

**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

To be held at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 5th 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 FOR 1997/1998
4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE FOR 1998
5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Please note the May Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after this Annual Parish Meeting.

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHERINGTON SCHOOL  
on TUESDAY, 5TH MAY 1998 at 7.00 pm

1. **PRESENT:** Mr B Holliss (in the Chair)  
Also in attendance - Parish Cllrs: Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith.  
MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour and six local electors.
  
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 1997 had been circulated to councillors, agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman on the 3rd June 1997. The Chairman asked if anyone wished to be reminded of these minutes. No requests were made.
  
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
  - 3.1 **Workload of Parish Council.** The Chairman said he had compared recent minutes with those of thirty years ago and had come to the conclusion that the PC is now undertaking about four times as much work as in 1968. The Chairman said the PC is fortunate to have the services of an able Clerk and thanked Mrs Teasdale for her work and asked for this compliment to be minuted. The trials and tribulations experienced by the Clerk over the recent Audit is only the 'tip of the iceberg' of the work the Clerk undertakes for the village on behalf of the PC. The Chairman also thanked his fellow councillors for all their input and especially for the voluntary work they carry out, which often goes unsung and unnoticed by the rest of the village.
  - 3.2 **Achievements.** The Chairman made the observation that as far as achievements are concerned the PC seems to have mainly stood still, (with a few exceptions).
    - 3.2.1 Carisbrook House is still a blot on the landscape.
    - 3.2.2 Sherington Mound or viewing point is still the District Council storage tip.
    - 3.2.3 The Knoll still has a final BT pole. From this we need to learn the lesson that the PC must dot every i and cross every t in agreements and communications, because the days when "my word is my bond" have long gone.  
Unfortunately, the PC is unable to make people look after property or sympathetically develop sites with the good of the populace in mind. It is often difficult to persuade Milton Keynes Council to get things moving, but we are very thankful to have the interest and dedication of MK Councillor Pat Seymour who is often able to contact the correct person to urge on our concerns.
  - 3.3 **Partial Successes.**
    - 3.3.1 New Play Equipment for the Recreation Field. This is now on order.
    - 3.3.2 Three Dog Bins have been donated by Charlesberry Kennels, to whom we give grateful thanks. However, the problem still exists because of unsocial dog owners.
    - 3.3.3 Land next to Sherington Rectory has been tidied and a car park provided.  
Unfortunately, parking problems in Crofts End remain.
    - 3.3.4 Undergrounding at Church End. The visual improvements here have been partially spoiled by some obtrusive street furniture.

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3.4 Actual Successes.

3.4.1 The White Hart. With the help of MKC and the determination of residents, The White Hart has re-opened and its success has put paid to the myth that it was not viable.

3.4.2 Two New Village Signs have been installed, courtesy of the Twinning Association and MKC. These were recently unveiled in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Mayor of Milton Keynes, Mr Brian White MP and our MK councillor.

3.4.3 Water Lane Sewer. We now hope that after 100 years someone is taking our concern over the Water Lane sewer seriously.

3.5 Role of the Parish Council. As councillors, we need to remember the council exists for the residents of Sherington and, as shown recently, it works better with the support of the parishioners. The Chairman thanked members of the General Public who regularly attend the meetings, sit on hard chairs for two hours or more, to watch councillors trying to make slow wheels move quicker - if they are moving at all.

The Chairman finished his report with the observation that this is his first year as Chairman of the Parish Council and he realises that he has only just begun to understand what the job entails. However, it is the policy of Sherington PC that a Chairman only remains in office for one year, or two at the most, so Mr Holliss said he would not be offering his name for nomination as Chairman of this Parish Council for a further year. The Chairman, once again, thanked all the councillors for support throughout the year and wished the Sherington Parish Council every success in the future.

4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE.

The Chairman asked PC Cllr Derek Ferris to introduce this item.

Stonepits Close is a field, owned by Sherington Parish Council, near Charlesberry Kennels and it is customary, at the Annual Parish Meeting, to seek offers for summer grazing and hay crop. Stonepits Close comprises 1.235 ha (approx 3 acres) and the license for the land is offered from the date of this meeting until a suitable date to be arranged.

The licensee must not allow stock to wander on to any other land or use the land for other than pasture. No other person's stock to be allowed on the land.

