

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held in Village Hall Thursday 18 March 1982 at 8.0 pm.  
pursuant to notice.

Present: Messrs Smith (Chairman), Ferris, Cook, Cheeseman,  
Williams, Holliss, Stedden

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held 14 April  
1981 were read, agreed and signed.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Smith commented on:

- Royal Wedding Celebrations
- Flooding 2nd June 1981. This was the worst in living memory. The Chairman thanked Mr Ferris, in particular, for his comprehensive report which had been presented to the Borough of Milton Keynes and minuted in previous Council minutes.
- Planning application for 24 houses in the village off the High Street which had been successfully opposed.
- The water/gas failure early in the New Year. This had been dealt with by the Authorities responsible.
- Preparation of Village Plan and report sent in by Sherington Parish Council stating their views.
- Precept monies.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ferris for his support, and Mr Holliss in connection with public services, Mr Williams for environmental work, Mr Stedden for Jubilee fund and the offer of his services as necessary, Mr Cook and Cheeseman for their work for the Recreational Field Committee and to Mrs Cook for her support.

The Chairman then thanked Mr Whitehead and Major Burgess for their support throughout the year.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following points were raised:

Mr Whitehead commented on the 6" terracotta pipe in Hillview which he felt was insufficient in size to take flows of water.

Mr G Fleet commented on the flooding to the road from Sherington Bridge to the Woad, Newport Pagnell. The Clerk was instructed to query with BCC the question of gullies on this section of road being cleared which it was generally felt would lessen the problem.

Mr Fleet also commented on the wooden posts erected down Water Lane, many of the posts being in disrepair so soon after erection. To be placed on next Parish Council agenda.

Major Burgess commented on the low attendance of residents at Council meetings and thanked Council for their efforts and tolerance which was greatly appreciated. His assistance was offered should the Council require help.

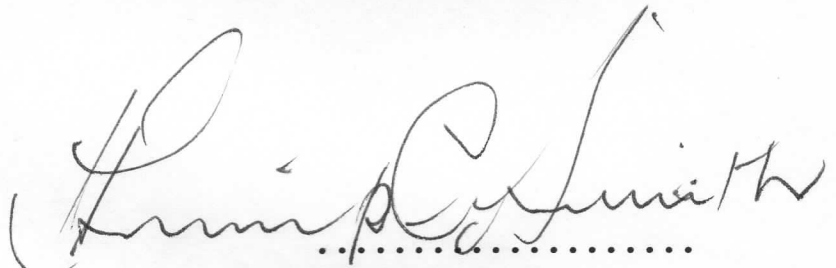
Mr Fleet queried whether salt was to be made available for next winter and thanked the residents responsible for clearing Sherington roads during the recent bad weather.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Hollis thanked all persons making deliveries throughout Sherington during the recent bad weather. The Chairman following a Parish Council meeting had included these comments in SCAN magazine.

Mr Cook commented on the large parcels delivered by the Postlady and Postman in Sherington.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

  
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Chairman

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of ANNUAL PARISH meeting held 7 April 1983 in the village hall at 8.00 pm pursuant to notice.

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1. PRESENT

Councillors: P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, D Cheeseman,  
Jack Cook, J Stedden, D Williams

Apologies : B Hollis

2. AGREEMENT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held 18 March 1982 were read, agreed and signed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

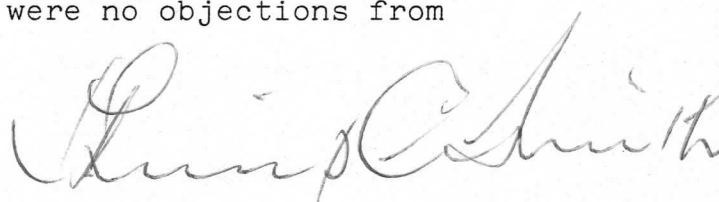
The Chairman commented on:

- a) that Rev. J Corfield was to leave the parish for a new appointment
- b) the Council are making application to the Borough for a new proposed Pavilion
- c) the Sherington Village effort on their bike ride and of monies raised for 2 hospital beds and the donation to Willen Hospice.
- d) there would be a new Parson in September - Rev. Philip Haynes
- e) the Sherington Plan which had been under discussion by Council had been generally accepted
- f) the consecration of the new Church graveyard on 27 March 1983
- g) the proposed new footpath in the High Street.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for their efforts and hard work throughout the previous year.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- a) Letting of Stonepits Close - an offer of £81.00 made by J W Cook and Son was accepted.
- b) Planning Application 22 Carters Close (Mr Steedon), the Chairman advised there were no objections from neighbours.



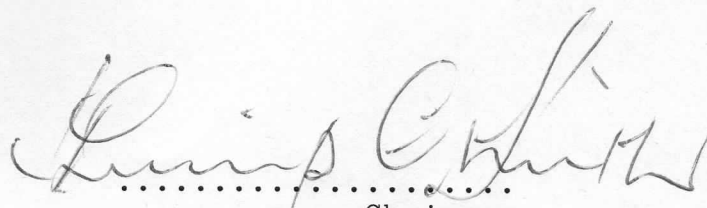
- c) Grass Cutting The Knoll/Play Area - both Mr John Kitchen and Mr David Hutton had agreed to continue on the previous years rates - carried.
- d) D Williams spoke on retirement of Mr George Fleet and expressed gratitude to Mr Fleet for his services in the Village for over 30 years. The Parish wished him well in his retirement.
- e) Jack Cook - on 23 April 1984 in conjunction with Cricket Club, a film show was to be held in the Village Hall to fund raise for the new proposed Pavilion.

On the question of labour for the proposed Pavilion, Youth Opportunity was mentioned and this would be further looked into.

- f) D Cheeseman - 5 May 1983 is Election Day for Sherington, closing date for nominations 9 April.
- g) Valerie Galloway - spoke on the Village Plan and its effects. The Chairman advised that Council had accepted the Plan in principle. Any alterations/improvements, the Borough would discuss with the Parish Council prior to implementation.
- h) Peter Gardner - questioned the responsibility for livestock in Stonepits Close.
- i) V Whitehead - agreed to all literature etc for Age Concern being forwarded on to him for circulation.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Williams would not be standing for election and thanked him for his services to the Village.

Thanks were also recorded for Councillor H Powell-Sheddon and also Mr Burgess and Mr Whitehad for their attendance and support over the last 12 months.

  
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Chairman  
1 May 1984

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of ANNUAL PARISH meeting held 26 April 1984 in the village hall at 8.00 pm pursuant to notice.

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1. PRESENT

Councillors: P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, Jack Cook,  
John Cook, P Gardner

Apologies : J Stedden, D Cheeseman

2. AGREEMENT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held 7 April 1983 were read, agreed and signed.

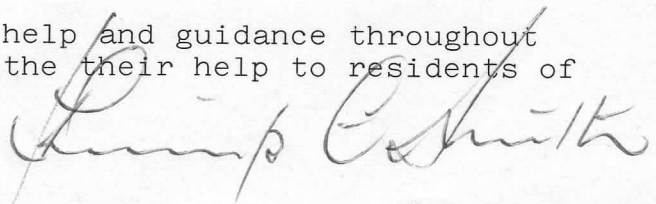
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commented on:

- a) the adoption of the Sherington Village Plan
- b) the 1983 Elections - Councillors B Hollis and D Williams did not stand; Councillors elected - Peter Gardner and John Cook.
- c) a bike ride had been held in 1983 and the funds raised (some £600.00) donated to St Lauds Church for roof improvements
- d) village improvements - 24 hr. lighting scheme throughout the village, implemented by way of grant aid from BMK
- e) appointment of first lady School Governor to represent the Parish Council - Mrs Jill Smith
- f) By-Election; the resignation of Henry Powell-Sheddon and the election of Brian Hansford.
- g) April 1984 sees the completion of Field Close; the last resident moving in on Sunday 22 April 1984.
- h) work is in progress on the proposed Pavilion.
- i) 1984/5 should see the proposal for ~~with~~ second phase of flood relief scheme being implemented.
- j) the question of the sub-soil Carters Close was progressing.

The Chairman thanked:

Councillors for their personal help and guidance throughout the previous year and also for their help to residents of Sherington whenever requested,



Mr Burgess and Mr Whitehead who regularly attend the Parish Council's monthly meetings,

to the Clerk for the efficient running of the Council, and

to residents throughout the village who carry out their duties, the thanks of full Council to all those various people.

Mr Whitehead thanked the Council for their work over the past year.

#### 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

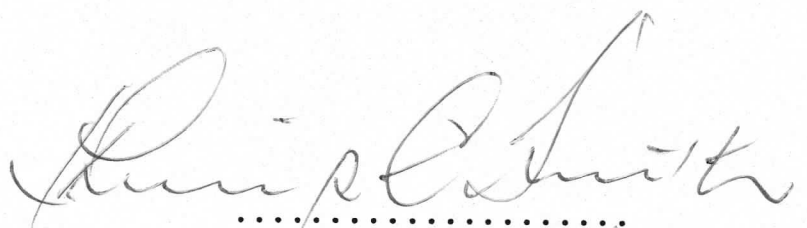
- a) Mr A Whatton requested a copy of the Sherington Village Plan. Copy loaned by Councillor Gardner.
- b) Mr Burgess thanked the Council for their efforts over the past 12 months and also to the Clerk who's work is not taken for granted.
- c) The remainder of the public did not have questions to raise and the Chairman pointed out that Public Question Time at each monthly meeting enabled the majority of residents to question any aspect regarding the village throughout the year and not only at a Parish Meeting as was still operational by some other Councils.

#### d) Stonepits Close

Councillor Ferris outlined the Licence being offered in order that members of the public were fully aware of why this Licence was for the duration April to November in each year.

- an offer was made for bidding to be by sealed envelopes, however, this was rejected.
- bidding was as between Mrs Barbara Middleton and J W Cook & Sons, commencing at £80.00, the final bid of £155.00 going to Messrs J W Cook & Sons.

The Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.



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Chairman  
1 May 1984

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING held to discuss PROPOSED PAVILION PROJECT held Tuesday 4 September 1984 in Village Hall at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, D Cheeseman, P Gardner, Jack Cook, John Cook

Apologies: J Stedden

plus members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting and advised that the Parish Council are duty bound to be involved in this project. No decision would be taken at this meeting, as this had been convened to obtain public feeling as explained in the letter handed round the village. The Chairman then asked John Cook to present the proposals. (please see attached copies of material presented).

Councillor Gardner queried the terms of the lease.

Councillor Ferris advised that the Parish Council held a 30 year lease from J W Cook & Son as from 29 September 1980. There was no option in the lease for a further term. It was put to the Parish Council that at that time a lease option would represent an encumbrance on the estate which was not necessarily wanted. The lease is, in fact, a business tenancy (Landlord & Tenant Act 1954), and the Parish Council could make application to the courts for a further term and if successful receive an extension of lease of 14 years maximum.

J W Cook & Son (M Cook) responded and advised that the project had just started and it may not have gone ahead, and the field would have been signed-away for 60 years. If the Pavilion goes ahead there need be no further concern.

Other Comments

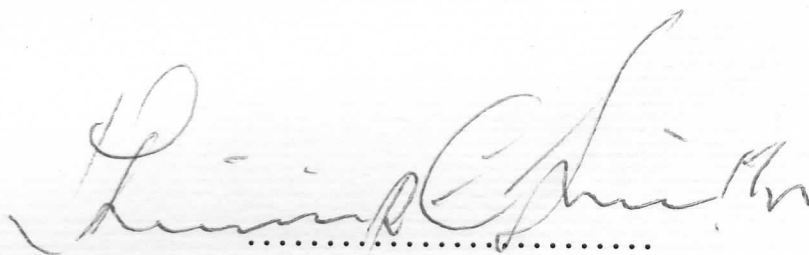
- a) this business is long term and for many years to come would be taking on responsibility for future Parish Councils.
- b) what sporting sections are interested in the new Pavilion and what proportion of money are they prepared to put towards running costs each year.
- c) the Cricket Club (P Ralph) advised they were self-sufficient and quite happy to meet the rent required for use of the Field. They are also working hard to raise funds for the Pavilion and will continued to do so.
- d) the provision of tennis courts was raised and Councillor Cheeseman advised that no serious inquiries had so far been received. Tennis courts could be laid in the area between the gate and present Pavilion.
- e) The Rev. P Haynes advised that he had come along to the meeting under the impression that the meeting was to discuss a community playing field. The Reverend indicated he was concerned regarding the play facilities for the children in the Perry Lane area. The Parish Council were asked to consider this point very carefully.



- f) villagers will not use the present field as it is too far away.
- g) the Cricket Club advised they have 9-14 years of age playing with the Club.
- h) it was stated that the present facilities were well below that offered in other villages.
- g) would the new Pavilion be available for indoor facilities, eg table tennis and snooker.

The Chairman asked the meeting for a show of hands by the public present for the proposed project. Well carried.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and advised that he wished a full Council to be present prior to a vote being taken on whether this project should go ahead.



CHAIRMAN 12 September 1984



## SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

### RECREATION FIELD COSTS

#### 'WHY DO WE NEED IT'

- o TO ENCOURAGE MORE USE OF RECREATION FIELD
- o TO PROVIDE VISITORS WITH EQUIVALENT FACILITIES TO THEIR OWN
- o TO CONTROL FUTURE MAINTENANCE COSTS

#### OPTION

- o IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITY - SCOPE LIMITED

## SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

### RECREATION FIELD COSTS

#### INCOME

o	CRICKET CLUB	-	£25
o	FOOTBALL CLUB	-	£25
o	ARCHERY (TO BE CONFIRMED)	-	£35

#### OUTLAY (1983)

RATES	-	£ 50
WATER	-	£ 35
INSURANCE	-	£ 25
ELECTRICITY-FIXED CHARGE	-	£ 28
GROUND UPKEEP	-	£120
RENT	-	<u>£100</u>
		<u>£358</u>

## SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

### HISTORY

- o RECREATION FIELD TAKEN ON LEASE FROM J.W. COOK & SON  
MID 1981
  
- o EXISTING PAVILION ERECTED 1975
  
- o 1981 ONWARDS - REQUESTS FROM USERS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES
  
- o INITIAL PLANS DRAWN JULY 1982
  
- o INITIAL ISSUES RESOLVED
  - SHARED CAR PARK
  - DRAINAGE
  
- o PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 83
  
- o MEETING WITH BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES TO FINALLY RESOLVE  
ISSUES - AUGUST 83
  - DETAILS OF CAR PARK
  - TREE PLANTING
  - CAR PARK MAINTENANCE COSTS
  - DRAINAGE
  - PAVILION DETAILS (NUMBER OF SHOWERS ETC)
  - 'SOCIAL' USE

- o APPROVAL GIVEN OCTOBER 83
  
- o INITIAL GRANT APPLICATION MADE DECEMBER 83
  
- o COST REDUCTION ON DETAIL DESIGN FEBRUARY 84
  
- o BUILDING QUOTES OBTAINED FEBRUARY 84
  
- o FINAL GRANT APPLICATION MADE MARCH 84
  
- o 50% GRANT (MAX £11,500) APPROVED JULY 84

## SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

### FINANCIALS

- o BUILDING QUOTES TO CURRENT DESIGN (FEBRUARY 84)

£22,500

£27,482

£31,885

- o GRANT BASED ON LOWEST QUOTE, HENCE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

	-	£11,500
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-	£ <u>1,500</u>
	-	£ <u>10,000</u>

- o IF PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND 'WORK AT COST' CAN BE PROVIDED FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TOTAL COST COULD BE REDUCED TO SAY £17,000
- o HENCE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED IS £8,500 LESS £1,500 = £7,000

## SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

### FUNDING OPTIONS

- o SPORTS COUNCIL (MAX 25% OF TOTAL COST) BUT 25% MUST BE RAISED BEFORE APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED
  
- o FUND RAISING TO EITHER :-
  1. RAISE CAPITAL BEFORE COMMENCEMENT
  2. PAY INTEREST AND CAPITAL ON LOW INTEREST LOAN (SAY 5 YEARS)

## SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

### PROPOSED APPROACH

- o RECRUIT 'PROJECT TEAM' TO
  1. RAISE FUNDS
  2. CO-ORDINATE BUILD (ASSUMING SOME 'SELF-BUILD' INVOLVEMENT)
  
