendations: Mr Pilcher to contact Roger Grew at BT. The Clerk to contact Mike Ryan at MKBC.
Action No. 1. Enquire if pole can be removed in terms of the contract.
 - 3.4 Sherington Cricket Club.
Recommendations: Mr Thomson to contact Cricket Club regarding equipment stored in pavilion, which needs to be insured.
Action No. 2. Clerk to contact Mr Thomson re the above.
 - 3.5 Poles for Lighting at Recreation Area (Football Club). Mrs Haynes reported that the Football Club are reconsidering the matter and may try to obtain scaffolding poles, rather than old telegraph poles.
No action to be taken until Football Club contacts PC.
4. Improvement of Play Area. The draft specification, prepared by Mr Ferris, was agreed. Discussion took place regarding size of fencing.
It was agreed that 5ft fencing would be more stable, with 2 mtr intermediate posts.
Drainage pipe to be 3" with 1½" shingle. Area to be finished with grass seed.
No planting to be carried out until later in the year.
Payment to contractors to be: usual terms, less 5% retention for 3 months after completion.
Action No. 3. Mr Ferris to type specification and invite fixed price quotations.
Quotations to be returned to the Clerk by 2nd July.
Action No. 4. Clerk to contact Mr John Price again for names of contractors.

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5. Conservation Area Character Statement. Notice re Public Meeting on 7th June has already been typed to send to Sherington households with SCAN. There is to be an exhibition of photographs and leaflets at the Public Meeting. A meeting to organise the mounting of photographs etc. at 6 School Lane on Monday, 3rd June at 8.00 pm.

Action No. 5. Mr Pilcher to liase with Mr Pepper regarding photographs.

Action No. 6. Mr Ferris to obtain leaflets from MKBC.

Action No. 7. Mr Pepper to supply boards and photo-copies of scripts from the draft statement.

6. Other Matters for Discussion.

6.1 Insurance for Councillors. Councillors are recognised as 'employees' for insurance purposes, so they are covered if damage is caused to a third person.

6.2 Pavilion. Roof tiles need replacing. Inside pavilion needs to be cleaned before the Beavers start to use the premises.

Action No. 8. Mr Pilcher to obtain tiles from Mr Bernard Haynes and then fix them.

Action No. 9. Mrs Haynes to clean the pavilion next week.

Action No. 10. Clerk to notify Mrs Jeeves that the Beavers may use the premises from Thursday 6th June.

6.3 Old Pavilion. Repairs needed on old pavilion.

Recommendations: Mr Pilcher and Mr Oliver to discuss the matter of repairs.

The matter then to be taken up by Mr Thomson and the Recreation Field Committee.

7. Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Tuesday, 10th September 1996 at 7.30 pm. Venue: Manor Farm Office.

The committee thanked Mr Cook for the use of his office.

Signed.....

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities (Advisory) Committee on Tuesday, 10th September 1996

at 7.30 p. m.

Venue: Sherington First School

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll
 - 3.3 Undergrounding
 - 3.4 Sherington Cricket Club
 - 3.5 Pavilions
4. Improvement of Play Area
5. Resignation of Councillor Ian Thomson
 - 5.1 Member to be co-opted to Amenities Committee
 - 5.2 Chairman of Recreation Field Committee to be appointed
6. Other Matters for Discussion
 - 6.1 Right of Way: The Knoll
 - 6.2 Any further matters
7. Date, venue and time of next meeting

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Parish Councillor	- Wendy Haynes
Parish Councillor	- Derek Ferris
Co-opted Member	- Archie Whatton (Tree Warden)
Co-Opted Member	- Edward Pepper
Co-opted Member	- Oliver Powell

NOTE: This meeting will follow the Special Meeting of the Parish Council to discuss WOAD FARM (GFX HARTIGAN LTD)

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Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Amenities (Advisory) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th September 1996