An offer of £120.00 has been received from J W Cook & Son. No other offers have been received. Mr Ferris proposed the offer from J W Cook & Son be accepted.

This was agreed.

An invoice for £120.00 plus £1.00 Wayleave to be sent to J W Cook & Son.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

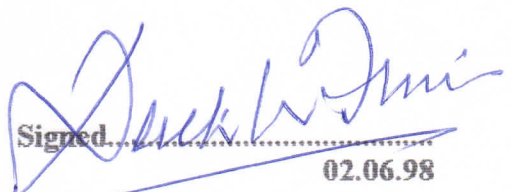
The Chairman invited questions from councillors and public.

There were no questions, but the following thanks were expressed:

5.1 Mr Whatton offered thanks to the Chairman, all the PC Councillors and MK Councillor Mrs Pat Seymour for all their hard work throughout the year.

5.2 PC Cllr Mr A Pilcher, on behalf of fellow councillors, thanked the Chairman for all his efforts whilst in office.

The meetings closed at 7.25 pm.

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***SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL***

***ANNUAL PARISH MEETING***

To be held at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 13 April 1999  
at 7.00 pm

**A G E N D A**

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (already agreed and signed)
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1998/1999
4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE FOR 1999
5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Please note the April Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after this Annual Parish Meeting.



**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHERINGTON SCHOOL  
on TUESDAY, 13 APRIL 1999 at 7.00 pm

1. **PRESENT:** Mr D Ferris (in the Chair)  
Also in attendance: - Parish Cllrs: Mr M Cook, Mrs B Feasey, Mrs K Hayes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith.  
MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour and eight local electors.  
The Clerk had not received any apologies.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 05 May 1998 had been circulated to councillors, agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman on the 02 June 1998. The Chairman asked if anyone wished to be reminded of these minutes. No requests were made.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

When I agreed to accept the nomination as Chairman for 1998/9, it will be recalled that I did so with some reservations, particularly related to my periods of absence from the village, and interests in other activities. At that time, in May 1998, no one could have anticipated that the coming year would involve more commitment, than ever known before in the history of the Parish Council, from every member. This has largely arisen through the coincidence of the Local Plan Review with SERPLAN - both in addition to what we now have to accept as an ever increasing normal workload.

Overlaying this situation with the mammoth tasks involved with the introduction of the new system of accounts, the District Auditors have now succeeded in creating for themselves the public image of inarticulate intransigents. From my own peripheral duties as Chairman my involvement with the Clerk and Vice Chair at meetings with the Auditors lead me to state that no financial incentive could persuade me to undertake the role of Clerk. God Bless V.R!  
Having thus described the underlying tempos that have emerged over the last year, perhaps the new indoor ski slope in CMK should become a test centre for all Parish Councillors in that their roles and endeavours can be likened to a slippery slope, but the tasks involve starting at the bottom and trying to reach the top, with both hands and feet encumbered by inappropriate restrictions.

I have to say that the coming year will undoubtedly require no less tenacity and commitment from members and I am greatly encouraged that Sherington is now set for an election next month. (I can now safely issue this statement as the last opportunity for candidates to withdraw was noon today.) The continuing interest and willingness of the people of Sherington to be involved in local administration is vital for the well-being of the whole community. Your Parish Council - Your Voice - Your decisions and influences.

The primary purposes of the Chairman's Annual Report are to reflect upon the year past and to look to the future (insofar as this is prudent, I hasten to add).

Some of the more obvious, but often forgotten achievements and non-achievements that I have selectively drawn from the minutes are as follows:

We have had some success with the perennial knot of Water Lane Sewer. Last year's Easter flooding may have resulted in AWS's proposal for a part relief sewer to be constructed in 2000/2001. Also sporadic jetting of the existing sewer has taken place.

We have completed the replacement drain and car park extension adjoining the Village Hall following the same floods.

We have completed the installation of play equipment at Perry Lane.

We did succeed in completing the undergrounding of cables and street lighting improvements in Church End/Church Road.

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Chairman's Report 1998/1999 (cont.)

We have undertaken an extensive and conclusive public consultation upon the Local Plan Review etc, which represents a very significant advance in the direction of a detailed Village Appraisal, the improvement of which cannot be over-emphasised.

We have introduced Dog Litter Bins, but 100% success in usage is still a challenge, surprisingly it appears, for the larger breeds.