- o PROJECT TEAM (SAY 10 MEMBERS)
  - ACCOUNTANT/TREASURER
  - KNOWLEDGE OF CONSTRUCTION
  - FUND RAISERS
  - ENTHUSIASM

SHERINGTON PAVILION PROPOSAL

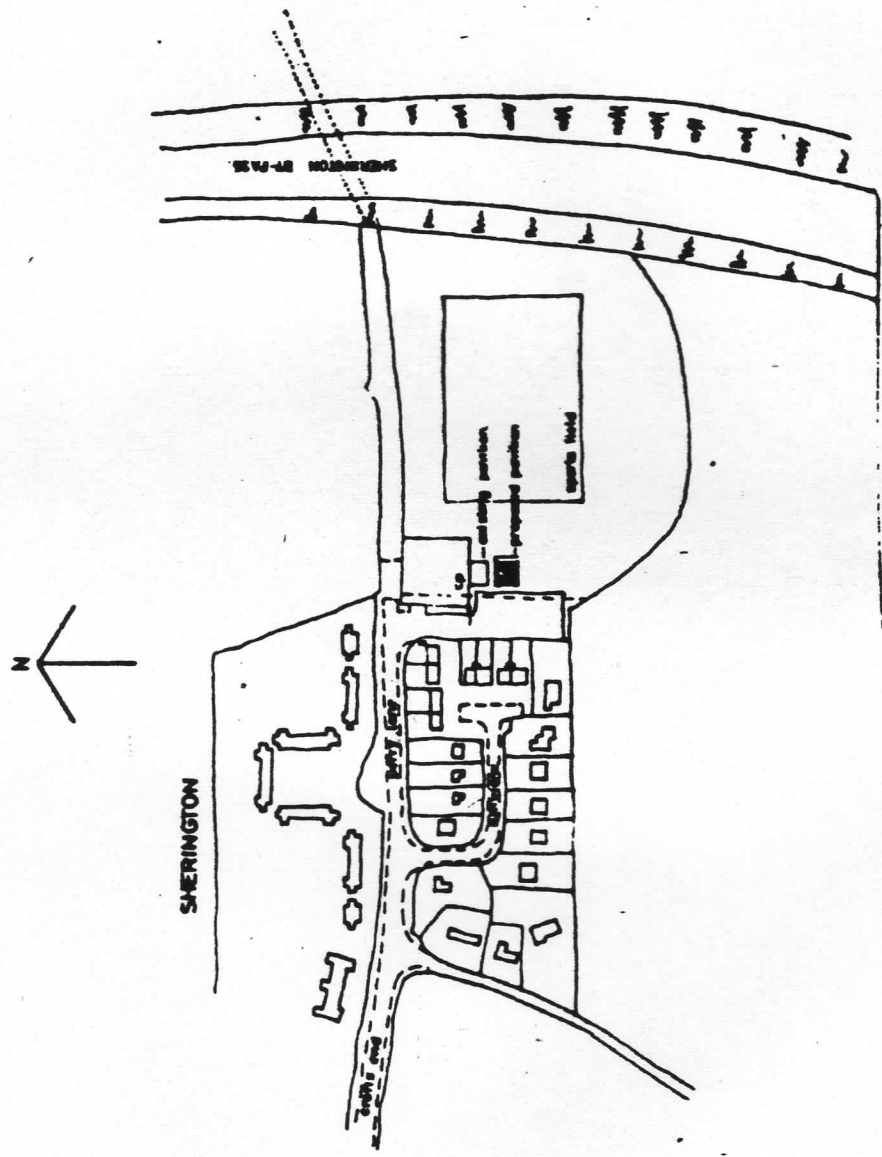
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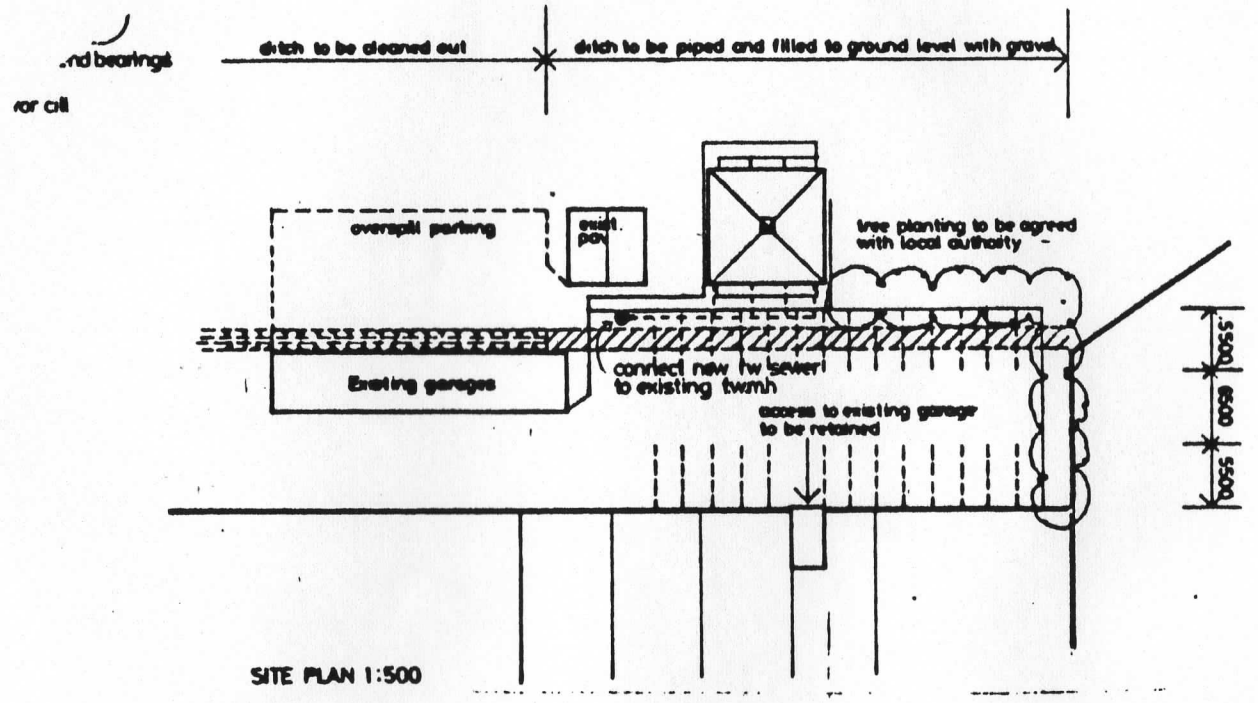
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MIKE TOFTS  
JOHN THOMAS  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
ANNETTE HINCHLIFF  
DAVID BYRNE  
PETER BURTON  
MIKE HAWKES  
JACK COOK  
DENNIS CHEESEMAN

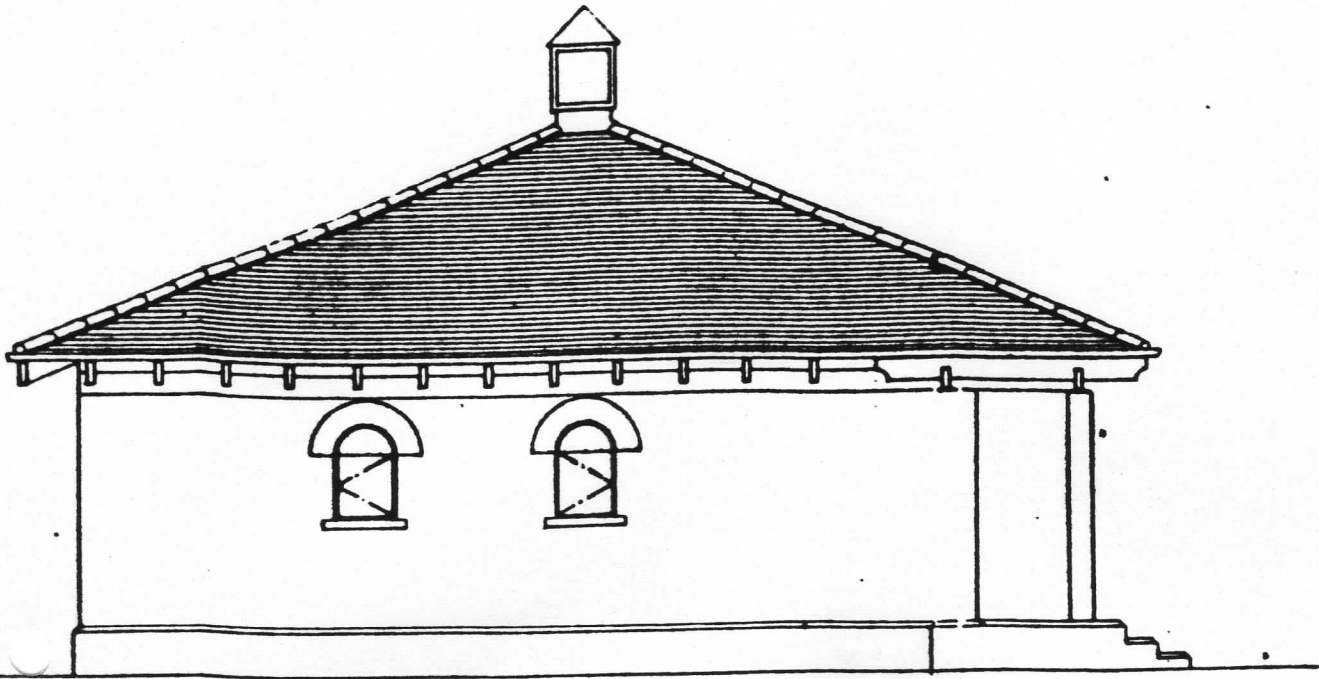
SUPPORT TEAM

CLIVE DARNELL  
ROGER HOLLINGDALE  
BERNARD HAYNES  
ROE SMITH  
MICHAEL COOK

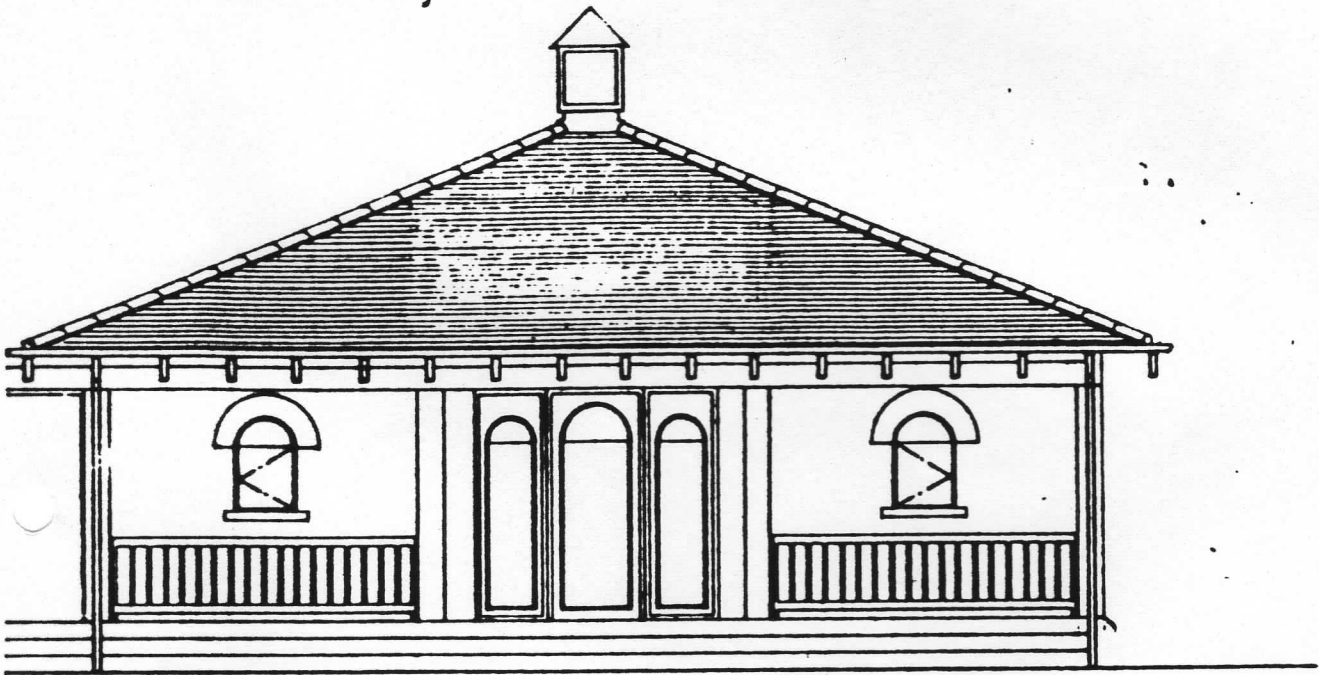








SOUTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION

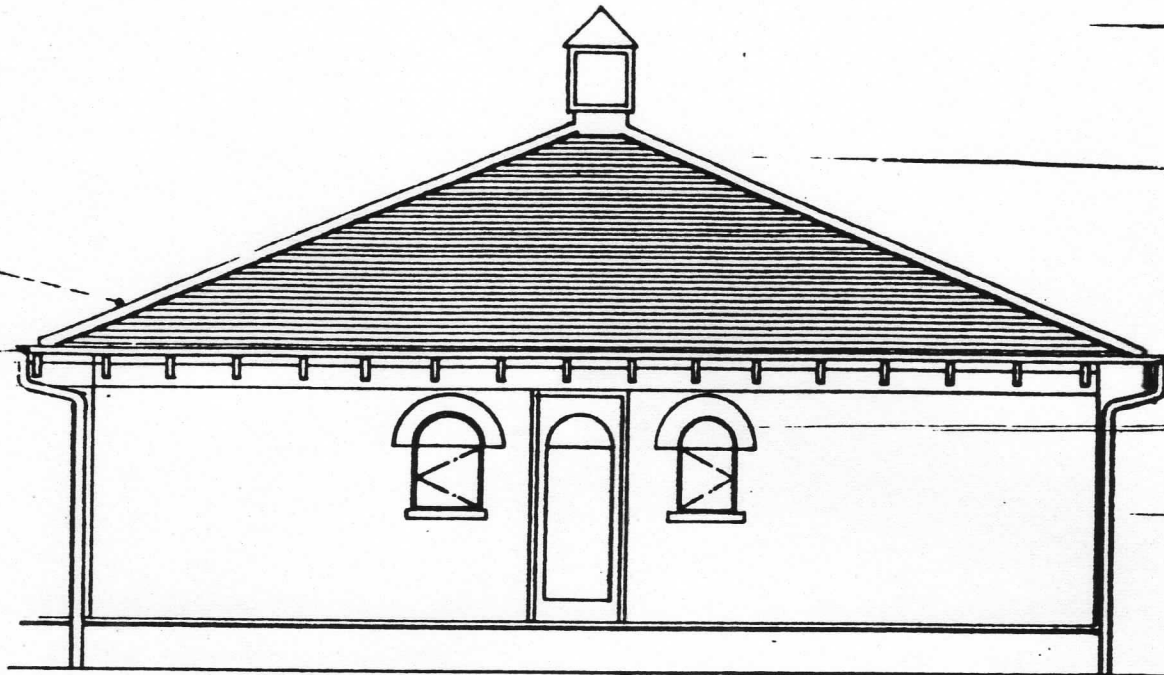
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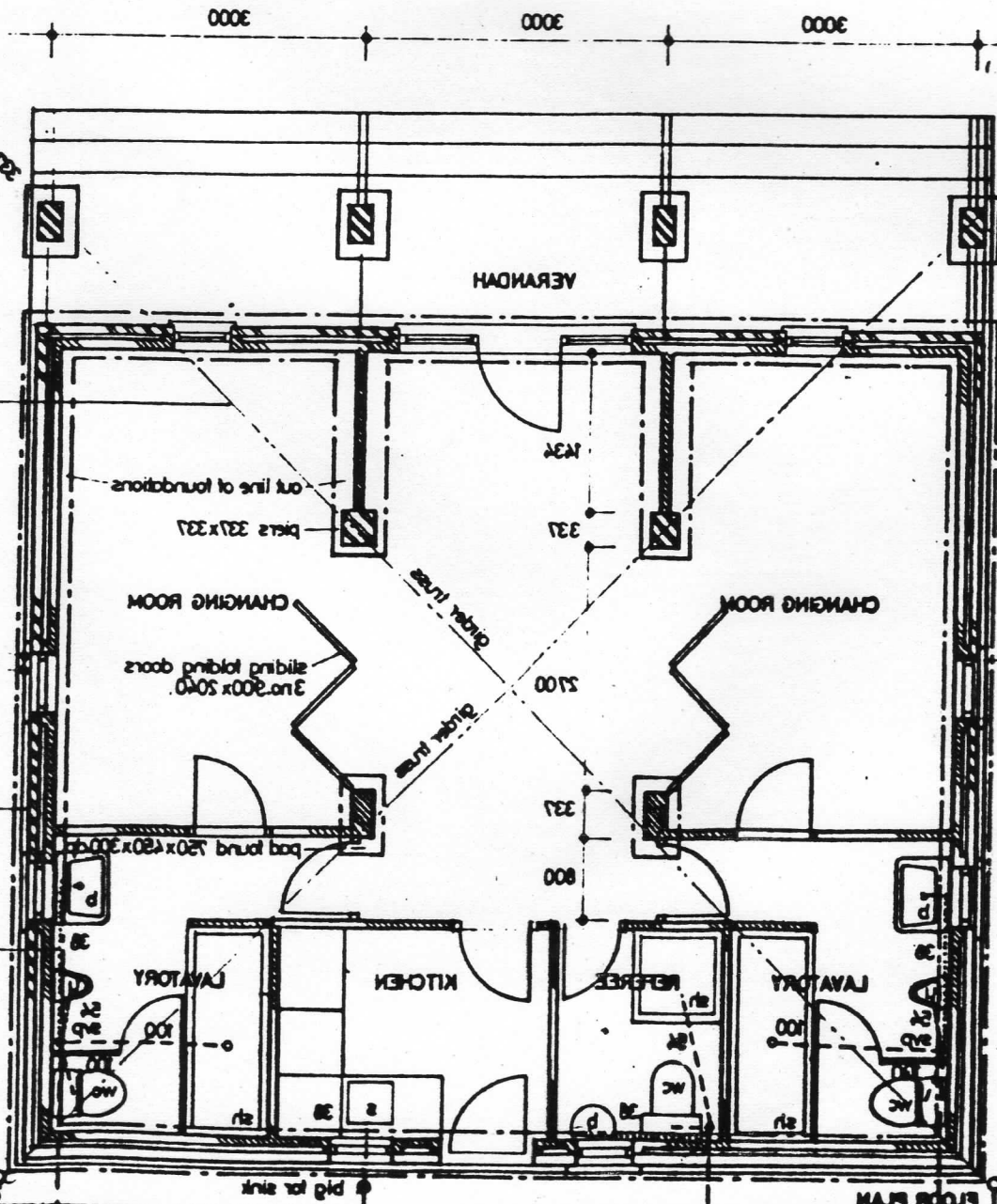
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NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION



FLOOR PLAN

Minutes of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held 16 April 1985 in the village hall pursuant to notice

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1. PRESENT

Councillors: P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, John Cook, Jack Cook, P Gardner  
D Cheeseman

Apologies: J Steddon

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held 7 April 1985 had been agreed and signed at the following Council meeting 1 May 1984.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1984 had seen:

- a new Parish Council
- Mrs Russel retiring from her post as Sherington School Headmistress
- Footpaths; an ongoing situation. BMK and J W Cook & Son were to meet 20 May to talk again to see if matter could be resolved
- Pavilion, work was in progress

1985 had seen:

- appointment of Mrs Tranter as new headmistress of Sherington School

The Chairman thanked:

Dennis Cheeseman, Jack Cook and John Cook in respect of their endeavours for Recreational Field.

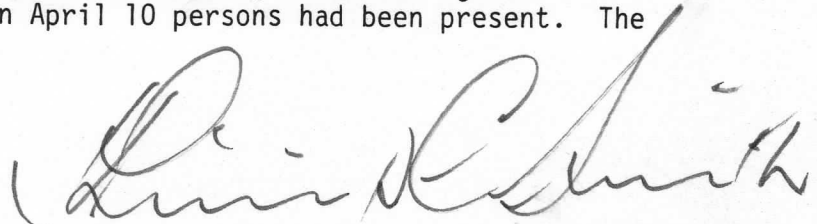
Jim Steddon for his work as Parish Council representative on School Board.