1. Present. Councillors; Mr A Pilcher (Committee Convenor), Mr M Cook, Mrs W Haynes, Mr D Ferris,
Co-opted Members; Mr E Pepper, Mr D Powell, Mr A Whatton,
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were agreed,
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting. Mr Pilcher asked if there had been any complaints about the Parish grass cutting. There had not been any complaints.
Mr Pepper asked if the verges in Water Lane should be cut by MKBC.
Recommendations; The mower to be serviced at the end of the season.
Clerk to inspect the Section 136 plan re Water Lane verges.
Action No. 1. Clerk to write to Giles Ferris and ask him to contact Odell's re servicing the mower. Also enquire if there is any damage to the machine.
Action No. 2. Contact MKBC if Water Lane verges are shown on plan.
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll. After discussion it was agreed that extra may be purchased for The Knoll as this had been included in 1996/97 precept.
Recommendations; Investigate the possibility of using an emulsifier to bind the pea gravel to the tarmac.
Action No. 3. Mr Pepper investigate the possibility of using an emulsifier.
Action No. 4. Mr Pepper to look into the amount of pea gravel required.
 - 3.3 Undergrounding. A letter had been received from Mike Ryan at MKBC confirming that, as far as the Borough is concerned, the work on The Knoll has now been completed (inspite of the fact that the remaining BT is still in situ).
Work at Church End to be started by EME shortly.
Recommendations; To seek help from Mr Wilmin at BT with regard to removing the pole.
Action No. 5. Clerk to write to Mr Wilmin seeking confirmation that removing all poles from The Knoll was in the original plan.
 - 3.4 Sherington Cricket Club. The date set aside for the clearing of the old pavilion and making an inventory of the Cricket Club's equipment is **Saturday, 28th September at 9.00 am.**
Action No. 6. Clerk to notify Mr Peter Hogg of this date.
 - 3.5 Pavilions. Weeds need to be removed between the paving slabs. Some repair work to tiles needs to be carried out. Boarding needs repairing on old pavilion.
Recommendations; The above mentioned jobs to be discussed and/or carried out on 28th September.
Action No. 7. Mr Cook to obtain some 'Roundup' for weeds.
The Guides and Brownies wish to use the pavilion on Monday 16th September, The Cub Scouts would like to use the pavilion throughout the winter, (Beavers transferring to the Village Hall.)
Recommendations; Hire of the pavilion to the above, free of charge, (six months for Cub Scouts, as for all new organisations), but metered electricity to be paid for by organisations.
 - Action No. 8.** Letter to be sent to Mr Jeeves, giving the above mentioned information.

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4 Improvement of Play Area. Kings End Construction had been contacted, A provisional date for starting the work is 16th September, This date to be confirmed by Kings End with Mr Ferris. It has been agreed with Mr Hine that his boundary be totally cleared except for the trees, It was agreed that the planting may be too big a job for totally voluntary labour,

Recommendations: Planting to take place either in autumn or next spring,

Action No, 9, Clerk to enquire of Acorn Nurseries about a suitable planting scheme and the company's cost for carrying out the scheme,

5. Resignation of Councillor Ian Thomson.

5.1 Member to be co-opted to Amenities Committee. It was agreed that it is not necessary to co-opt another member to the committee at this stage,

No further action required,

5.2 Chairman of Recreation Field Committee to be appointed. Mrs Haynes agreed to be the person responsible for liaising between the PC and the sports clubs (only the Football Club at the present time),

Recommendations: To dispense with the Recreation Field Committee,

No further action required,

6. Other Matters for Discussion.

6.1 Right of Way: The Knoll. Mr Pilcher wished this matter to be raised again as the matter had not, as yet, been finalised,

Recommendations: Look into the matter again and raise previous correspondence, It may be only necessary for each letter to be signed by owner of appropriate property,

Action No, 10, Clerk to look at copies of previous correspondence, Matter for next Parish Council meeting,

6.2 Any further matters.

6.2.1. Football Pitch. Mrs Haynes said the football club wished to turn the football pitch around, This will encroach on the present cricket square,

Recommendations: The Football Club be allowed to change the direction of the pitch, When the Cricket Club recommenses some arrangements can be made then about a new cricket square,

Action No, 11, Mrs Haynes to inform the Football Club of the above decision,

6.2.2 Showers at the Pavilion. It was reported that one shower is not working and some plaster and tiles are coming away from the wall,

Mrs Haynes said that as there are now 35 players some of them may be able to carry out the repairs,

Recommendations: Mrs Haynes to investigate if any of the footballers are willing to carry out the repairs,

Action No, 12, The above to be inspected by those meeting at the pavilion on the 28th September,

6.2.3 New lock for field gate. Mrs Haynes said she had been unable to fit the new lock,

Action No, 13, Mr Pilcher to sort out the problem,

7. Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Tuesday, 10th December 1996 at 7.30 pm, Venue: Manor Farm Office,

Signed,

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities (Advisory) Committee on Tuesday, 18th February 1997

at 8.00 p.m.