Peter Gardner and Derek Ferris - they have been very important in playing their roles, and

The Clerk for the work over the past year.

The Chairman thanked Brian Hansford (Borough Councillor) for both attending Parish Council meetings and also his support and assistance regarding Borough matters.

Comment was made on the number of public attending this meeting (17) and that at the previous Council meeting in April 10 persons had been present. The Council were encouraged.



4. STONEPITS CLOSE

The Vice Chairman invited offers for grazing rights of Stonepits Close based on the period 17 April to 1 November 1985. The public were asked whether they wished to submit their bids in sealed envelopes; no response.

J W Cook & Son offered the sum of £85.00 - accepted. Clerk to forward licence for signature.

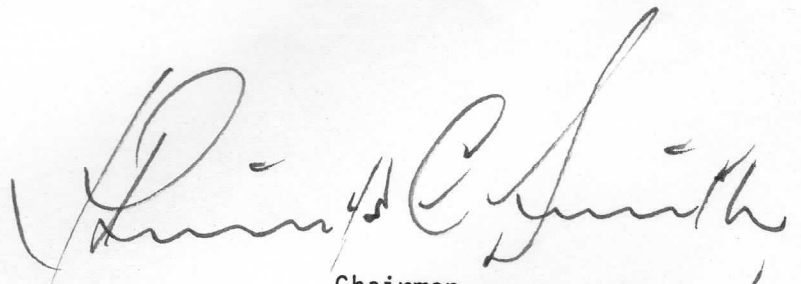
5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Whitehead commented on the serious subsistence in crown of road, Perry Lane/ Bedford Road junction. BCC to be advised.

Mr Fleet advised of the water on the road Sherington Bridge/Woad Corner. BCC to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next Parish Council meeting 7 May 1985 in the Village Hall



Chairman  
7 May 1985

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Proposals from meeting held Sunday 6 October 1985

present : all Council members

THE KNOLL

- to close centre road over the Knoll
- access along existing track in front of nos. 1 and 2 The Knoll (entry from Knoll Close)
- bounded on Knoll side of properties nos. 1 and 2 with post and chain
- no vehicles to park/obstruct on new proposed access rights to be observed of all other public access

Negotiations to take place with Mr Bedrich.  
Parish Council representatives for meeting - Derek Ferris and John Cook. Both to report back to full Council.

CLERK  
7.10.85

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Project Meeting held 23 <sup>March</sup> April 1986 in the Village Hall

PRESENT: P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, John Cook, Jack Cook,  
D Cheeseman, Peter Gardner

APOLOGIES: J Steddon

The purpose of the meeting - to discuss future projects and possible grant aid from the Borough Milton Keynes.

Items discussed and agreed:

- Kerbing, corner School Lane/Crofts End, the verge has decreased up to 2-3 feet in places.
- The Knoll - tidy-up and reinstatement/replacement posts and chains around the perimeter. Quote to be obtained.
- Mowers - whether two can be repaired and the costs involved/whether these are adequate/possibility of one new sit-on mower which could carry out both jobs. An offer had been received as regards regular mowing. Mowers to be assessed prior to next meeting. ~~Borough of Milton Keynes to be advised on the probable new mower(s) required, the costs involved and the likelihood of the Parish Council requiring grant aid.~~ The Clerk to query with the Borough on our costings per year for mowers/labour and the possibility of the Borough taking over mowing of the areas in question should the Parish Council be unsuccessful with their grant aid application. *Smith*
- Tree planting. £50.00 has been set aside (Hawkins) and it was agreed this money be spent on the purchase of new trees along from No. 2 School Lane. Quote to be obtained from Bernard Crooks for the digging out of present ones to be replaced by a Sorbus variety.
- Plane tree opposite Sherington Place. Broken branch to be lopped. This area also to be reinstated to its original circumference, possibly using some stone/log surround to stop erosion by lorries/cars

Chairman  
4 April 1986

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*Chairman*



SHERINGTON PARTISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 22 April 1986  
in the Village Hall at 8.0pm pursuant to notice

PRESENT P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, D Cheeseman, Jack Cook, John Cook,  
J Stedden, P Gardner

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Public attending.

Chairmans Report

The Chairman commented on the previous year as follows:

Pavilion- a May opening date was anticipated. The Pavilion had been entered for the Buckinghamshire Village Ventures Competition. Sherington had won 3rd place and a prize of £50.00.

The proposed bungalow on The Knoll which was to be built in place of a house.

The laying of the new piping down Park Road, Church Road which started October and finished December.

The Chairman thanked:

Dennis Cheeseman and John Cook for their work over the last 12 months on the Pavilion Works.

Peter Gardner for representing the Parish Council when the Chairman was unable to attend meetings.

Jim Stedden. Vice Chairman for the School Governors, for work at the School and Council.

Jack Cook without any particular illustration.

Derek Ferris for his work as Vice Chairman.

The Clerk - for all the duties carried out over the past year.

Stonepits Close

The Vice Chairman invited offers for grazing rights of Stonepits Close based on the period April to November 1986. The public were asked whethey they wished to submit bids - no response.

One offer was received of £85.00 from J W Cook and Son. The Council formally accepted this offer for the licence period.



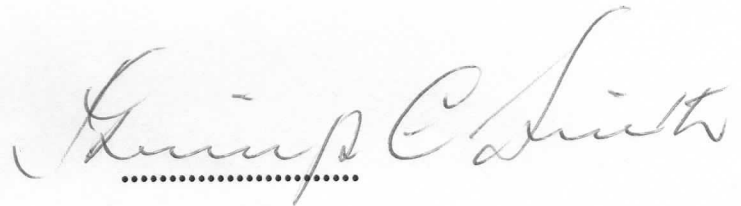
The Chairman questioned the insurance cover for the newly acquired gang mower and the age limit for persons using this machine.

BMK were to be asked regarding the cutting of the vision splays on Carters.

Public Question Time

Mr Whitehead thanked the Council for the work carried out.

The meeting closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Whitehead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Chairman  
April 1987

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 14 April 1987  
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PRESENT P Smith (Chairman), D Ferris, D Cheeseman, Jack Cook,  
J Steddon, P Gardner

Apologies : John Cook

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Public attending.

Chairmans Report

The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council for all their work on behalf of the village . He thanked both Clerks for their hard work and he thanked the members of the public for their regular attendance and expressed the hope that public participation would continue in the future.

Stonepits Close

The Vice Chairman invited offers for grazing rights of Stonepits Close based on the period April to November 1987. There were no sealed bids. The public were asked whether they wished to submit bids - no response.

One offer of £85.00 was received from J W Cook and Son. The Council formally accepted this offer for the licence period.

Public Question Time

Councillor Hansford thanked the Parish Council for the welcome they had shown him and for the interesting meetings.

Mrs Cook wished to know who would be taking responsibility for the caretaking of the new pavilion. Councillor Cheeseman said that each club would be expected to pay a £50.00 bond at the beginning of each season, and would be honour bound to leave the place as they had found it. Mr Samm said that in his experience people rarely left things as they found them and it would be wise to appoint a proper caretaker. The matter would be discussed at the next Recreational Field Committee meeting.

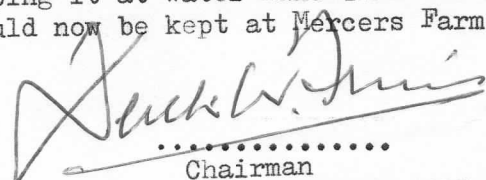
There was some question as to which football clubs had paid their subscription. The records show that no subscription has been paid for at least one year although Sherington Football Club deny this. The matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr Whitehead thanked the Council for their work over the last year.

The Chairman suggested that Sherington should again be entered in the Best Kept Village Competition. He also mentioned that tree planting was going on at Chicheley Hill.

Councillor Gardner reminded the Council that a new home had to be found for the mowers. He was thanked for keeping it at Water Lane Farm for so long. It was decided that the mower could now be kept at Mercers Farm.

The meeting closed.

  
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Chairman

19 April 1988

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 19 April 1988 in the Village Hall.

1. PRESENT D Ferris(Chairman), D Cheeseman, M Tofts, J Cook, J Steddon, Mrs P Cook, Mrs W Haynes

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held 14 April 1987 were read, agreed and signed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said that although the year had been eventful it was difficult to assess how the Parish Council individual members were operating. The Pavilion is now completed and is unrivalled in the locality. The efforts of those who helped to build it should not be forgotten. The Chairman mentioned the difficulties of village life with regard to statutory undertakers - will we ever have roads without holes?

The Chairman expressed disquiet at the way society has changed, this being borne out by the fact that less events in the village are being organised and there is less attendance at those there are. In terms of the Parish Council this manifests itself in the amount of planning applications for new development, extensions ect that the Parish Council has to consider. The Parish Council does its best to provide impartial comments.

The Chairman felt that the Parish Council had come to the end of an era in terms of providing facilities for the village but now had a role to play in acting as guardian of those facilities. In the coming year he would like to see a revival of the community spirit. In the coming weeks there would be May Day festivities on The Knoll with participation of the Play Group and the PTA. A 'Litterblitz' was being organised by the Parish Council.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that D Cheeseman would take over as Chairman at the next meeting and thanked the public, members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for their efforts over the past year.

4. STONEPITS CLOSE

The Chairman had received one sealed bid from J W Cook & Son for £85.00p.a. for the use of Stonepits Close. The Council formally accepted this offer, proposed J Steddon, seconded M Tofts.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Whitehead thanked the Parish Council for their work over the past year and hoped that Parish Councils will continue. This was seconded by Major Burgess who also gave his thanks to the Chairman and Councillors.

There was some discussion on social events in the village.

Major Burgess mentioned the fouling of footpaths by dogs and ponies. He thanked Jack Cook for tidying up the Plantation. He asked what was happening to Knoll Cottage. The Chairman explained that the owners intend to return there on retirement. He asked what was to happen to the Chapel - discussions still going on within the hierarchy. Major Burgess also mentioned the annoyance that he had experienced from a low flying helicopter and the increase in speeding cars in the High Street and Crofts End.

The Parish Council were thanked for sending a representative to the memorial service for Professor Chibnell. It was suggested that his name be used the next time a road is named in the village. This was thought to be a good idea.

It was reported that despite many enquiries no one had been found to take over the mowing of The Knoll. Mrs Cook suggested that the Parish Councillors should take it in turn to cut the grass until someone could be found. She offered to take the first turn.

.....*D. Llewellyn*.....

Chairman

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 18 April 1989  
in the Village Hall

1. PRESENT D Cheeseman (Present), D Ferris, D Samm, J Cook  
Mrs W Haynes, Apologies B Lanz.
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING  
The minutes of the previous meeting held 19 April 1989  
were read agreed and signed.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had had a very busy year. He said that the response to the Village Competition and the Litterblitz had been disappointing. He mentioned the problems there had been with the school buses, the contentious planning applications that had been considered and the three Parish Councillors that had resigned.

The Chairman said that there were still ongoing problems with the sewer and still water pipe bursts in various parts of the village.

Looking to the future the Chairman said that he did not expect much to come of the Parish Council's plans for Chicheley Hill compound because the County Council was still dumping material there. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme had got off the ground, thanks to Mr Pilcher and the Village Hall was soon to have a new extension.

The idea of a Village Appraisal was put for ward and was thought to be a good idea. It was mentioned that the Parish Council would be discussing the concept of village homes for village people.

The Chairman then thanked Councillor Brian Hansford for his interest in the village, Derek Ferris for his help during the year and the Clerk for her work. He thanked all the Councillors for their support over the year and the members of the public for their regular attendance at Parish Council meetings.

4. STONEPITS CLOSE

The Clerk had received one sealed bid from J W Cook & Son for £85.00 for the use of Stonepits Close. It was formally proposed by Mr Ferris that this bid should be accepted. Seconded by Mr Samm, all in favour, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Hansford said that the Parish Meeting should be conducted in a different way to a Parish Council meeting. He said that the public should agree the minutes and that the councillors should sit amongst the audience.

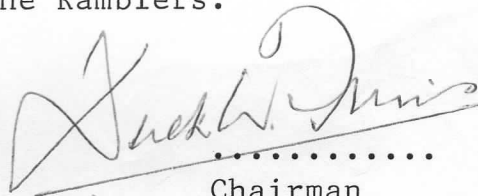
Mr Whatton complained about the water still running down Crofts End and the various trees that need trimming to also the street lights to be properly effective.

Mr Moxon said that the grass verges had been cut but the bank outside his house had not. Cllr Hansford was asked to look into the matter of getting the bank cut.

Major Burgess formally proposed to thank the Chairman and Councillors of Sherington Parish Council, past and present, who during the year under review have given freely of their services for the common good. This was seconded by Mr Moxon and carried by those members of the public present.

Major Burgess said that he could not always hear the discussions of the Parish Councillors and thought that it might be helpful if the table were rearranged so that all the councillors were facing the public.

Mr Pilcher asked what had happened to proposals to provide circular walks in the parish. Mr Ferris explained the problems that had been encountered with The Ramblers.



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Chairman

17 April 1990

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 17 April 1990  
in the Village Hall

1. PRESENT D Ferris (Chairman), B Lanz, J Cook, D Cheeseman, T Pilcher, D Samm, Mrs W Haynes.
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING  
The minutes of the meeting held 18 April 1989 were circulated to all present. They were then agreed and signed.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman began by explaining that Sherington was unique in having a Public Question Time at every meeting. Most Parish Councils did not have this and the public had to wait until the Annual Parish Meeting to have an opportunity to speak. The Chairman feels that public involvement is very important and that they should have a say in the day to day issues of village life.

The Chairman spoke of the contribution that the Parish Council had made during the past year to enhance the lives of parishioners. One example was its involvement in the extension of the Village Hall. The hall was last improved in 1972 and a facility has now been provided to take us into the 21st. century.

The Chairman mentioned the Village Appraisal which was carried out during the year by Mark Lemmon. This began when the Parish Council started looking at the need and opportunities for low cost housing. The Appraisal will in the future provide an historical record of attitudes in 1989. The document is now available for sale.

The Chairman also mentioned the problems which arose with the announcement of the changes in upper schools.

It was stressed that the minor improvement and maintenance programme was of particular relevance as the Parish Council can show how relatively low cost schemes can improve the village. Examples include the Church path and the kerbing works.

With the demise of the Cricket Club the Chairman felt that the Parish Council must be diligent in the way that it manages the Recreation Field in the coming year. The Field must not be allowed to fall into disuse or misuse.

With regard to planning applications, the village has seen some strange decisions in the past year, for example, the house at Sherington Turn and the Old Chapel.

The Parish Council are currently trying to persuade the County Council to develop Chicheley Hill as a picnic site.

The Minerals Subject Plan is currently under discussion with a possible proposal to develop 90 acres next to the by-pass.



Looking to the future, the Chairman thought that the Parish Council has a very active role to play. There is a need for an organisation which will spearhead activities and bring about change by influencing other decision making bodies.

4. STONEPITS CLOSE

The Clerk had received one sealed bid from J W Cook & Son for the use of Stonepits Close. It was formally accepted by Mr Ferris that this bid should be accepted. All were in agreement and the motion was carried.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Samm complained about the mess caused by the free newspapers blowing around the village. The problem seems to be caused by deliverers not putting the papers into letter boxes. Clerk to write to the newspapers.

Mr Whatton offered to check the Parish for dangerous trees if provided with a map. His offer was accepted.

Mr Moxham wants to know the terms of the grass cutting contract.

Mr Whatton thanked the Chairman, Clerk and Councillors for their work over the year. This was seconded by Major Burgess.



Chairman

18th April, 1991

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1991 AT 7.30 P.M.

1. Present

Councillors B. Lanz, D Ferris and D Cheeseman.

2. Purpose of Meeting

Mr. Ferris, who was Chairman for the meeting, explained that the meeting had been called to enable parishioners to see the proposals put forward by Major Chester of Chicheley Estates to rationalise footpaths in Sherington generally.

He explained that these changes were part of a composite package which have been discussed with both Bucks County Council and The Borough of Milton Keynes and that interest extends beyond the Parish Council. Consultations have already taken place with the County Council and are currently place with the Ramblers' Association and other interested parties. The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the proposals and would like to acknowledge the feelings of the parish as a whole.

In addition, the Parish Council had been asked to comment on the application by J. W. Cook & Son to divert Footpath No. 1 in Sherington.

Mr. Ferris advised the meeting that the Parish Council is continuing to hold discussions with land owners with regard to other circular walks around Sherington but these could not be put forward at this meeting. He added that the Parish Council would have liked these to have been considered together with Major Chester's proposals but this was not possible.

Mr. Ferris asked for comments from the floor. Mr. P. E. Smith commented that the proposal by J. W. Cook & Son was a much better idea than the existing situation. Mr. P. Gardner commented that as walking across the by-pass is almost suicidal, the extinguishment of this footpath seemed sensible. In connection with this, Mr. Lanz said the Parish Council would request the installation of a footbridge when the by-pass is dualled. Mr. Smith found all the proposals acceptable as did Mrs. Teasdale. There were no further comments.

A letter was drafted to the Borough Council agreeing to the proposals as a complete package.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.



B. Lanz  
Chairman

5TH MARCH, 1991.

**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH MEETING**

To be held in Sherington Village Hall on

Thurs., 18th April, 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

**A G E N D A**

1. Present
2. Previous Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Stonepits Close
5. Public Question Time

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL SHERINGTON  
ON THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1991

1. PRESENT

Mr B. Lanz (Chairman), Mr. D. Cheeseman, Mr. J. Cook, Mr. D. Ferris, Mrs. W. Haynes and Mr. A. Pilcher.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed (proposed by Mr. D. Cheeseman, seconded Mr. J. Cook, unanimously agreed).

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Lanz reported that it had been a very busy year for the Parish Council and that much had been achieved by the efforts put in by previous Councils.

Routine maintenance had been undertaken throughout the year which included roof repairs to the pavilion, replacement fencing around pavilion, drainage and re-seeding of the playing area by Jack and Michael Cook refurbishment of the old pavilion, creosoting of the pavilion, and the repair of the stile into Mason's Field by Mr. D. Ferris. Mr. Lanz thanked all the villagers who had helped to keep the village looking neat, particularly Christian and Giles Ferris for their work with the mower and strimmer. All this resulted in Sherington coming second in the Best Kept Village competition, scoring 78 points out of a possible 100.

Although the Cricket Club was officially closed down in May, the efforts put in, particularly by Mr. Jack Cook, saw its restoration with emphasis being placed on the youth side and friendly matches rather than league cricket. Mr. Lanz expressed the Parish Council's thanks to Mr. Michael Cook for providing a tractor to mow the recreation field during the cricket season.

Mr. Lanz expressed his thanks to Mr. Bernard Haynes for his efficient running of the Football Club

Finally on the recreation side, the Parish Council had granted £250.00 to the newly-formed Sherington Indoor Bowls Club, which has become a most successful and popular club since its inception.

On the Planning side, Mr. Lanz highlighted the five large-scale topics which had come before the Council in the past 12 months, namely the Trailer Parking off Bedford Road, towards which the Council took a neutral view; the amendments to Public Footpaths by Chicheley Estates and J. W. Cook and Son, which the Parish Council agreed were sensible and acceptable; the Agricultural Improvement Scheme involving landfill at Chicheley Hill, to which the Parish Council drew the County Council's attention to the obvious environmental drawbacks but pointed out that such drawbacks would be ameliorated if the scheme coincided with the by-pass dualling work; The Borough of Milton Keynes Local Plan, to which the Parish Council initially requested the Borough Council to provide positive support for village industry to move into Milton Keynes, and positive support for village shops and to which it subsequently opposed the submission to provide low-cost housing and allow further substantial development in Sherington; and the County Replacement Minerals Local Plan



which had been modified in March 1991 to include a prospective site near Sherington Bridge (area A6) which the new Parish Council will need to discuss and take a resolution on.

Mr. Lanz then outlined particular projects of the past 12 months:

Rennie Lodge: The Parish Council had recommended this facility be maintained, which is understood to be the case after a year's interregnum.

Sherington First School: The Parish Council had supported Sherington First School by recommending to the County Council that the transfer of children to next grade at school remained at 11-plus and that children should be allowed to start school earlier after their fourth birthday.

BMK Electoral Arrangements Review: The Parish Council had had no adverse comment to the incorporation of Sherington in the Ouse Valley Ward.

Circular Walks: Although this had been discussed at length with the County Council and landowners no definite conclusions had been reached and the item continues on the agenda.

MKDC Wind-Up: The Parish Council's response to the joint BMK/BCC response to the Secretary of State was that funds for the dualling of the Newport Pagnell by-pass should be included in provisions for the future.

Parish Funding: In August 1990 the Borough Council had suggested an additional poll tax on parishes as an alternative to the Parish Grant system of funding. The Parish Council, after consultation with the Local Association of Parish Councils, objected to this and recommended the present system be maintained. The matter was raised by the Borough again in December and again, after much discussion, the Parish Council responded by saying that with an additional poll tax parishes were being discriminated against and that Parish Councils provided low-cost services which would be lost under the proposed new system of funding.

Water Lane Sewer: The state of this has been fully documented and after much pressure being put on Anglian Water Services March 1991 brought a letter promising action to relay sections of the sewer as soon as possible. At a site meeting on 3 April, 1991 AWS verbally agreed to spend up to £30,000 immediately to re-line/relay and a programmed further £100,000 to divert flows. A letter confirming the relining/relaying was received in April.

Tree Surgery/Tree & Bulb Planting: A number of trees identified as dangerous were given surgery. An application for a grant for tree and bulb planting was submitted to the County Council for implementation in Autumn 1991.

Perry Lane Parking: Representations were made to both BMK and Bucks C.C. to improve road safety at the Crofts End/Perry Lane corner and verbal confirmation was received from BMK that individual off-road parking for Perry Lane would be given priority in the 1991-92 budget.

Chicheley Hill Compound: Mr. Ferris had plans drawn up to interest the County Council to landscape this area. Major Chester advised of his own plans to do so.



Undergrounding of Overhead Electricity Cables: After assessment by East Midlands Electricity, they confirmed they would contribute £9,000 (50%) to underground cables at The Knoll, The Manor, School Lane at The Old Rectory and Church End. The balance is required from BMK who will consider for the 1991-92 projects.

Mr. Lanz thanked Margaret Howlett for her service as Parish Clerk until August 1990, to the new Clerk, Jackie Inskipp, to Mrs. Madeleine Pilcher for her work as Cedars' School representative, to Mr. Jim Steddon for his work as Parish Council representative on the Sherington First School Board of Governors and to Mr. Keith Spencer, who has taken his place.

Mr. Lanz also thanked Councillor Brian Hansford for his support, and to the other Parish Councillors for all their efforts. He concluded by presenting a gift of thanks to two retiring Councillors, Mr. Jack Cook who had served on the Parish Council for 30 years, and to Mr. Dennis Cheeseman, who had served for 26 years, and highlighted their contributions over the years. He also thanked the regular supporters of the Parish Council.

Mr. Cheeseman expressed his thanks and said he had enjoyed his 26 years' service, which had taken him to some interesting places. Mr. Cook also expressed his thanks, particularly to Mr. Philip Smith, Mr. Derek Ferris Mr. Dennis Cheeseman and Mr. John Cook, and commented that if more village people took an active interest in the village by attending Parish Council meetings, this would help to avoid petty bickering which occurred.

#### 4. Stonepits Close

Mr. Ferris explained the basis of the leasing of Stonepits Close and publicly invited offers. £85.00 was bid by J. W. Cook and Son; Mr. Lanz proposed the Parish Council accepted this offer, seconded by Mr. D. Cheeseman, unanimously agreed.

#### 5. Public Question Time

Mr. John Cook asked if the letter had been sent to BMK regarding the Local Plan; he was advised it had been sent and an acknowledgement received.

Mr. Philip Smith asked if the new Parish Council would consider setting up the meeting at the other side of the hall as the acoustics often made it difficult to hear discussions. He also asked about the situation regarding Chicheley Hill compound. He was advised this was being dealt with by the County Planning Officer and the County Surveyor and Mr. Ferris suggested this was taken up by the new Parish Council as a matter of some urgency.

Mr. Philip Smith thanked the retiring Parish Councillors for their efforts and the Parish Council as a whole for its achievements of the past year.

Mr. Lanz thanked the members of the public who had attended the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m..

.......... CHAIRMAN  
Signed  
05.05.92

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT CHURCH, FARM, CHURCH END, SHERINGTON  
ON TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 1991 at 8 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr B. Lanz (Chairman), Mr. D. Ferris, Mr. I. Thomson, Mrs. W. Haynes, Mrs. B. Feasey

2. APOLOGIES

Mr. A. Pilcher

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. M. Cook was not present.

4. The Chairman opened the meeting and advised that he had spoken to Mr. M. Cook regarding the MK Local Plan/Deposit Version. Mr. Cook was not prepared to commit himself, but Mr. Lanz assumed that the same objections would still be raised as were originally stated.

5. Mr. Lanz continued by reading a letter dated 9th April 1991 from Sherington Parish Council to BMK detailing Parish Council's response to Local Plan revision which was discussed at Parish Council held 2nd April 1991. Mr. Lanz also read a letter dated 6th March 1991 from the Parish Council to BMK which contained initial comments on proposals.

6. The Chairman advised that BMK Planning Department would welcome positive support and not only objections. He also stated that the Deposit Version of Local Plan was very much as Parish Council would like to see it. He asked for suggestions as to how best to respond to BMK.

7. Mr. D. Ferris thought we should indicate that the Parish Council had gone through Deposit Version thoroughly and our views are in accordance with previous letter dated 9th April 1991. Mrs. Haynes concurred with this.

8. The Chairman advised that BMK had sent a reply form which dealt with each policy one by one. It was generally agreed that Mr. Lanz should draft a reply and submit it for approval by councillors.

9. Mr. Lanz stressed the importance of mobilising village opinion in order to demonstrate to the Enquiry the strength of feeling of majority. It was agreed to organise a canvass of village. Proposed by Mr. Lanz  
Seconded by Mr. I. Thomson

10. It was also agreed that Mr. Lanz would draft a canvass form.

11. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Parish Council Members held at Church Farm on  
Sunday, 26th January 1992 - at 11.00 a.m.

1. PRESENT Mr. B. Lanz (Chairman), Mr. M. Cook, Mrs. B. Feasey, Mr. D. Ferris,  
Mrs. W. Haynes.

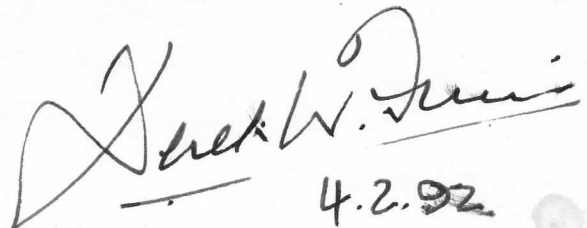
APOLOGIES had been received from Mr. A. Pilcher and Mr. I. Thomson.

2. The Chairman reported on the Borough Council 'surgery' meeting he attended with Mr. Ferris on the 20th January.  
They discussed with Mr. J. Clarke the revised proposals and the draft Terms of Agreement regarding Parish Funding.
3. The sum of £2,382 was quoted as being the estimate for expenses. Questions were asked of Mr. Clarke on how MKBC arrived at this figure. He said the figure arose from extra grass cutting (6 per year) over and above the County standard (of what Mr. Clarke thought was 4 cuts). Mr. Clarke was not absolutely certain so would look into this.  
The matter of the capital sum paid by the developers of Carters Close for grass cutting in that area was also raised. Mr. Clarke thought the agreement was only for 10 years, but would look into this also.
4. Mr. Lanz and Mr. Ferris did not agree with the paragraph 3.3. in the draft. This related to the Borough giving an estimate (to be increased if necessary) for parishes to pay.
5. The amounts agreed are for one year only, but would continue if parishes did not notify the Borough, by the 1st January of the following year, that they wished otherwise.
6. Street lighting sum, less VAT to be paid by MKBC. The parishes will still be able to claim back the VAT on this.
7. Mr. Lanz then read out the letter dated 22nd January 1992 from Mr. Pettigrew confirming the arrangement regarding street lighting and play area maintenance. These to be the responsibility of MKBC, but un-parished areas to be levied.
8. The letter dated 24th January 1992 was also read. This stated that parishes may strike out paragraph 3.3. in draft if not in agreement.
9. The options, therefore, now are:  
a) To do nothing (the parish would then be levied as in un-parished areas).  
b) To go along with the agreement and prepare a precept on the basis of £2,383.
10. The following resolutions were proposed by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Lanz:  
A. i) The Parish Council accept the agreement on the basis that it is for one year only.  
ii) The sum of £2,383 to be fixed and paragraph 3.3. to be deleted.  
iii) Precise costs to be detailed with relation to the above sum.  
B. To request a copy of the document regarding the capital sum paid by the developers to MKBC for the maintenance of the open space in Carters Close. These resolutions were agreed by all those present. Mr. Lanz and Mr. Ferris to attend the Open Meeting with MKBC and Parish Councils on 28th January 1992.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mr. Cook asked how the sports field will be cut if the person presently doing this work retired. The cricket and football clubs would organise the work between them.
- b) The matter of local parishes organising an association outside Milton Keynes will be raised again at a Council Meeting.
- c) A salt bin is needed for Crofts End/School Lane corner. Mr. Churchward to be contacted by the Clerk.
- d) Water Lane sewer is still causing problems. Anglian Water to be contacted.

The Meeting Closed at 12.45 pm

  
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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held in Sherington Village Hall on

Tuesday, 5th May 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Present
2. Previous Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Stonepits Close
5. Public Question Time

Pearl Teasdale 28.04.92  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SHERINGTON  
ON TUESDAY, 5th MAY 1992.

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1. PRESENT: Mr. B. Lanz (Chairman), Mr. M. Cook, Mr. D. Ferris, Mrs. B. Feasey,  
Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. A. Pilcher, Mr. I. Thomson.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.  
Proposed by Mr. Pilcher, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, all agreed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Elections: The new Parish Council members had been sworn in on 7th May 1991.  
Mr. Lanz had been elected Chairman and Mr. Ferris Vice-Chairman. Mr. Ferris  
had been standing in since the January meeting during Mr. Lanz absences due  
to business commitments. Mr. Lanz thanked Mr. Ferris for his help in this way.

Personnel: Mrs. Pearl Teasdale had been appointed Parish Clerk in August 1991,  
taking over from Mrs. Jackie Inskipp who is now at Cambridge University.

Routine Maintenance: The usual work had gone ahead throughout the year. Thanks  
to Christian and Giles Ferris for their part in keeping the village tidy. A  
new mower had been purchased. This had been a major item of expense.  
The seat on Chicheley Hill had been repaired by Mr. Pilcher. This was appreciated  
by people in the village.

The bus shelter had been repaired by Mr. Thomson and Giles Ferris. Many residents  
used the shelter, especially school children.

The Litterblitz had been a success, thanks to Sherington First School.

The Water Lane Sewer saga continues. Some work has been carried out, but not  
completed and this had been highlighted in January during a flash-flood. Work  
must be executed properly as soon as possible.

Administration: The Parish Funding saga continued throughout the year. Thanks  
were expressed to Mr. Ferris for his time and effort put into this topic. As  
a result a good deal was obtained from Milton Keynes Borough Council. This has  
been a lot of work; the precept system has been maintained, but the burden has  
been spread, and Sherington has been favourably treated. The total Poll Tax,  
including the precept, is one of the lowest in the Borough. Thanks are also  
due to all the councillors for running the services in Sherington at a very low  
cost.

There are standard procedures relating to matters on the Parish Council agenda.  
Interest must be declared before matters arising.

Recreational:

The Cricket Club is very active. It has risen from the depths and is now very  
successful.

The Football Club won the competition cup and has had a successful season.

Thanks to Mr. Bernard Haynes for his help and encouragement.

Indoor Bowls continues to be very popular, although we do not hear very much  
about their successes.

Thanks to Mr. Pilcher, who is Recreation Field Committee chairman; also thanks to  
Mr. M. Cook and Mr. J. W. Cook for the work put in and their contribution to the  
maintenance of the recreation field.

Planning:

The landfill scheme had been refused by the County, at the beginning of the year.  
Hartigan sites were excluded from County Plan and have been reintroduced by  
Hartigans and this has gone to appeal.

Draft Local Plan - there is opposition for making Sherington suitable for low  
cost housing development. The PC has the right to be represented at an enquiry.  
Chicheley Hill site has been raised with County, but everyone is 'hanging fire'  
about costings. Nothing has been achieved so far.

The White Hart Public House is likely to disappear, but the alternative is not  
supported locally and a letter has been sent rejecting the proposals.

Perry Lane parking facilities and the undergrounding of electricity cables have  
both been deferred because of lack of MKBC funds.

DWF

Planning (continued)

Sherington Shooting Ground had applied for planning permission to extend activities. This had met with opposition and the present planning applications had been withdrawn and were now in abeyance.

Mrs. Wendy Haynes and Mr. Derek Ferris are the sub-committee of the PC and look at all plans submitted for Sherington.

Sherington School Governors: Mr. Keith Spencer has left the village and Mrs. Betty Feasey was elected from the Parish Council in November.

Tree Planting: Special thanks to Mr. Archie Whatton for the tree planting; at the planning stage, during discussions, the amending and the implementing of the scheme. The trees were obtained and planted in February with the help of an energetic band of planters. Thanks to all those who helped as the trees will be a 'monument' in 20 - 30 years time.

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Clerk, to all the councillors: Derek Ferris, Betty Feasey, Wendy Haynes, Michael Cook, Tony Pilcher, Ian Thomson and our Borough Councillor, Brian Hansford.

Thanks also to the public for attending the monthly meetings, for listening and telling the Parish Council when things go wrong.

4. STONEPITS CLOSE

Mr. Ferris explained the basis of the leasing of Stonepits Close and publicly invited offers. Mr. Michael Cook bid £85.00 on behalf of J. W. Cook & Son. Mr. Ferris proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that this offer be accepted. Unanimously agreed.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Whitehead gave thanks to the Parish Council for its sterling work, this was seconded by Major Burgess.

Mr. Moxham asked about the indiscriminate use of weedkiller on the banks of his own property and those adjacent. Corn Close also needs attention as thistles etc. are dangerous for pedestrians. The Clerk to write to MKBC regarding these matters and others relating to their contract.

Mr. Macfarlane remarked that the County Council looked after the roads and paths and the Borough's cleansing is better than in other areas.

Mr. Pilcher gave notice that the hedge along the footpath from Carters Close to Mercers Farm is overgrown. The residents to be asked to cut the hedge. Children are continuing to play football on the green in Carters Close. Residents to be reminded that ball games should not be played on this green. The Chairman to write an article for SCAN.

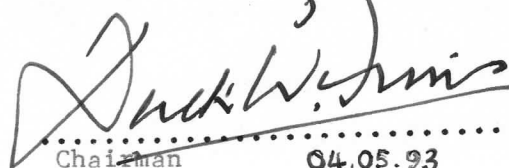
Indoor Bowls Club thanked the PC for initial donation. There are now 36 members (one member from Newport Pagnell, an ex Sheringtonian). An invitation had been sent to the PC for members to attend. Mrs. Wendy Haynes had attended.

Mr. Thomson said there is no rubberised floor under the swings in the play area. MKBC to be contacted regarding this.

Mr. Smith said there are still problems with the Water Lane sewer. Anglian Water will be contacted.

Mr. Ferris said there is a problem in School Lane on the area of land next to the Rectory. Children play football in this area, which is dangerous because of passing cars. MKBC must be pressed to put this ground to proper use. Mr. Spearman (who lives opposite) says the footballing continues into the late evening. Mr. Lanz to telephone MKBC. Mr. M. Cook and Mrs. W. Haynes had met with MKBC officials and discussed the problem, but they were not able to make any progress. Mr. Lanz confirmed he would take the matter up with the Borough.

Mr. Lanz thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting, which closed at 8.25 p.m.

  
Chairman 04.05.93

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Council Members held in Parish Council Office  
Village Hall on Thursday, 24th September 1992 at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. D. W. Ferris (Chairman), Mr. I. Thomson,  
Mesdames B. Feasey and W. Haynes.

Apologies: Mr. B. Lanz

AGENDA: Milton Keynes Borough Local Plan.