Venue: The Office, Manor Farm

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 10th September 1996
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll
 - 3.3 Undergrounding
 - 3.4 Sherington Cricket Club
 - 3.5 Pavilions
 - 3.6 Improvement of Play Area
 - 3.7 Right of Way; The Knoll
 - 3.8 Football Pitch
 - 3.9 Showers at the Pavilion
 - 3.10 New Lock for Field Gate
4. Other Matters for Discussion
 - 4.1 Insurance of Equipment
 - 4.2 Problems at Sports Field Car Park
 - 4.3 Any further matters
5. Date, venue and time of next meeting

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Parish Councillor	- Wendy Haynes
Co-opted Member	- Archie Whatton (Tree Warden)
Co-Opted Member	- Edward Pepper
Co-opted Member	- Oliver Powell

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Vice-chairman of PC	- Barry Holliss
Parish Councillor	- Derek Ferris
Parish Councillor	- Katie Hayes
Parish Councillor	- Roy Smith

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Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Amenities (Advisory) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th February 1997

1. Present. Councillors: Mr A Pilcher (Committee Convenor), Mr M Cook, Mrs W Haynes.
Co-opted Members: Mr E Pepper, Mr O Powell, Mr A Whatton.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were agreed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting. Mr Pilcher reported the mower has been serviced. The Clerk is awaiting comments from Mr Ferris about this. Invoice has been received. The Clerk has checked the number of cuts 'The Man with a Mower' has made during the season. These are: Play Area - 11; The Knoll - 12; Sports Field - 11, Church - 12½ (all out of possible 14 cuts each). St Laud's Church has repaid £375 to the PC for the labour of churchyard mowing.

Recommendations: Clerk to check all is satisfactory with the mower.
Action No. 1. Cheque for payment of service to be sent to Odell's if mower is satisfactory.

Recommendations: 'Man With a Mower' continue with 2 year contract.
Action No. 2. Letter to be sent to Giles Ferris asking him to continue with the second year of the contract when necessary.
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll. Mr Pepper reported that using an emulsifier will be a lot more expensive than just laying pea gravel (approx £21 per tonne).

Recommendations: To use an emulsifier if not too costly.
Action No. 3. Mr Pepper obtain a quote for above and pass to Clerk for PC mtg.
Action No. 4. Work to be carried out in May (with or without emulsifier).
 - 3.3 Undergrounding. There was considerable discussion regarding both The Knoll and Church End. It was agreed the whole job of undergrounding in both places should be finished.

Recommendations: To enquire about special funding to help with The Knoll and find money from the PC budget to fund Church End.
Councillors to meet at **7pm at Church End on 04.03.97** for site mtg.
Action No. 5. Mr Pilcher to contact BT re Environment Grant.
Action No. 6. Clerk to contact Roger Grew at BT next month.
Action No. 7. Clerk to write to Mr Wilmin to confirm the removal of the BT pole was on the original plan.
Action No. 8. Clerk to photocopy plan of Church End for all councillors and recommend that all meet prior to next PC mtg (as above).
 - 3.4 Sherington Cricket Club. ALL MATTERS ACTIONED
 - 3.5 Pavilions. The pavilions have been cleaned. Replacement of some timbers still to be carried out. Cub Scouts are still using the pavilion on Tuesdays.

Recommendations: Weatherboarding and creosote be purchased.
Action No. 9. Purchases be approved by PC and work to be carried out late spring.
Recommendations: Councillors pop into the pavilion to see the Cub Scouts & Leaders.
Action No. 10. Mrs Haynes to see how the Cubs are progressing.
Action No. 11. Clerk to prepare draft letter to Mr Jeeves regarding use of pavilion and transfer to Village Hall if and when it becomes available.

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3.6 Improvement of Play Area. Ditching and fencing work ACTIONED.
Planting to take place on *Saturday, 1st and Sunday, 2nd March.* Mr Hine agreed for the plants to be delivered to The Old Rectory in School Lane on *Thursday 27th, or Friday 28th February.*

Action No. 12. Clerk to contact Acorn Nurseries re deliveries as above.

3.7 Right of Way: The Knoll. This matter needs to be finalised.

Recommendations: A draft letter be prepared to send to owners of nos. 1 & 2 The Knoll.

Action No. 13. Clerk to prepare letter and present it to next PC meeting.

3.8 Football Pitch. Matter of pitch being moved has been ACTIONED.

The matter of new poles is still being discussed by the club.

3.9 Showers at the Pavilion. The tiling is broken again.

Recommendations: The tiling is repaired.

Action No. 14. Mrs Haynes to contact Mr John Arnold regarding repair.

3.10 New Lock for Field Gate. The gate is locked at present, but this is causing problems for small children who wish to play in the field.

Recommendations: Lock be removed temporarily and area monitored.

Action No. 15. Gate to be unlocked immediately, but be relocked if there is a nuisance with cars driving into the field.