Mr. Ferris reported upon the progress he had made involving David Lock Associates as prospective consultants to be appointed by the Parish Council to act on their behalf and to represent them at the forthcoming Public Inquiry.

The level of fee indicated by David Lock Associates was £2000 - £2500, dependent upon the amount of research necessary and assuming appearance for one day only on 26th November 1992.

The Chairman proposed that David Lock Associates be appointed forthwith; seconded by Mr. I. Thomson; all in favour.

It was further agreed that the method of recovering these costs should be discussed at the next scheduled Council meeting in October.



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Chairman

6th October 1992

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Council Members held in Parish Council Office, Village Hall, on Monday 9th November 1992 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. D. W. Ferris (Chairman), Mr. A. Pilcher, Mr. B. Lanz and Mrs. B. Feasey

APOLOGIES: Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. I. Thomson

AGENDA: GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE  
C. J. HAYNES & SON LTD.

Mr. Ferris reported that the attention of the Parish Council had been drawn to an application to change an existing licence concerning the above company.

After some debate, Mr. Lanz proposed that a letter be sent to the Licensing Authority as follows:

"We understand that the import of the current application by C. J. Haynes & Son Ltd, if granted, will be to allow the use of 10 tractor units and 10 trailers at the The Knoll, Sherington and 10 tractor units and 10 trailers at Ridge Farm, Bedford Road, Sherington, Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

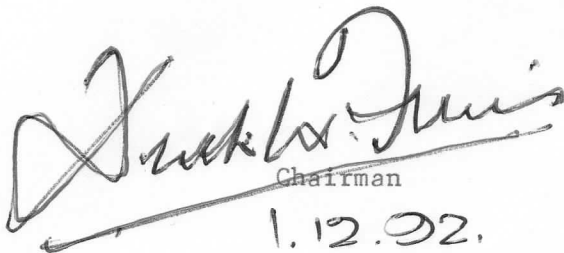
The Parish Council are of the opinion that the operation of 20 units and 20 trailers in the village would be most detrimental to the village.

C. J. Haynes & Sons' current licensed operations in the village are acceptable and the company has contributed immensely to the village over the years. The Parish Council would not wish to see their current operations disrupted.

We ask you to accept these comments outside the statutory period, as we were unaware of the application when published. This reply follows the first available Parish Council meeting after we were made aware of the application."

A vote was held.

Those in favour: Mr Cook, Mr Pilcher, Mr Lanz and Mrs Feasey  
Those against: Mr Ferris

  
Chairman  
1.12.92.

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Having read the 5 March minutes, I have one or two corrections as follows:  
(Words in brackets are for information only.)  
6.1. para 5. P. 689.

Mr Ferris outlined the history of the purchase of the parcel of land adjoining the churchyard (bought from P & T Soul) by the PC and the arrangements for its future maintenance with the Oxford Diocese. Technically this area of land comprises a cemetery owned by the P.C.  
6.1. para 6.

Mr Ferris stated that these arrangements are evidenced by an agreement, formally signed, as between the PC & the Diocesan Board, which states that the PC will forgo all revenue income in respect of burial fees, etc, and will also be responsible for the cost of maintaining the cemetery area. (Hence the annual contribution made by the PC to the PCC in this respect.)

In more recent years, since the PC has acquired grass cutting machinery, there is an unwritten agreement with the PCC whereby the PC undertakes the maintenance of the cemetery and entire churchyard upon the basis of charging the PCC for the cost of labour and machinery usage whilst continuing to honour the terms of the original agreement by making an annual contributions to the PCC for the maintenance of the cemetery area.

(There is absolutely nothing wrong with this latter arrangement. The £100 donation made by the PC to the PCC can be applied by the PCC in employing any "contractor" to undertake the maintenance. The fact that the PC is the "contractor" does not detract from the terms of the original agreement.)

Paras 1-3 P 690.

(I suggest that the correct term to be used is part-time employee.)

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P.S. from ANON.

The reason for the joinder note was an endeavour to distance the PC, a committee member thereof, from the remote possibility of future legal action in having conspired to cause an obstruction within the public highway. If a driver were to have an accident on the said junction, it could be claimed that the verge formation had been changed without the knowledge or consent of the highway authority. My note was an attempt to protect the innocence of the P.C. & to suggest that whatever has occurred was undertaken by persons unknown!

S H E R I N G T O N   P A R I S H   C O U N C I L

A N N U A L   P A R I S H   M E E T I N G

To be held in Sherington Village Hall on Tuesday,  
4th May 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1.   P R E S E N T
2.   P R E V I O U S   M I N U T E S   O F   M E E T I N G   H E L D   O N   5 t h   M A Y   1 9 9 2
3.   C H A I R M A N ' S   R E P O R T
4.   S T O N E P I T S   C L O S E
5.   P U B L I C   Q U E S T I O N   T I M E

Pearl Teasdale 23.04.93  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SHERINGTON on  
TUESDAY, 4th MAY 1993

1. PRESENT: Mr D Ferris (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mrs B Feasey, Mr B Lanz, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr I Thomson

The Chairman said that, as a matter of historical interest, on reading through previous minute books he noticed that many of the ordinary Council Meetings were held in the idiom of the Annual Parish Meeting. It shows how we have moved on.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman said his report would be brief and just a quick resume of the year's events for reasons he would indicate later.

- 3.1 Water Lane Sewer. The problem has now been resolved after much beavering at MKBC and AW. After many years AW and their contractors have carried out repairs and this may be the result of the agency arrangements no longer being with MKBC. We will keep looking at the matter carefully, but so far we have had no more trouble.

The much silted-up ditch in "Ned's Field" has now been hand dug.

- 3.2 The Children's Play Area and Playing Field. These are in frequent use, and well maintained.

- 3.3 Bulb and Tree Planting. Extensive bulb and tree planting has taken place during the last 12 months.

- 3.4 Twinning. There have been recent consultations with the village of Locmalo in Brittany. The Twinning Committee's visit to France in April was highly successful. We look forward to receiving a party from Locmalo in September.

- 3.5 Carisbrooke House. The caravan dwellers are still in residence, and we have not been able to make contact with the owner. However, it is understood that MKBC are taking action under the Planning Act and they went to court on the 28th April for an order against the use of the grounds. When the order is served the entrance will be sealed up by MKBC.

- 3.6 Other Matters. The Chairman said he was not over-happy about the way in which various issues have been examined in council and conducted in result and for that reason he will not be standing as Chair or Vice-Chair in the coming year. However, the Chairman said he would like to take the opportunity to thank Madam Clerk and all those who substituted for her in her absence, also the Vice-Chairman Barry Lanz, and to all other members of the Parish Council in the support they have given. Also thanks to Mr Archie Whatton, Tree Warden. The Chairman hoped that during the coming year we will have all the representatives in the 'public gallery' supporting the Parish Council in all that they do. He wished the PC a successful and prosperous new year and was pleased to report that the accounts are being handed over 'in balance'.

4. STONEPITS CLOSE. The Chairman explained the basis of leasing Stonepits Close (a field, which is behind the Charlesberry Kennels, near Sherington Bridge), which extends to 3.05 acres. The Chairman read out the relevant parts of the contract and publicly invited offers. The license is from 5th May until 1st November 1993. Mr Michael Cook offered the sum of £85.00 on behalf of J W Cook & Son for the coming year. There were no other offers, so the Parish Council agreed to lease the field to J W Cook & Son.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

5.1 Carisbrooke House. Mrs Graham said she hoped MKBC will take note of the fact that the fence is down alongside the field, so even if the entrance is sealed the Travellers may be able to return. The fence will need to be repaired.

5.2 Play Area. Mrs Graham is very concerned that MKBC are not replacing concrete slabs, under the baby swings, with a safety surface. The Clerk reported that MKBC have been contacted, but they replied there is no money available to put in safety surfaces and as the babies in the swings are closely supervised by adults it is not essential for the slabs to be replaced. The Chairman suggested the slabs may be replaced by the PC with turfs under the swings.

Mrs Graham gave her opinions of the problems of older children sitting in the Wendy House and frightening the little ones. Also having too many bushes in which the children can hide (may be a safety hazard).

5.3 Grass Mowing. Mr Moxham asked if we had as many cuts this year as last year. The Chairman said we seem to have a different contractor and the grass is not cut as regularly as in the past. MKBC do not appear to have reduced the number of cuts in the city area.

5.4 Weedkiller. Mrs Graham complained about the indiscriminate use of weedkiller. The Chairman said we wrote to MKBC about this last year, but we would put the item on the agenda again and discuss it at the next meeting.

5.5 Maintenance Items.

5.5.1 Lamp outside No. 8 The Knoll. Needs attention.

5.5.2 Weight Control Sign, Bedford Road. Still not repaired.

5.5.3 Grass Verges. Refuse carts continually drive over the corners.

The Chairman reminded all those present of the next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be on Thursday, 13th May.

Major Burgess proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Councillors for all the hard work carried out during the year. This was seconded by Mrs Graham and agreed by all. The Chairman thanked all those present on behalf of himself, the Councillors and the Clerk.

The Meeting Closed at 8.48 pm



CHAIRMAN 19.04.94

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

N O T I C E

SPECIAL MEETING OF SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

To be held on Sunday, 22nd August 1993 at 4.00 p.m

at THE PAVILION, PERRY LANE

Item to be discussed

PROPOSED CELLNET TOWER, ANGLIAN WATER RESERVOIR SITE, BEDFORD ROAD.

Pearl Teasdale 19.08.93  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council.

S H E R I N G T O N   P A R I S H   C O U N C I L

Minutes of Special Meeting held in The Old Pavilion on  
Sunday, 22nd August 1993 at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr A Pilcher (Chairman), Mrs B Feasey, Mrs W Haynes,  
Mr B Lanz, Mr I Thomson.

Apologies for Absence: None received.

The Chairman opened the meeting and said there was only one item to be discussed and that was the proposed CELLNET Tower at Anglian Water Reservoir Site, Bedford Road. Mr Pilcher asked Mr Lanz to explain the situation.

Mr Lanz said that at the last Parish Council Meeting it had been suggested by Borough Councillor Brian Hansford that the application by CELLNET, to put a tower at the top of Bedford Road, could be dealt with under planning rather than under permitted development and, therefore, a letter had been sent to MKBC regarding this. The Clerk was advised by the Planning Department that this was not possible, but would be dealt with under permitted development within 28 days. Mr Lanz had subsequently spoken to Mr Joel who said the company acting for CELLNET (Gillingtons) were within their rights to go ahead under permitted development. The only way to stop this private company was to offer them alternative sites or request them to share a site. Mr Joel said there was not much the Borough could do, but advised that the Parish Council should write direct to the Secretary of State for the Environment. It would be necessary to show there were alternative sites available. Legislation is similar to that adopted for Electricity and Gas services and that the company concerned can cross anyone's land. Mr Lanz said there are alternative sites available in less sensitive areas and work could be carried out in a more sensitive environmental way.

Mr Lanz read a letter he had drafted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, setting out the reasons why the CELLNET tower should not be erected at the Reservoir Site, and advising that there are alternative sites in the area which are not defined in Buckinghamshire County Structure Plan 1991 - 2011 as Areas of Attractive Landscape. The Reservoir Site is within the Ouse Valley Area of Attractive Landscape and, therefore, is not a suitable place for this development.

It was proposed by Mr Lanz that this letter be sent to the Secretary of State immediately with copies to MKBC and Gillingtons. Mr Thomson seconded this proposal and all agreed.

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

N O T I C E

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

To be held on  
Thursday, 25th November 1993  
at 7.30 p.m.

at  
THE PAVILION, PERRY LANE

Item to be discussed

REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(as it will affect Sherington)

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held in The Pavilion on Thursday, 25th November 1993

PRESENT: Mr A Pilcher (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mrs B Feasey, Mr D Ferris,  
Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Lanz, Mr I Thomson

The Chairman opened the meeting, which had been called to discuss Local Government Reorganisation, and how it would affect Sherington.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting held at the Civic Offices of Milton Keynes Borough Council and both gave a resume of this meeting.

- a) Seven options were outlined which did not include crossing county boundaries.
- b) The population figures of 150,000 to 250,000 were given as the most suitable for unitary authorities.
- c) It was stressed MKBC would no longer exist when unitary authorities came into being. A unitary authority which included all of MK borough plus Buckingham was outlined as a particular option for this area.

Discussion followed based on the above mentioned points.

Mr Lanz said we have three options:

- i) Sherington to be included with MK, Buckingham and Winslow
- ii) The Parish Council take on greater powers, but answerable to MK.
- iii) County boundaries be crossed and Sherington go to South Northants or Bedfordshire.

Mr Ferris suggested that if we stay with Milton Keynes we may have greater representation if we are included within a group of rural parishes (including Olney) and collectively bargain with the Unitary Authority for almost all functions, eg roadside maintenance, sports fields etc, under an agency agreement, therefore have autonomy as a group. Education is likely to be excluded, as would the 'Home Office' services, eg Fire, Police.

Mrs Feasey said that the education service wished to stay with Bucks C. C, with the administration centre at Aylesbury.

Finance is a special consideration and the Milton Keynes overhanging debt was discussed. There is not enough information available regarding finance.

Representation between the rural parishes and the urban area of Milton Keynes is unbalanced, as this is based on population numbers and not on hectares.

A Meeting arranged by MKALC at Emberton on Tuesday, 30th November 1993 will be attended by most of the councillors and the Clerk.

It was agreed that the questionnaire, asking for which services the parish council would like greater control, could not be answered by the deadline, the 1st December 1993, because sufficient information is not available to the PC.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.



07.12.93

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

N O T I C E

PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

1994/1995 PRECEPT ARRANGEMENTS

To be held on  
Thursday, 20th January 1994  
at 7.30 pm

in

SHERINGTON FIRST SCHOOL

The Press and Public are  
cordially invited to attend

*Pearl Teasdale*  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting for Precept Arrangements 1994/95  
held at Sherington First School on Thursday, 20th January 1994

PRESENT: Mr A Pilcher (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mrs B Feasey, Mr D Ferris,  
Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Lanz, Mr I Thomson,

The Chairman welcomed councillors and public to the special meeting, which he said would be taken in three parts, ie

- 1) Introduction by the Chairman (fairly non-technical)
- 2) Open question and answer time for councillors and public,
- 3) Mr Lanz to present the figures he had prepared for consideration by the PC,

1) Information gleaned from 'The MK Messenger' is that the Borough intends to provide the same services as in the current year, but the Government is announcing that they are withdrawing transitional relief, which some Council Tax payers are presently receiving. MKBC do not intend to raise District Council Taxes, but BCC may decide to change its tax base and the Parish Councils may decide to change their precepts.

MKBC has set the Tax for Sherington at the equivalent of 393,3 Band D properties and the requirement is for £1883,00 for a Parished Area under section 136. This works out at approximately £4.78 each per year. (Unparished Areas will be charged at £29.83 each property, so there is a difference of £25,05.)

The Chairman said the Clerk has reminded him that the PC have to be mindful of how much money we have and on what we are spending it, also the amount that should be on deposit in the bank,

For the coming year we need to consider whether or not we should spend money on the following: Mower replacement, 'Drive Carefully' signs, bus shelter, tractor, tree surgery, strimmer, pathway across play area to Carters Close, fencing in play area, village hall car park, voluntary donations which the PC may wish to make during the year,

2) As the councillors wished to have information regarding previous years' figures, Mr Lanz explained these, so that relevant questions could be asked and answered. The figures prepared by Mr Lanz showed he had allowed for an increase of 5% in each area of the payment section, but with nothing, as yet, allowed for projects. These figures showed that payments would be greater than receipts. The Chairman gave the information that the 1993/94 Tax is lower in the parishes than in unparished areas with Sherington's Council Tax being one of the lowest, approximately £10,00 lower than unparished areas. During the current year we have not carried out work on any projects and if we do not raise money for projects this year we will not be able to carry out those which may be considered urgent.

Discussion took place regarding the need for carrying out various projects for Sherington and how much should be on bank deposit at the end of the financial year.

3) The figures Mr Lanz had prepared put a precept at £4400,00 (very basic cost for running the village). Mr Lanz said we needed to add to that what we decide to raise for projects (some of which may be able to be paid from public subscriptions, as had been done in the past). This figure would give an overspend £300,00. Therefore, the balance in the bank would be £300,00 less than at the end of this financial year.



The Chairman listed the projects which needed to be considered at this stage;

<u>FULL COSTS</u>		<u>ALTERNATIVES</u>
Replacement Mower	- £1500,00 (new),	Repair would be £150,00
Footpath through Play Area	- £750,00 (tarmac),	This may be a little less,
Bus Shelter	- £3500,00 (new),	Or a repair for £1000,00
Road Signs	- £400,00 (2)	May not be effective,
Tractor	- £1300,00	We may consider borrowing as now,
Tree Surgery	- £400,00 (contracts),	Local labour cost £20,00,
Strimmer	- £100,00	A definite replacement needed,
Fencing for Play Area	- £200,00	This is not essential,
Village Hall Car Park	- £1000,00 (contribution to tarmac),	Less for shingle,
<u>THIS TOTAL WOULD BE APPROX.</u>	<u>£9000,00</u>	<u>ALTERNATIVE TOTAL APPROX. £2000,00</u>

Mr Thomson, on behalf of the Recreation Field Committee, presented figures for work which needs to be carried out;

Resealing Floor - £100,00  
Routine Maintenance - £700,00 (ongoing)  
Referees' Room - £200,00 to £300,00 (to comply with Football League's requirements),

Mr Thomson said the old pavilion could be adapted,

It was suggested that the clubs should be asked to pay extra and the Youth Club to make a contribution,

The mower will have to be replaced in two or three years time, but Mr Cook says it only needs adjustment at present,

It was agreed that it would be possible to precept for £1000,00 for a bus shelter repair and put that money toward a new shelter (it is considered a suitable project for our Centenary Year). The remainder of the cost may be covered by public subscription and voluntary labour. Mr Cook promised the preparation for the foundation. The path through the Play Area needs to be finished with tarmac, so this is an essential requirement,

Mr Ferris made the observation that the Parish Council has a base cost of £2300,00 for General Administration, all of which is essential expenditure (the Clerk listed the items under this heading). So if we wish to have a Parish Council in Sherington we must recognise that this base cost must be met in the first instance,

A precept of £6750,00 (£17,18 per Band D property) was proposed. This amount would cover the following projects: £1000,00 towards new bus shelter, £1,050,00 on other projects as discussed and £300,00 to keep the bank deposit as this year,

The Chairman asked each member of the PC for comments:

Mrs Feasey - In agreement

Mr Cook - In agreement

Mr Thomson - In agreement

Mrs Haynes - Reservations. Once tax is increased it is likely to go up again in future,

Mr Ferris - Not uncomfortable with the liquidity ratio which the PC has maintained over the years, which in any business sense must be something of a record. There are no problems with the proposal of a precept of £6750,00, but there is a concern about what will happen with the Local Government Review and perhaps more should be gathered in whilst there is a chance,

Mr Lanz - In agreement. We cannot go below the £6750,00,

The Chairman asked for comments from the floor. Mr Cheeseman said no decision has yet been made about the resurfacing of the Village Hall Car Park,

The Chairman asked the Clerk to read out the proposal:

"The precept for 1994/95 to be £6750,00 which will give an extra £300,00 to build on our bank balance. This will be the equivalent of £17,18 per Band D property."

Proposed by Mr Pilcher, seconded by Mr Thomson, all agreed,



SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held in Sherington School  
on Tuesday, 2nd May 1995  
at 7.30 pm

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th APRIL 1994  
(agreed and signed on 3rd May 1994).
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
4. STONE PITS CLOSE
5. PLANNING APPLICATION MK/298/95  
THE WHITE HART PUBLIC HOUSE
6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHERINGTON SCHOOL on  
TUESDAY, 2nd MAY 1995

1. PRESENT: Mr I Thomson (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mrs B Feasey, Mr D Ferris, Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Lanz, Mr A Pilcher and fourteen local electors. Apologies were received from County Councillor Pat Seymour, Borough Councillor Brian Hansford (who would be late as they are attending another Parish Council Meeting) and Mr A Whatton (Tree Warden).
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 1994 had been circulated on all members of the PC, agreed by them and signed by the Chairman, on the 3rd May 1994. Further copies of the minutes were distributed to members of the general public at this meeting.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
  - 3.1 Cellnet Tower. The Chairman commented on this construction, which is known locally as 'The Toasting Fork'. He said that inspite of Mr Lanz's work on the PC's behalf and the many petitions and letters sent from Sherington and Chicheley residents, the tower had been completed. There is a notice on site stating that objections to the construction may be made to the owners by 15th June 1995. It is hoped that many residents will take the opportunity to make their feelings known.
  - 3.2 Re-organisation of Local Government. The decision by the Minister that MK will be a unitary authority, apart from the rest of Bucks (which is to stay as a two tier system), is not what we in Sherington wished. We did hope to continue to stay within Buckinghamshire County Council.
  - 3.3 Perry Lane/Crofts End Parking. The work on this project is now complete, but inspite of there being parking places for residents, it appears some car owners still prefer to park at the side of the road, especially on the corner of Bedford Road and opposite Hillview - both safety hazards.
  - 3.4 Footpath through Play Area. The Chairman conveyed thanks to Mr M Cook for his negotiations with Mr Churchward of BCC in getting the footpath completed so quickly and at a reasonable price.
  - 3.5 Trees and Bulbs. Throughout the year, we have managed to plant more trees and bulbs in Sherington and the Chairman wished it to be noted that thanks should be conveyed to Mr Archie Whatton, our Tree Warden, for all his hard work. It is regrettable that the replacement trees (damaged by maintenance contractors) were not delivered and planted before Easter, as promised by MKBC.
  - 3.6 Loan for Village Hall Floor. The Chairman thanked Mr Ferris for his part in securing a MKBC loan, so the VH Committee could carry out work on the VH floor.
  - 3.7 Water Lane Sewer/TAY Homes/Rogers Engineering Works. This saga goes on and we still do not know the outcome. At present there is nothing further to say.
  - 3.8 Sherington Hundred Committee. The Chairman said thanks must go to this committee for efforts in planning the Centenary Celebrations. All the events which have been held, so far this year, have been very well attended.
  - 3.9 County and Borough Councillors. Pat Seymour and Brian Hansford have both worked extremely hard on behalf of Sherington and the Chairman wished our thanks to be recorded. B C Brian Hansford, who retires from office this year, must also get special thanks for his particular help in securing the Environmental Grant so undergrounding of services can take place on The Knoll. It is also hoped BT will be worthy of our thanks too, in the near future
  - 3.10 Parish Council. The Chairman thanked his fellow councillors for their support during his term as Chairman. He said he hoped the parishioners feel the PC has carried out their wishes. The Chairman also thanked the loyal electors who attend the PC meetings regularly, making an effort to show their interest in all the PC does.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (cont.)

3.11 New Council. The Chairman read the letter sent to the Clerk regarding the nominations for the next Parish Council. As only seven nominations were received, the following electors would be returned unopposed and their terms of office would commence on 8th May 1995: Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Holliss, Mr A Pilcher, Mr I Thomson. The first meeting of the new council would be on 16th May 1995. The Chairman gave details regarding the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. STONEPITS CLOSE.

Mr Ferris read out the details regarding the leasing of Stonepits Close, which is a field of approximately 3.05 acres, suitable for grazing. This year the license will run from 2nd May 1995 until 1st November 1995. An offer of £120.00 had been made by J W Cook & Son. No other offers were forthcoming, so it was unanimously agreed that the offer from J W Cook & Son be accepted. Mr Michael Cook asked the Clerk to add to that amount the £1.00 wayleave which is paid annually.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION MK/298/95. THE WHITE HART PUBLIC HOUSE.

The Clerk has been in contact with Mr Joel of the Planning Dept at MKBC regarding this matter. Mr Joel has written to the owners, Pheonix Inns, asking them if they have endeavoured to sell the public house as a going concern, as MKBC is not happy about the change of use to a private dwelling house. They have asked for a reply before 24.05.95, when the application will go to the Planning Committee. Objections to the application have been received by the Borough from over 80 households in Sherington. Residents, in the vicinity of The White Hart, who have not already sent in objections, will be receiving a letter from MKBC asking for their comments.

Comments should be received by the Borough by 23.05.95. Because of the response from local residents, it is likely the PC will support the views expressed and formally object to the planning application at its next meeting on the 16th May.

Mr Joel had commented to the Clerk that it is unlikely the Borough Planning Committee will pass the application.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

6.1 Village Hall Committee. Mr Cheeseman expressed thanks to the PC for the help they have given throughout the year and especially for the help with raising a loan for the VH floor.

6.2 Chairman. As Vice-chairman, Mr Pilcher, expressed thanks on behalf of his fellow councillors to Mr Thomson for being such a successful Chairman throughout the year. Unanimously agreed.

6.3 Anglian Water. Mr Lanz expressed concern regarding the state of the highways and verges as a result of the laying of the new water mains. The Clerk apologised for not contacting Anglian Water about the matter last month, but she has been indisposed.

A letter to be sent to Anglian Water with copy to ALHCO.

6.4 Clerk. Thanks were expressed to the Clerk for her hard work throughout the year. Unanimously agreed.

The Meeting Closed at 7.54 pm.

Signed.....  
16.05.95



# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 7th May 1996

at 7.00 pm

### A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (already agreed and signed)
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE
5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHERINGTON SCHOOL on  
TUESDAY, 7th MAY 1996 at 7.00 pm**

1. PRESENT: Mr I Thomson (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Holliss and four local electors.  
Apologies were received from Mr A Pilcher and County & Borough Councillor Mrs Pat Seymour: both are at other meetings.
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 1995 had been circulated to all members of the PC, agreed by them and signed by the Chairman, on the 16th May 1995.  
Further copies of the minutes were distributed to members of the general public at this meeting.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:  
The Chairman stated that much has been achieved in the year, most of which had been ongoing from previous years.
  - 3.1 Undergrounding. This is an ongoing process, although most of the work has been completed on The Knoll. Church End undergrounding has yet to commence.
  - 3.2 Water Lane Sewer and Tay Homes. There has been the saga of Water Lane and Tay Homes with the diversion unit installed by Anglian Water. This does not seem to work effectively as there is still flooding down Water Lane.
  - 3.3 Mower. We have purchased a new mower and a new agreement has been made with regard to the grass cutting in the village.
  - 3.4 BCC Site. We are making quite good progress with the BCC Site and Mr Smith's idea of a mound has been accepted by BCC. We have much for which to thank Councillor Pat Seymour with regard to this project.
  - 3.5 Bus Shelter - Centenary Project. The new bus shelter was built specially to commemorate the hundred years of Sherington Parish Council. With the new attractive lamp post by the side of the bus shelter it looks very good.
  - 3.6 Tree Planting. Thanks to Mr Archie Whatton, Tree Warden, for organising new tree planting and replacing those which had died.
  - 3.7 New Water Mains. New water mains have been installed around the village and this work has caused a lot of upheaval and mess in the village. We hope it will finally be cleared up before too long.
  - 3.8 Play Area. We have tidied the play area a little and there are plans to put up new fencing and continue to improve the area.
  - 3.9 Flag Pole on The Knoll. This has been installed recently and its good to be able to fly the Union Flag on special occasions.
  - 3.10 The White Hart. The closure of the White Hart is still ongoing and this is a sad event.
  - 3.11 Centenary Events and Sherington Hundred Committee. Thanks to all those who helped to organise events during the year and especially to the Sherington Hundred Committee. It was a very good year.
  - 3.12 Councillors. Thanks to all the Parish Councillors who have supported the Chairman throughout the year and especially to the Vice-Chairman who has taken over during the Chairman's absences. A special thanks to County and Borough Councillor Mrs Pat Seymour who has supported the Parish Council in so many ways. She never tires of working for her ward and this is greatly appreciated.
  - 3.13 Clerk. Thanks to the Parish Clerk for all her efforts during the year.
  - 3.14 General Public. Thanks also to the General Public for attending the meetings and for their support throughout the year.

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DWF.

4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE.

Parish Councillor Derek Ferris introduced this item and recommended to the Parish Council a new model form of agreement for grazing or mowing which incorporates recent legislation.

The license is offered from today, the 7th May 1996 until 1st November 1996.

An offer of £120.00 for the season has been received from J W Cook & Sons.

There were no other offers. Mr Ferris proposed the offer from J W Cook & Sons be accepted. All agreed.

An invoice to be sent to J W Cook & Sons for £120.00 plus £1 wayleave.

A formal proposal regarding the acceptance of the wording of the new agreement to be put to the June meeting of the Parish Council.

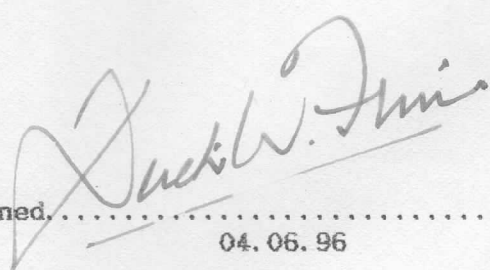
5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

5.1 Vote of Thanks. Major Burgess offered a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Parish Councillors and all those, seen and unseen, known and unknown, who have given so much to the village over the past year.

5.2 Wishes for Success. Mr Whatton wished the council success in the future. He seconded Major Burgess's thanks and said he knew that it was not easy to run a successful council but much had been achieved in the year. Mr Whatton said he appreciated being able to attend meetings, which he enjoyed.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

Signed.....

  
04.06.96

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**SUGGESTED PRECEPT FOR 1996-7: £8500.00**

(This is 1995-6 Precept plus 10% (brought down slightly to round off figure). The amount will cover PC's running expenses, and some costs towards suggested projects. Further funding will be from forecast receipts. Any extra amounts agreed by the PC may be taken from reserves providing at least £2000 is left to carry forward to 1997-8.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRECEPT:

	£
<u>Parks/Open Spaces</u>	450.00 MOWING
	400.00 MAINTENANCE & DEPREC./MOWER, DEPREC./STRIMMER
	25.00 RENT FOR STORE
	60.00 INSURANCE FOR MOWER
	100.00 TREE LOPPING IN PLAY AREA
<u>Recreation Fac.</u>	100.00 MAINTENANCE OLD PAVILION
	75.00 MAINTENANCE PAVILION
	500.00 RENT, RATES & PART ELECTRICITY
	650.00 MAINTENANCE OF RECREATION FIELD
<u>Highways</u>	50.00 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE
	50.00 BUS SHELTER INSURANCE
	150.00 GRAVEL PATH AT THE KNOLL & OTHER MAINTENANCE ITEMS
<u>Section 137</u>	250.00 ST LAUD'S CHURCH, SCAN & POSSIBLE OTHER DONATIONS
<u>General Admin</u>	120.00 HIRE OF SCHOOL HALL
	500.00 INSURANCE
	7.00 RENT VH OFFICE
	150.00 AUDIT FEES
	150.00 ASSOCIATIONS' SUBSCRIPTIONS & LITERATURE
	1400 <del>1350</del> .00 CLERK'S SALARY ON SCP 15*
	200.00 IN-SERVICE TRAINING
	180.00 CLERK'S EXPENSES (CAR & WORD PROCESSOR)
	300.00 COUNCIL'S EXPENSES (PHOTO-COPYING, POSTAGES, 'PHONE, ETC)
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u>5867.00</u> MINIMUM NEEDED FOR RUNNING EXPENSES OF COUNCIL
<u>Projects</u>	2000.00 FENCING PLAY AREA**
	1500.00 UNDERGROUNDING (EXTRA PAYMENT)
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>9867.00</u> (includes £3500.00 for projects)

\* The rate of pay for a clerk on SCP 15 is £5.61 per hour. This was amount agreed by the PC in August 1995. Advice has been given that as the Clerk joined the PC in August 1991 the recommended scale the PC should consider is SCP 18, which is £5.99 per hour. The PC may wish to decided whether or not it can afford to pay the Clerk this rate, as recommended by NALC and SLCC.

\*\* The PC is entitled to request contributions for this fencing from MKBC & owners of the properties concerned. However, the PC is liable if any children wander from the play area into the private property and have an accident.

SUGGESTED 1996-7 PRECEPT	£8500.00
FORECAST RECEIPTS FOR 1996-7	<u>1300.00</u>
TOTAL SUGGESTED PRECEPT & FORECAST RECEIPTS 1996-7	9800.00
SUGGESTED EXPENDITURE INCLUDING PROJECTS	<u>9317.00</u>
FORECAST AMOUNT TO C'FWD TO 1997-8	483.00
PLUS AMOUNT B/FWD from 1995-6	<u>3007.00</u>
<u>FORECAST TOTAL TO C'FWD TO 1997-8 FINANCIAL YEAR</u>	<u>£3490.00</u>



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1994-5 Precept £6750.00

1995-6 Precept £7762.00 (+ 15% on 1994-5 precept for extra running costs of council) Extra costs incurred for various projects, ie undergrounding (£3233), mower (£1000), bus shelter (£3000 of which £1000 was included in the precept of 1994-5) to be covered by receipts and balance brought forward from 1994-5. An amount up to £3500.00, may be withdrawn from reserves leaving a balance of not less than £2000.00 to be carried forward into 1996-7. (see minutes of Precept Meeting held 31.01.95).

At the beginning 1995/6 the balance b/fwd was £7660.22, but this included £1925.00 to be paid into the no 2 account (V H) and £146.78 in Centenary Fund.

AREAS TO CONSIDER IN THE PRECEPT:

	Forecast 1994-5	Payments 1994-5	Forecast 1995-6	Payments to 30.11.95)	Approx payments Expected to 31.03.95
Parks & Open Sps	793.07	1137.18	832.72	576.78	700.00
Rec. Facilities	1127.11	1032.54	1183.47	1006.42	1250.00
H'ways	422.20	628.96	443.31	80.00	150.00
General Admin.	2280.08	2381.80	2394.87	1112.41	2300.00
Section 137	403.07	256.94	500.00		220.00*
New Mower			1000.00	711.07	711.00**
Bus Shelter			3000.00	3203.27	3400.00***
Undergrounding			3233.00		3233.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5025.53</b>	<b>5437.42</b>	<b>12584.37</b>	<b>6689.95</b>	<b>11964.00</b>

\* It was decided not to increase payments to SCAN or ST LAUD'S CHURCH

\*\* Includes part exchange for old mower. New small mower not purchased.

\*\*\* Shelter costs to date: £3235.38. Some donations have been received.