4. Other Matters for Discussion.

4.1 Insurance of Equipment. As the equipment is not being used at the moment, it was suggested that it may be better to sell the mowers and purchase again when necessary.

Recommendations: Equipment not to be insured against theft as yet. Councillors to discuss sale of same.

Action No. 16. Item to be placed on agenda for the March PC meeting.

4.2 Problems at Sports Field Car Park. The Police will not put problem, of young people in the car park, on the computer until the next incident is reported. Mr Cook has offered to deliver top soil to Mr Ranger for replanting of his lawn. OTHER MATTERS HAVE BEEN ACTIONED.

4.3 Any further matters.

4.3.1. Section 136 Arrangements. Mr Pilcher outlined the problems associated with this matter. There is an imbalance between grass cutting and street lighting. MK Council has been asked to deal with this fairly.

The verges outside the village enveloped (previously maintained by BCC) will not come into the 136 arrangements.

PC is expecting a letter from MK requesting the required number of grass cuts per year to be identified, ie 6 or 12. MK recommends the number of cuts is reduced from 14 to 12 per year.

4.3.2. Grass Triangle School Lane/Church Road. The stones around the triangle are broken and the grass is being eroded again (mostly by re-cycling lorries).

Recommendations: To consider putting edging stones/stays around the triangle.

Action No. 17. Site meeting 7pm 04.03.97, prior to PC meeting.

4.3.3. Waste Lane next to Sherington Rectory. Mr Whatton commented that this area had not yet been cleared. Matter is being dealt with by Cllr Mrs Seymour.

4.3.4. E.O.A.T. Mr Cook reported this matter will now be dealt with by MK Council after April.

5. Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Tuesday, 10th June 1997 at 7.30 pm. Venue: Manor Farm Office.

Signed.....

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities (Advisory) Committee on Tuesday, 10th June 1997

at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: The Office, Manor Farm

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18th February 1997
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Grass Cutting
 - 3.2 Gravel on The Knoll
 - 3.3 Undergrounding
 - 3.4 Insurance of Equipment
 - 3.5 Pavilions
 - 3.6 Waste Land next to Sherington Rectory
 - 3.7 Right of Way: The Knoll
 - 3.8 Showers at the Pavilion
4. Other Matters for Discussion
 - 4.1 Tree for Play Area (to be cared for by Playgroup)
 - 4.2 Problems of tree stumps in the Play Area
 - 4.3 Any further matters
5. Date, venue and time of next meeting

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Member	- Parish Councillor Michael Cook
Member	- Parish Councillor Wendy Haynes
Co-opted Member	- Archie Whatton (Tree Warden)
Co-opted Member	- Edward Pepper
Co-opted Member	- Oliver Powell

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman of PC	- Barry Holliss
Parish Councillor	- Derek Ferris
Parish Councillor	- Katie Hayes
Parish Councillor	- Roy Smith

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CANCELLED

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Amenities (Advisory) Committee
on Wednesday, 22nd October 1997 at 7.30 pm
Venue: The Office, Manor Farm.

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Composition, function and format of the Amenities Committee
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18th February 1997
(meeting planned for 10th June had been cancelled)
4. Matters arising from the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Grass Cutting
 - 4.2 Gravel on The Knoll
 - 4.3 Undergrounding (The Knoll and Church End)
5. Other Matters for Discussion:
 - 5.1 Parish Partnership Fund - 1997/98
Quotations for Projects
 - 5.2 BCC Site (Sherington Hill)
Letters sent re Environmental Grant
 - 5.3 Dog Bin
Samples of posters, scoops, liners
 - 5.4 Football Club
Alterations to Pavilion & Installation of External Lighting
 - 5.5 Any further matters
6. Date, venue and time of next meeting.

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Amenities (Advisory) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd October 1997
at The Office, Manor Farm.