ALL ABOVE PAYMENTS ARE LISTED FOR PRECEPT PURPOSES ONLY SO EXCLUDE:

- 1) ALL VAT PAYMENTS
- 2) PAYMENTS FOR ITEMS RELATED TO CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
- 3) PAYMENT TO No 2 ACCOUNT OF VAT REFUND

Receipts

Donations up to 30.11.95 for shelter amount to:	£265.00 (+£30 94/95=£195 to date)
Other receipts to 30.11.95	1138.97 (excl Precept & Cent. Fund)
Approx receipts forecast (Bk int to Mar 96)	100.03 (excl VAT refunds)
	<u>1504.00</u>

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DRAFT STATEMENT 01.04.95 - 31.03.96

Receipts 1995/1996

	Precept	Parks/ Open Sp	Recrea Facilit	Public Lights	St/pits Rent	Project Donat	Centen'y Celebra	H'ways Verges	Bank Int	Refund	Totals
Apr,	3881,00		57,60				5,00		15,52		3959,12
May		343,93					14,00		24,19		381,52
June		177,50			122,00		5,00		14,65		319,15
July			60,00			15,00	127,50	136,76	20,71		349,97
Aug,						55,00	9,00		21,64		95,64
Sept,	3881,00		70,00			150,00	5,00		18,57		4124,57
Oct,			10,00			10,00	12,50		25,06		57,56
Nov,						35,00	6,50		21,44		62,94
Dec,						170,00			16,32		186,32
Jan,						20,00	67,47		14,98		102,45
Feb,									13,21		13,21
Mar,						10,00			11,64		21,64
	7762,00	520,89	197,60		122,00	465,00	251,97	136,76	217,93		9674,09

Payments 1995/1996

Month	Misc	Parks/ Open Sp	Recrea Facilit	Section 137	Public Lights	Project	Sec 139 Centen'y Celebrat	H'ways and Verges	Gen, Admin	WAT	Totals
Apr,	1925,00		288,94				80,00	80,00	110,72	4,11	2488,17
May		212,24	60,00						505,24	11,33	788,81
June		109,76	174,26							13,48	297,50
July		75,74	131,11						399,66	27,57	634,08
Aug,		711,07	80,00						40,00	138,43	969,50
Sept,						644,91				112,76	757,07
Oct,		128,53	250,71			2106,76				294,51	2780,51
Nov,		50,51	22,00			452,20			30,00	18,76	573,47
Dec,		38,01	57,00			42,22	67,03		629,19	23,66	857,11
Jan,			35,25			54,46	53,43		59,00	7,28	209,22
Feb,					12,00				425,06	6,36	443,42
Mar,				220,00					135,34	74	355,08
	1925,00	1325,86	1098,67	232,00		3299,95	200,46	80,00	2334,21	658,99	11154,94

FINAL BALANCES AT THE 31st March 1996

Brought forward from 1994/1995;	£7660,22	Enterprise a/c statement	£5605,66
Receipts up to 31st March 1996;	£9674,09	Current a/c statement	£85,52
Sub total;	£17334,31	Balance as bank statements	£291,10
Payments from 01.04.95 to 31.03.96	11154,94	Unpresented cheques	111,81
Balance in hand as at 31.03.96	£6179,37	C/fwd to 1996/1997	£6179,37

Balance C/fwd 01.04.96 £6179,37

NOTE - In the above amount to be carried forward includes;

Centenary Celebrations Surplus Funds 198,29-(set aside for donations etc)  
 Undergrounding on The Knoll 3233,00-(to be paid to MKBC)

MKBC - Section 136 (Landscaping); £2122,00

MKBC - Section 101 (Footway Lighting); £4801,00

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STATEMENT UP TO 30th November 1995

Receipts 1995/1996

	Precept	Parks/ Open Sp	Recrea Facilit	Public Lights	St/pits Rent	Project Donat	Centen'y Celebra	H'ways Verges	Bank Int	Refund	Totals
Apr.	3881,00		57,60				5,00		15,52		3959,12
May		343,33					14,00		24,19		381,52
June		177,50			122,00		5,00		14,65		319,15
July			60,00			15,00	127,50	136,76	20,71		349,97
Aug.						55,00	9,00		21,64		95,64
Sept.	3881,00		70,00			150,00	5,00		18,57		4124,57
Oct.			10,00			10,00	12,50		25,06		57,56
Nov.						35,00	6,50		21,44		62,94
	7762,00	520,83	197,60		122,00	265,00	184,50	136,76	161,78		9350,47

Payments 1995/1996

Mo	Misc	Parks/ Open Sp	Recrea Facilit	Section 137	Public Lights	Project	Sec 139 Centen'y Celebrat	H'ways and Verges	Gen, Admin	VAT	Totals
Apr.	1925,00		288,34				80,00	80,00	110,72	4,11	2488,17
May		212,24	60,00						505,24	11,33	788,81
June		109,76	174,26							13,48	297,50
July		75,74	131,11						399,66	27,57	634,08
Aug.		711,07	80,00						40,00	138,43	969,50
Sept.						644,31				112,76	757,07
Oct.		128,53	250,71			2106,76				266,92	2780,51
Nov.		50,51	22,00			452,20			30,00	18,76	573,47
	1925,00	1287,85	1006,42			3203,27	80,00	80,00	1085,62	620,95	9289,11

FINAL BALANCES AT THE 30th November 1995

Brought forward from 1994/1995;	£7660,22	Enterprise a/c statement	£5789,59
Receipts up to 30th November 1995;	£9350,47	Current a/c statement	1931,99
Sub total;	£17010,69	Balance as bank statements	7721,58
Payments from 01.04.95 to 30.11.95	9289,11		
Balance in hand as at 30.11.95	£7721,58	Balance at bank 30.11.95	£7721,58

FORECAST (01.12.95 - 31.03.96):

	£		£
Approx December payments;	800	Balance at bank 30.11.95	7721
Approx other payments to 31.03.96;	1300+	Expected payments (Dec-Mar)	5333-
Undergrounding (already agreed);	3233-		2388
Total payment to end of Financial Year	5333	Expected receipts (Dec-Mar)	850+
Forecast receipts (VAT & Bank int.);	850-		3238
Total to be withdrawn from funds;	4483	Less amount in Centenary Fund	231-
			3007

FORECAST STATEMENT FINANCIAL YEAR 1995/6

	£		£
B/fwd from 1994/5	7660,22	Actual payments to 30.11.95	9289,11+
Precept for 1995/6	7762,00+	Approx payments for Dec '95	800,00+
Additional actual receipts	1588,47+	Forecast payments Dec - Mar	4533,00+
Total receipts to date	17010,69	Forecast total payments	14622,11
Forecast receipts 01.12.95 - 31.03.95	850,00+	Amount in Centenary Fund	231,28+
FORECAST TOTAL RECEIPTS YEAR	17860,69		14853,39
Less payments as listed	14853,39-		
FORECAST AMOUNT TO BE C/FWD TO 1996/7	3007,30		

**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**N O T I C E**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
of the  
PC'S PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*to which all councillors are invited  
to discuss the*

**CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER STATEMENT**

*The Chair will be taken by Mr Derek Ferris (Planning Cttee Chairman)*

*DATE: Monday, 24th June 1996 at 7.30 pm*

*Venue: 2 The Knoll, Sherington  
(Home of Parish Council Chairman, Mr Tony Pilcher)*

*Note: Mr Pilcher has kindly offered to serve refreshments after the meeting.*

*Please reply to The Clerk.*

*Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council*

*SPECIAL NOTICE*

*from*

*SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL*

If you are a resident or own or rent land or property in Sherington, you should read the following carefully. To explain the purpose of this notice it has been necessary to use technical references and phrases where other descriptions would not suffice. Please do not be put off by these terms. It is your right to put your views forward and the Parish Council is providing the opportunity for you to do so.

Sherington village has a total of 37 buildings which, in planning terms, are listed formally as being of architectural and historic interest. All, but 3, lie within the Sherington Conservation Area, a statutory designation which involves a band of land and buildings which almost encircles the village in the rough shape of a letter 'C', starting with Yew Tree Farm house and grounds in Park Road and ending with the Old Rectory and grounds in School Lane.

The Conservation Area is supplemented by two Article 4 Direction Areas, the Ouse Valley Area of Attractive Landscape and Tree Preservation Orders - differing designations, each supported by statute and, more particularly, the policies contained within The Borough of Milton Keynes Local Plan (1995). The Borough Planning Committee has decided to add more flesh to the Local Plan policies by preparing Character Statements for each Conservation Area throughout the Borough. Once adopted, each will assume the status of Supplementary Planning Guidance and will be used to assist the application of the Local Plan policies within a particular Conservation Area.

Each Character Statement is intended to include sufficient detail of what constitutes the special interest of the Area which it is desirable to preserve or enhance, not merely by recording a description of what the eye can see, or would prefer to see, but demanding an historical analysis and the identification of key features - hence Character Statement. Clearly, the historical analysis must be based upon fact not hearsay. Old photographs can help to provide such evidence.

The Borough Planning Officer has prepared a draft Character Statement for Sherington and the Parish Council has been asked to involve local people in assessing and, indeed, contributing towards the final version of this document by the end of June.

The draft Statement is a sizeable paper, which is too costly to reproduce per household, tenant and landowner. The Parish Council has, therefore, decided to hold a Public Consultation Meeting at Sherington School on Friday, 7th June, starting at 7.30 pm prompt.

Copies of the draft Character Statement, plans and photographs will be available for inspection and comment during the presentation. Should you wish to borrow a copy of the document to read in advance of 7th June, please contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk, who will lend you their copy.

THE CONSULTATION MEETING IS A RARE AND IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND OWNERS TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR OWN PROPERTIES AND TO COMMENT UPON THE PLANNING ETHOS FOR THE VILLAGE OVERALL.

*Please note the time and date in your diary now -*

*7.30 pm SHERINGTON SCHOOL, FRIDAY 7th JUNE 1996*

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of comments, made by residents, on draft Conservation Area Statement followed by comments made by Sherington Parish Councillors at the Planning Committee Meeting.

## 1. TREES

1.1 Trees with preservation orders should be listed not just referred to as "Trees at 6 High Street".

PC Trees do not need to be individually identified.

1.2 'Important tree' on triangle (Church Road/School Lane) with fir tree. Fir tree is likely to grow too large and should be removed to allow the 'important tree' to have room to flourish.

An alternative comment is that as a fir tree has a short life in this parish, the one on the triangle should not be removed!

PC Both comments noted. No action to be taken.

1.3 Attention should be paid to types of trees planted. The beech may be a menace in 50 years time, so should be either pollarded or replaced by other more suitable varieties.

PC Beech trees will be dealt with as and when necessary.

1.4 6 Church Road has preservation orders on two yew trees (not listed).

PC Comment noted; omission to be rectified. Add to "Tree Preservation Orders" list.

1.5 The White Hart has chestnut tree in the car park (not listed).

Another comment is that the chestnut tree has been condemned.

PC This has been subject to previous consideration by the appropriate authority.

1.6 Gun Lane has some important trees.

PC Agreed. "Hedges and trees in Gun Lane contribute considerably to the village."

1.7 Important trees should be named and positions listed.

PC Some important trees are shown on the conservation map; also suggest the following: "Chestnut trees from Sherington Turn to Manor Farm (both sides), the Plantation by Mercers Farm (corner of High Street/Crofts End), chestnut trees in Bedford Road. Trees and hedgerows at Carters Close, Play Area and Sports Field at Perry Lane - individual specimens need to be identified and included."

## 2. HIGH STREET

2.1 'Rogers site' not in keeping with local styles. More care should be taken over new developments.

PC Comment noted.

2.2 "Moat Farmhouse" ('Archaeology') probably refers to "The Manor".

PC Correction to be made in the text: 4.0 first paragraph.

## 3. WATER LANE

3.1 The Rickyard does not cause a visual disturbance, but the noise element of the gun club is disturbing.

PC Comment noted.

3.2 Businesses in Water Lane should be regulated. The road is unsuitable for very large vehicles.

PC Comment noted.

3.3 Quaker Burial Ground should be noted.

PC Omission of this Burial Ground (behind no 40 Water Lane) in the 'Ancient Monument' section to be rectified.

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4. THE KNOLL

4.1 The village green should not be overplanted with trees.

**PC Comment noted.**

4.2 Nos. 1, 2 & 3 should be part of the conservation area.

**PC No 1 is in the conservation area. Nos 2 & 3 are listed separately, but should logically be included in conservation area.**

4.3 The bus shelter needs a preservation order.

**PC The bus shelter is within the conservation area.**

5. CHURCH ROAD

5.1 6 Church Road should be part of the conservation area.

**PC Cannot be part of the conservation area, but should be listed separately as is Arbour House next door.**

6 CHURCH END

6.1 May Cottage & no. 3 Church End are queried as being listed cottages.

**PC It is confirmed these two cottages are listed.**

6.2 Church Farm - will the description need to be changed in view of the present planning application?

**PC No change necessary.**

6.3 St Land's Church?

**PC Printing error to be corrected to read: St Laud's Church (3.0 paragraph 19).**

6.4 Inconsiderate parking has resulted in damaged verges. The fire hydrant is in danger of collapsing. Could a sign be erected to dissuade car drivers from parking on the grass and turning in the private drives of Hamel Croft and Willow House?

**PC This comment is not relevant here, but will be placed on the next Parish Council agenda under "maintenance items".**

7. GUN LANE

7.1 Earth tumuli near to St Laud's Church

**PC Omitted from 'Ancient Monument' section. To be included.**

7.2 "No significantly neglected buildings" should be amended and the following be added: "with the exception of The White Hart". Given a change of use, the refurbishment and repairs will greatly enhance the status of the listed building.

**PC The councillors agree with the statement made in the draft document (4.0 last paragraph) ".....there are no significantly neglected buildings or areas."**

8. PARK ROAD

8.1 "Home Farmhouse" should read "Yew Tree Farm".

**PC As there is no "Home Farm" in Park Road, the reference (3.0 final paragraph) probably refers to "Yew Tree Farm": correction to be made.**

8.2 Nos. 9 & 11 are not listed, neither are they in the conservation area.

**PC The councillors request the Borough Council to consider whether or not the conservation area should be extended to include these cottages.**

9. SCHOOL LANE

9.1 No 2 now has all sash windows, no casements.

**PC Correction to be made (SP 8946 - 11/172)**

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## 10. CROFTS END.

10.1 Ridge and furrow in Bancroft adjacent to Burial Mound.

PC *Not a good example, so should not be included.*

10.2 Congregational Chapel not in use for worship - now 5 dwellings.

PC *This should be noted and correction made. Omit "chapel" (4.0 paragraph 8).*

## 11. VILLAGE OF SHERINGTON

11.1 The whole village should be a conservation area including Carters Close.

PC *This would detract from the conservation area as it is now.*

## 12. MATERIALS

12.1 Stone coloured bricks are better than imitation stone.

PC *Agreed. Suggest alteration (4.0 paragraph 6).*

12.2 Stone should be oolitic limestone coursed or random coursed with lime mortar.

PC *Agreed. Suggest alteration (4.0 paragraph 6).*

PC *Extra note: 12.1 & 12.2 constitute an interesting viewpoint. These comments should be considered in reverse order.*

## 13. INDUSTRY

13.1 Industry within the village? Keeping the village alive and working.

PC *An important comment. Suggest the text (3.0 paragraph 10) be changed to read: "At the present time this is part of the significant commercial focus within Sherington which contributes to the working life of the village. The Knoll accommodates a shop and a garage/haulage business, and serves as a parking facility for these uses and The Swan Public House...."*

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (various areas of the village):

14.1 Particular reference to character profiles along public footpaths.

PC *There are sufficient character statements which can be applied to footpaths.*

14.2 Concern that 'homogeneity is a value in itself' - ref. new development.

PC *Comment noted.*

14.3 Emphasis needed on active/positive & visual character of the role of employment.

PC *See 13.1 above.*

14.4 Each historic period adds its own response from social, economic & technical standpoints.

PC *Comment noted.*

14.5 Is Sherington a "predominantly stone village"?

PC *This is true in the context of the statement.*

14.6 Is "villagescape" better than "townscape"?

PC *Agreed. Suggest wording is altered in text (3.0 paragraph 4) to read: "The south side of Crofts End has a good continuous villagescape initially marked by....." and "There are important villagescape views...." Suggest word is also changed from "townscape" to "villagescape" in other parts of the statement.*

14.7 "Important views along Crofts End in both directions" - should these be stated?

PC *There are general statements about views, it is not necessary to be specific.*

14.8 Reference to Rogers Engineers site be removed.

PC *Suggest changing the text (3.0 paragraph 11) to read: "The redevelopment of the Rogers Engineers Limited site (excluded from the Conservation Area) may assist the continuity....."*

14.9 Why use the term "bungalow forms"?

PC *Suggest changing the text (3.0 paragraph 16) to read: "Present day School Lane is initially flanked by bungalows which conform less to the character of the village."*



**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**DO YOU WISH THE WHITE HART TO REMAIN A PUBLIC HOUSE?**

*Sherington Parish Council has just been notified by the Borough that a further application has been made for the change of use of The White Hart, from public house to private dwelling.*

*The Borough Council needs to consider this new application at the August Planning Committee meeting (well in advance of the appeal, linked with the previous application by Pheonix Inns, scheduled for 1st October 1996).*

*The Parish Council has been asked by the Borough Council to consult all Sherington residents on this matter. The Planning Committee will then consider the wishes of the village very seriously and act accordingly.*

*The Planning Department of the Borough Council wish it to be known that no permission has been granted to the present owners to take up residence at The White Hart. Permission can only be given if and when it is agreed for a change of use.*

**A PUBLIC MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE, SO THAT YOU MAY GIVE YOUR VIEWS, ON THIS MATTER, TO THE PARISH COUNCIL on:**

**FRIDAY, 28th JUNE 1996**

**at 7.30 pm**

**Venue: SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

*The Parish Council urge all those, who desire to make their wishes known, to attend the meeting and/or write direct to The Chief Planning Officer, Milton Keynes Borough Council, PO Box 112, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HQ. Address the envelope "For the attention of Mrs C Clapson".*

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### PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 28th JUNE 1996 in SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Notices had been distributed to the 380 households in the village notifying residents of the meeting called to discuss the question:

'DO YOU WISH THE WHITE HART TO REMAIN A PUBLIC HOUSE?'

In the Chair: Chairman of the Parish Council - Mr Tony Pilcher

In attendance: Mrs C Clapson, Planning Officer, MKBC  
Mrs P Seymour, County and Borough Councillor for Sherington Ward  
85 Sherington residents (including Parish Councillors)

The Clerk had received apologies for absence from 14 residents

1. Introduction. Councillor Mr Pilcher opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing Mrs Clapson, Mrs Seymour and the Parish Clerk, Mrs Teasdale, to the general public.
2. The Public Meeting. It was explained that the meeting had been called so that members of the general public could express their views on whether or not they wished The White Hart to remain a public house. The present owners, Mr and Mrs Inchbald, had put in a planning application for the change of use of the property from Public House to private dwelling. If the majority of Sherington residents wished to retain the public house and the matter goes to a Public Enquiry, the Parish Council does have powers to use funds to engage a legal representative.
3. Two Hundred Years of Trading. The White Hart had been trading as a Public House for over 200 years and the last tenant, Mr Kelvin Locke, had traded for over sixteen years. Mr and Mrs Locke had to cease trading and leave the property in March 1996 and it is not known if the present owners wish to continue trading or not, but this seems unlikely.
4. Village Amenity. A local village amenity will be lost if The White Hart becomes a private dwelling house. Several willing buyers had come forward to purchase the property whilst The White Hart was still trading as a Public House, but it was not sold as such by the previous owners, Pheonix Inns.
5. Feeling of the Meeting. Mr Pilcher said he would like to gauge the feeling of the meeting and hoped that those present would voice their opinions.
6. The Borough Council View. Mrs Clapson said the Borough prefers the retention of public houses because they give valuable facilities to villages. The Borough will explore all means possible for keeping a "pub as a pub".
7. Planning Application. MKBC has to look at every planning application which is submitted and the present application will be considered at the August Planning Meeting. This application has had to be accepted even though there is an appeal pending by the previous owners.
8. Appeal by Pheonix Inns. The previous application from Pheonix Inns did not show that the property had been offered for sale as a going concern, so change of use was refused by the Borough. Pheonix Inns lodged an appeal and this will be heard in Milton Keynes on 1st October. A Government Inspector will listen to evidence and will make a decision one or two months after the hearing.

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9. Commercial Viability. Mrs Clapson said this matter will be considered and all views will be represented.
10. Enforcement Action. There is potential for enforcement action, although the Borough has relatively limited powers. It is a difficult problem in the short term. Legal enforcement, for the present owners to vacate the property, may be taken by Building Control at the same time as the August Planning Committee Meeting. The present owners would be unlikely to vacate the property until after the appeal has been heard in October. They may also appeal against the enforcement notice. This is a separate issue and, therefore, would be considered by another independent inspector. It is a long drawn out matter.
11. The White Hart as a Public House. It is the Borough's opinion that it would be better for the present owners to operate the The White Hart as a pub.
12. Previous Owner. In answer to a question from the floor, Mr Pilcher stated that Pheonix Inns, which is believed to be part of Courage Group Ltd, had previously owned the property and Mr Locke had been the tenant.
13. Present Owners. Mr Inchbald sought permission of the Chairman to address the meeting from the front. This was refused as the meeting was a public one. Mr Inchbald was allowed to put his point of view from the floor of the hall. Mr Inchbald stated The White Hart had not been commercially viable.
14. Previous Tenant. Mr Locke asked "what is commercially viable?" This question does not mean the same to everyone. He had traded for nearly seventeen years at The White Hart and had never made a loss. He said The White Hart had always been part of the village community and the profit idea is irrelevant.
15. Business Assessment. Mrs Inchbald wished the Chairman to allow her husband to address the meeting again. Mr Pilcher asked the meeting if it was in agreement. The majority of those present agreed to listen to Mr Inchbald, who quoted from the Business Assessment (from David Pinder) stating The White Hart was not commercially viable. He quoted figures at length, which he previously had presented to the May Parish Council Meeting and said Mr Locke had been charged a very low rent of £4000 pa. Mr Inchbald said he had offered to sell The White Hart to Mr Locke, but this had been refused.
16. Not Relevant Information. The meeting thought the figures Mr Inchbald was quoting were not relevant to the discussion on the question "Do you wish The White Hart to remain a Public House?"
17. Representation of the Village. Mrs Inchbald said that the number of residents in the Village Hall was not large when one considers the population of Sherington. It was stated by Mrs Inchbald that she has many friends in the village who support the fact that her family are now living in the property. She said these friends would not attend the public meeting because of the feeling of other residents who are angry at the pub being closed.
18. Public House of less Value (on the property market) than a Private Dwelling. The view was expressed that Mr Inchbald had purchased the property for private gain as it would be worth more as a private dwelling.
19. Market Value of the Public House. Mr Locke said he had offered to buy the property four years ago for £120,000 (which he considered the market value). He based this figure on his turnover of £60,000 pa. When the property was put on the market again this year he once more offered £120,000. Mr Inchbald had wanted considerably more.
20. State of the Property. Mr Inchbald said about £40,000 needed to be spent on the property and the kitchens had been condemned.
21. The Swan Public House. The view was expressed that The Swan in the High Street lacks support so this shows there is no need for two pubs in the village.

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22. The Village Needs a Choice. The following views were expressed by several members of the general public. Sherington has sufficient number of residents to sustain two pubs and The Swan does not have the same facilities as The White Hart, ie a suitable and safe garden for children, small games room (which Mr Locke had let the young people use and served them with soft drinks - this was a tremendous help to the village as a whole), a function/dining room which could be used by various organisations and individuals for parties/Christmas Dinners or meetings as well as pub dining.

23. Tenant's Rent. The fact that Mr Locke had paid the brewery £4000 pa meant that anyone owning The White Hart now could also recoup £4000 pa from a tenant, which would not go straight to the brewers.

24. Licensee. In answer to a question, Mr Locke said he retains the license of The White Hart until 1997. The property is also licensed to sell alcohol. The fact that the property has owners who do not wish to trade prevents any trading being carried out (in the short term) on the premises. In answer to another question, Mr Locke said he would be willing to run the pub again if he was allowed to make a profit.

25. The Public Bar. Mr Inchbald said he had taken professional advice and left the bar intact.

26. Property Developer. Mr Inchbald was repeatedly asked if he is an architect and property developer. He finally answered "yes" to this question. Mrs Inchbald pointed out that she is joint owner, but is not a property developer.

27. Professional Advice. Mr Inchbald said he had also been given advice about being able to take up residence. Mrs Clapson said the Borough Council's legal advisors may interpret the law differently and added that it is a very grey area.

28. "Where do we go from here?" There is the appeal to be held in October and Mrs Clapson said there is the option of authorising the Parish Council to engage a professional representative on behalf of the village. If the residents of the village express their views in writing to the Borough Council, the DOE will know the strength of feeling about retaining The White Hart as a Public House.

29. Village Commitment. Mrs Clapson pointed out that even if the Government Inspector does not allow the change of use, there should be a commitment from the village to buy and run the property as a pub. The village needs to think seriously about this.

30. Current Application for Change of Use. The general public were asked to write in response to the current application. Many had written in response to the previous application, ie from Pheonix Inns. The current application is from Mr Inchbold and the planning reference is: MK/571/96.

31. Correct Professional Representation. The Parish Council was urged to make sure the correct type of advice be sought from someone well versed in planning and who specialised in the type of problem we have in Sherington.

32. Parish Council Resources. It was suggested that, as the Parish Council has limited resources a fund, for public donations, should be set up to pay for the Professional Advice and Representation. The Chairman said he would put this suggestion to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

33. Charles Wells Brewery. In answer to questions, from the floor, it was stated that Pheonix Inns does not (as far as is known) have any connection with Charles Wells Brewery. The two companies do not have the same directors.

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34. Borough & County Councillor's Views. Mrs Seymour was asked for her views. She said she had supported the village by objecting to the previous application for change of use and would do the same again for the current application. As Councillor, Mrs Seymour said, she must support the majority of the residents she represents.

35. Letter with suitable wording. The Parish Council had prepared copies of letter, with suitable wording, objecting to the present planning application, which residents may use, if they so wish.

The Chairman expressed thanks to everyone for attending the meeting and making the views known. The Parish Council will pass on this information to the Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held at Sherington School on Tuesday 10th September 1996

Present: Mr A Pilcher (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes,  
Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Hollies.

The meeting had been called to discuss the following:

MK/912/95 APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE FOR STORAGE OF BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING MATERIALS, ROAD HAULAGE DEPOT INC. PARKING AND MAINTENANCE AT LAND AT SHERINGTON ROAD, NEWPORT PAGNELL (PART OF O. S 0054)  
FOR G F X HARTIGAN LTD

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited comments from councillors. The councillors agreed that it would be more appropriate to listen to the members of the general public who are most affected by the above application.

Document. Mr Lewis remarked that it had been thought the document before the councillors at the previous meeting had not been correct. Had this been cleared and what was the answer?

There is an extension to the original document. The main issue has not changed. The residents comments have been noted and the recommendation has been extended. The Chairman read this recommendation to the meeting.

Comments from residents of Sherington Bridge. Mr Hartigan has a business to run, but he has other sites. In the past the activities at the Newport Pagnell site had been small scale. The gravel pit was due to close about 10 years ago, but since that time other materials and large equipment have been stored at the site and, although there has not been a consistent pattern, at times there has been noisy weekend activity with lorries coming and going throughout the night. It is an Area of Attractive Landscape, so should such activities be carried out here? The application appears to relate to only a small portion of the site. Is the wheelwash (mentioned by Mr Hartigan at the previous meeting) permanently on the site or is it one owned by Taylors? It is something to bear in mind for future reference.

Local residents at Sherington Bridge would prefer the business to be moved to a more suitable site, but they are not completely against the business, if it is small scale. Night-time workings are not acceptable. It would be better to disrupt the rural environment as little as possible.

Borough Councillor Mrs Seymour was asked to comment. If the license is refused the matter may go to planning. It would be preferable for a planning application to be considered because the site would be unlikely to be closed down, but strict limits would be put on the activities. The planning officers may seek legal advice if they are uncertain about how to proceed.

The Hartigan site at Ravenstone will be filled and returned to agriculture very shortly. Mill Farm site can only be used for extracting gravel.

Comments from Mr P Smith who has been trading with Hartigans for a number of years and sworn an affidavit. Mr Smith asked why Sherington Parish Council is dealing with this matter when it is not in its parish and would the objections be less if Hartigan's operated only during an ordinary working day at the site, ie 7.00 am - 5.30 pm, (because the night time operation has ceased) and if mud on the road is eliminated?

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Responses from councillors. The residents of Sherington Bridge are in this parish and the PC has a duty to represent them fairly. The application does not give any indication of what may happen in the future.

This is not a straight forward planning application. The application is for a certificate of lawful use and the company must prove the case for lawful use in the last ten years. There is a need here for a clear legal definition.

Further discussion took place about whether or not Sherington residents wished Hartigans to move from Newport Pagnell and what is meant by the contents of the document before the meeting. The Chairman had telephoned the Borough to get clarification of the large part of the document.

Councillor Mr M Cook said he had also signed an affidavit about past operations, but he is very much against the night time workings with the blacktop.

If Hartigans get a certificate of lawful use they would be able to do anything the company chose to do on the land. In answer to the question "Can the Borough Council negotiate a license?" the answer is that this is not possible.

Recommendations. Mr Ferris recommended that this council wishes to encourage the Development Control Committee to pursue the action in the third paragraph of the Borough's Recommendation and to involve the PC in that submission.

Mr Holliss asked that we also include in our comments that the PC is desirous, in any future planning permission, daytime working hours are of prime consideration.

An amendment to the above is that a negotiated submission of an application for planning permission be pursued in respect of a comprehensive scheme for the application site and other land in this area incorporating provision for small scale commercial activities which:


- 1) secure the well-being of those currently employed within the application site,
- 2) will continue to provide the applicant with vehicle and plant servicing and facilities sufficient to support the current level of trading activity for the company,
- 3) will continue to provide the availability of sand and gravel materials and weighbridge facilities to local tradespeople,
- 4) will provide for the uses of the remainder site of such an application to accord with Policies DS11 and DS14 of the Adopted Local Plan within an agreed timescale,
- 5) in considering the siting, access and levels of activity appropriate for 2), 3) and 4) above, the committee should seek to also regulate the hours of operation, vehicle movements and the requirement to maintain the public highway in a clean state at all times.

After the matter was discussed further, the Chairman said he wished to take a vote. This amendment was formally proposed and agreed unanimously.

A letter to be sent to MKBC to reach the Development Control Committee before the meeting tomorrow evening (Wednesday, 11th September).

The Clerk agreed to write the appropriate letter and take it By Hand to the Borough Council offices. Copy of the letter to be faxed to Borough Councillor Mrs Seymour.

The meeting ended at 8.01 pm.

  
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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

To be held at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 6th May 1998  
at 7.00 pm

**A G E N D A**

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (already agreed and signed)
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE

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**NOTE:** The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed at 7.30 pm  
by the May Parish Council Meeting.

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHERINGTON SCHOOL on  
TUESDAY, 6th MAY 1997 at 7.00 pm**

1. PRESENT: Mr A Pilcher (In the Chair)  
Also in attendance: Parish Clls: Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Holliss, MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour, the Parish Clerk and six local electors.  
Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Mr R Smith.
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 1996 had been circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman, on the 4th June 1996.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:  
The Chairman stated that much has been achieved in the year, most of which had been ongoing from previous years.
- 3.1 BCC Site. At this time last year we had been in discussion with the Borough Council over any future use of the land, but no firm views existed. Detailed drawings have, during our negotiations this year, been prepared by MKC and we are just waiting for the go-ahead planned for May. Completion is expected in Summer '97.
- 3.2 Undergrounding. In May '96 The Knoll was not fully complete and there was no agreement regarding work at Church End following the changes imposed on the contract estimate. Now, we have just received agreement from BT that they will, at no cost to the PC, remove the last remaining pole on The Knoll. This represents a saving of over £10,000 to the PC, had we decided to go ahead. During the spring of last year we also saw a new lamp installed FOC by the bus shelter.  
The plans for Church End have been re-worked and are to be considered by the PC at the following May meeting, this evening.
- 3.3 Play Area. This time last year we had complaints regarding safety of children using the area. During the year we have seen the area cleared of debris and fenced by a contractor and re-planted by local volunteers. In addition, we have removed or lopped trees likely to become a problem in the near future.  
We are shortly to purchase a new tree for the area, which children from Sherington Playgroup are to plant and look after.
- 3.4 The White Hart Public House. The PH was closed in March '96. A Public Inquiry was held in October following refusing by the Borough Council to approve change of use of the property. There is strong public feeling regarding the loss of the amenity. The PC continues to represent the village and gives its wholehearted support to MK Council and Inspectorate. The current owner of the White Hart disagrees with the findings of the inspector and so this matter remains unresolved.
- 3.5 Sherington Cricket Club. Following the closure of the club, there has been no cricket played in the village this year. The football pitch has been turned so as to provide a better playing area. The PC continues to hold Cricket Club assets pending the formation of a new team.
- 3.6 New Clubs. The PC continues in its active support of village activities. Beavers have now moved from the pavilion to the village hall and we now host Cubs on a FOC basis at the pavilion.  
Our village youth club continues to thrive and runs a number of schemes which enable it to function without PC intervention.
- 3.7 Conservation Area Character Statement. The PC hosted a public meeting to discuss this item on 7th June. This meeting followed several days of intense activity by PC and close associates. It is recognised that several people were very much involved in the collection of relevant documentation and in photographing local scenes of interest. Our efforts were rewarded by congratulations from the Borough Council on our positive response. The Character Statement will help to preserve village feeling when planning changes are considered during the coming years.  
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- 3.8 Dog Fouling. This matter has been on the agenda for at least 20 years and we have not been able to get to the bottom of it! Or so it seems. The PC has taken an innovative line this year by involving youngsters from the local school in the design of posters for placement around the village. We hope that the raised level of involvement by local people will yield results.
- 3.9 Roads. One of the first jobs the new Unitary Authority carried out was to repair Sherington roads and pavements. New kerbing was also installed at the top of Church Road and by several village drains, ie Crofts End.
- 3.10 Water Lane Sewer. Mark Driver from Anglian Water Services attended a site meeting with members of the PC and subsequently wrote a report on the water disposal system, indicating that it was sufficient for current needs. We have been able to confirm that blockages occur within the village about a dozen times a year and we are told this is quite normal. Most blockages in Sherington are due to: "The wrong sort of material being put down the toilet," Nappies, rubber gloves and tights being main offenders, along with hard fats and oils.
- 3.11 Changes to PC Membership. We were all sad to see Ian Thomson move from Sherington during the year, but have been pleased to welcome Roy Smith on to the Parish Council as a co-opted member.
- 3.12 Continuing Programmes.
- 3.12.1 Tree and bulb planting. We did not plant any bulbs this year, but have installed some further 16 trees about the village. The replacement Crab Apple tree has now been planted in Hillview.
- 3.12.2 Twinning. The PC is in full support of this activity and members of the council will be travelling to Sameon to 'tie the knot' this year.

4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE.

Parish Councillor Derek Ferris introduced this item. The license is offered for Stonepits Close, which is a piece of land of 1,295 ha (about 3 acres), situated by Mill Lane. The license is allowed for the purposes of grazing. Previously the license has run from the date of letting until the end of November, but because of recent government legislation it is necessary for the time space to be greater. It is, therefore, offered from the beginning of the new financial year, ie 1st April 1997 for a minimum of seven months. Mr Ferris asked for offers. Mr M Cook, on behalf of J W Cook & Son, offered £120,00 for the season. There were no other offers. Mr Ferris proposed the offer from J W Cook & Son be accepted. All agreed. An invoice to be sent to J W Cook & Son for £120,00 plus £1 Mayleave. The Clerk asked for an estimated capital value of the land as this has to be included in the new Accounting System this year. It was agreed the value of the land is approximately £1750,00 per acre.

5. OPEN FORUM.

Although there was no 'Public Question Time' listed on the Agenda because the public will have the opportunity to speak at the end of the following (May Parish Council) Meeting, it was agreed there should be an open forum before the May Meeting commenced.

- 5.1 Royal Show at Stoneleigh. Mr Whatton said he has the opportunity to purchase tickets for the show at a greatly reduced price. All enquiries to Mr Whatton.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Signed,.....

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# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Planning Committee Meeting  
held at 3 Gun Lane, Sherington on 20th May 1998  
to discuss and respond to the  
Local Plan Issues Papers

**PRESENT:** Mr D Ferris (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes,  
Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith. Apologies received from Mr B Holliss.

1. Name of Issues Paper RURAL ISSUES  
Response to question no.30, 31 & 32

Comments

Sustainability in rural areas can only be achieved if the present infrastructure, eg sewage plants, roads and schools etc are not overloaded. Sewage treatment plants and schools in some villages are at their optimum.

Suitable infrastructure for the area is a pre-requisite for any settlement. Development (both residential and industrial) should be located where there are opportunities in settlements, ie infill sustainable within the existing infrastructure.

Further Comments:

Table 1 (2.5) gives figures which conflict with those given by Mr John Best and those in the advance notice of SERPLAN.

2. Name of Issues Paper QUALITY OF DEVELOPMENT  
Response to question no.61 & 62

Comments

Sherington Parish Council agrees that the combination of a Countryside Design Summary and Village Design Statements would be an effective way of improving the design quality of developments in rural areas.

This local community would wish to make a positive response by preparing Village Design Statements themselves. Sherington has already responded and the Parish Council wishes to reinforce the importance of the Conservation Character Area Statement.

This Parish Council endorses paragraphs 7.10 and 7.11.

3. Name of Issues Paper TOWN CENTRES  
Response to question no.72 & 81

Comments

The future role of the older centres, especially Newport Pagnell and Olney, should be to cater for the local population. Any future expansion should not be in conflict with the High Streets of these towns.

Regeneration of Newport Pagnell and Olney should be through the application of long term rate relief or other financial incentives.

4. Name of Issues Paper LEISURE  
Response to question no. 89 & 90

Comments

Leisure facilities should be in locations that are easily accessible by a variety of means of transport, especially those facilities in the older towns, eg Newport Pagnell and Olney.

Preserve the leisure facilities already in Newport Pagnell and Olney, ie restaurants, clubs, pubs etc. Conserve and safeguard within any development proposals.

Signed.....  
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