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors: Mr A Pilcher (Committee Convenor), Mr M Cook, Mrs W Haynes, Mr R Smith. Co-opted Members: Mr E Pepper, Mr A Whatton.
Apologies were received from Mr O Powell (Co-opted Member).
2. **COMPOSITION, FUNCTION AND FORMAT OF THE COMMITTEE:**
 - i) **Composition.** The Committee composed of three councillors and three members of the public, with expertise in specific areas. It was set up to discuss particular difficulties, especially with regard to grass cutting, football and cricket clubs, as the Recreation Field Committee was no longer meeting.
 - ii) **Function.** The function is to discuss items, which take up time at PC meetings and to advise the PC.
 - iii) **Format.** Not to continue the format as previously, but the Committee agreed to refer back to the PC to ask if it wants such a Committee to continue.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 1997.** Mr Pilcher briefly reminded the committee of what was discussed at the previous meeting.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
 - 4.1 **Grass Cutting.** Appreciation was expressed for the work that has been carried out by Sinfield Landscapes on the sports field and by Man with a Mower in other parts of the village. It was recommended letters of thanks, for the excellent work, be sent to Andrew Allen and Giles Ferris PC to be reminded that:
 - a) contracts for grass cutting will need to be renewed,
 - b) the mower is now 2 years old. It had been previously considered appropriate to change the mower at regular intervals.It was noted that the hedge at the side of the recreation field needs trimming back (not lowering). J W Cook & Son will carry out this trimming as they are owners of the hedge.
 - 4.2 **Gravel on The Knoll.** The Committee advises the PC that 5 tonnes of peashingle, at a cost of approximately £100, is needed. Voluntary help is available to lay the shingle.
 - 4.3 **Undergrounding (The Knoll and Church End).** The Clerk advised that she is now able to progress the Church End scheme as the residents and St Laud's Church have agreed to pay the extra £400 for the period style lamp to be placed by the lychgate.
5. **OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.**
 - 5.1 **Parish Partnership Fund 1997./98.** Mrs Haynes read the letter from Mr Ferris about the problems of the PC not having considered the projects in greater detail. The Committee felt it could not decide on all the projects suggested because they do not have details of the full costings and this matter should be discussed with all members of the Council.
The Committee recommended the three following projects be pursued:
 - i) **Bollards Around Village Hall/Play Area Car Park.** Quotations should be requested from three contractors, ie Brian West, F J Morris, Kingsend Construction. Specification: 18 x 2'6" bollards fixed well in concrete at regular intervals around the edge of the car park.
 - ii) **Commemorative Tree.** Three quotations to be sought, from local nurserymen, for a mature Red May tree to be planted on the corner of Park Road and Gun Lane. (The £100 to include the planting.)
 - iii) **Two Seats.** Quotations to be obtained for the purchase and fixing of two seats - one to be placed on The Knoll (to replace the old seat removed when Bus Shelter was built); the other on the corner opposite Manor Farm.
 - 5.2 **BCC Site (Sherington Hill).** Letters have been sent to John Best (Strategic Director Environment) and Shanks & McEwan requesting a grant from the Environmental Panel. Mr Cook advised the Committee that he has been notified of the meeting to be held on Thursday, 23rd October.

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5.3 Dog Bins. MKC has advised a campaign should precede the fixing of the dog bins in School Lane. Samples of posters, leaflets, scoops and liners were available at the meeting. One member is concerned about the health hazard of installing a dog litter bin. The Committee is not convinced of 100% success rate.

5.4 Football Club. The design, drawn by Mr Ferris, has been seen by the Committee. The Committee suggests the PC advises the Football Club to get quotations for the work from professional builders - noting the PC's responsibility for the building and quality of finished work.

The plans discussed do not include the external lighting. Mrs Haynes said planning permission is not required because the lights will not be permanently fixed.

Both projects will be funded in full by the Football Club.

5.5 Any Further Matters.

5.5.1 Hammerhead Turn, Water Lane. Mr Cook to discuss this with Mr Buckle at a site meeting. The Committee advises widening the gate of the J W Cook & Son field and only using that side of the lane for the turn, so that properties the other side of Water Lane are not involved.

5.5.2 Water Lane Sewer. Earlier in the meeting Mr Pepper had expressed extreme concern about this matter. The Clerk reported that she has now contacted the Anglian Water Area Manager, Mr Woolley, who will arrange for CCTV to record any problems in the pipes. The recording will be shown to the Clerk on her video. Anglian Water is firmly of the opinion that the problem is not that of insufficient capacity. The Clerk has told Mr Woolley the residents of Water Lane are sure it is a capacity problem.

The local Anglian Water representative, Mr Price, has requested the use of the Village Hall Car Park for an information caravan to be parked on Friday, 9th January 1998, (9am - 4pm). This has been agreed with Mr Arnold, who has asked the Clerk to send a letter to the V H Secretary, Mrs Inskipp.

The ditch in The Leys and Elborough Field will be inspected by Anglian Water.

5.5.3 Nursery Sign, Olney Road. This sign is considered a distraction for motorists when turning off the by-pass towards Sherington. The Clerk to enquire if planning permission has been sought for the sign.

6. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

No date was set for another meeting, but it was agreed to ask the PC how it will deal with:

- 1) projects and the need for discussing them,
- 2) general amenities, eg grass cutting,
- 3) sports clubs, ie Football Club & Cricket Club (if it is reformed),
- 4) the need to have an unminuted get-together between councillors.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Signed.....



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