We have succeeded in getting the area adjacent to The Rectory tidied and maintained by MKC.

We were instrumental in relieving the water discharge problem from Sherington Stables.

We shall be shortly providing four more public seats with the aid of village sponsorship and grant.

We have succeeded in maintaining our management of cell-phones for the police Country Watch scheme; gravelling The Knoll and various other maintenance works.

We are hopeful that Sherington Mound will soon appear like a phoenix, in keeping with, what is regarded by some sceptics, a myth.

However, we were not so successful with the following:

Getting Elborough ditch cleaned out, traffic hazards at Chicheley Hill Roundabout, the BT pole on The Knoll removed, but you will note this list of non-achievements is less than our successes.

On an ongoing basis, the PC continues to reflect the concerns and comments of residents upon planning issues and, where these representations are not directly or wholly successful, we continue to monitor and pursue matters via the Development Control and Enforcement Officers at MKC.

In terms of specific future projects, the extension of the Village Hall remains a possibility in 1999/2000 by virtue of the grant allocation secured. The access to Parish Partnership Funding is an important ongoing facility available through exclusive 'club membership' via the Protocol with MKC.

If you are not a regular attender at PC meetings you will be unaware that members spread their wings wider than the Parish in your interests. This involves representation and attendance at the following:

Police Consultative Group; Transport & Road Safety Forum;

Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils;

Rural Affairs Consultative Assembly; MK Forum; MKC meetings.

And within the village: Village Hall Management Cttee, Sherington First School Governing Body, Twinning Association and Millennium Cttee. It is essential to maintain a networking with all these bodies.

In financial terms the PC represents the ultimate in value for money. In round figures the cost of administering the council, meeting its outgoings by way of insurances, maintenance works etc, is currently around £7000. For last year and this, the precept income will be £9350. For around £2350 over the last year the residents of Sherington have benefitted greatly in excess of cost, and balances carry forward at around £6000 for the coming year.

In drawing to a conclusion I wish to offer a word or two of encouragement to future councillors.

Always endeavour to act as a catalyst for the community, attempt to lead by example; be prepared to listen, articulate and communicate on behalf of others and in so doing you will be rewarded by a sense of achievement on behalf of the community that you serve.

A word to parishioners. You have a new Parish Council to elect on 6th May. It is your duty to vote and thereafter support your Council. Remember, Sherington is relatively unique in that each meeting provides an opportunity for you to speak.

I make no apologies in advance if my final words seem more akin to the BAFTA Ceremony. Without the understanding and willingness for the entire Council to remain united and operate as a team there literally would be no Sherington Parish Council.

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Chairman's Report 1998/1999 (cont.)

I wish to thank Katie Hayes, as Vice Chair to whom I am indebted for standing in as Chair in my absences, for her mental arithmetic and scrupulous punctuation and for keeping me in touch via international telephone calls. To Wendy Haynes, Betty Feasey, Michael Cook, Tony Pilcher and Roy Smith my sincere and grateful thanks for the benefit of your counsel, understanding, mental and physical support throughout our various periods of time together. To Pearl, Madam Clerk, I first wish to offer my sympathy and condolence that you have been burdened with the District Audit and the new accounting system. Your services are certainly too infrequently acknowledged and, in my personal view, under-rewarded. Without your untiring dedication this Council would undoubtedly grind to a halt.

To our local MK Councillor, Pat Seymour, I wish to express thanks for all the help that she initiates and secures at MKC on our behalf.

To our former Tree Warden, Archie Whatton, and our contractors my grateful thanks for the services you provided.

May the future bring to each of you as much pleasure as I have derived from our various relationships.

Thank you.

4. **LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE.**

The Chairman introduced this item.

Stonepits Close is a field off Mill Lane, owned by Sherington Parish Council. It comprises 1.235 hectares and is let for the purpose of grazing. The license for the land is offered from the date of this meeting until a suitable date in December 1999.

The licensee must not allow stock to wander on to any other land or use the land for other than pasture. No other person's stock to be allowed on the land.

An offer of £100.00 has been received from J W Cook & Son. No other offers have been received. The Chairman proposed the offer from J W Cook & Son be accepted. This was agreed.

An invoice for £100.00 plus £1.00 Wayleave to be sent to J W Cook & Son.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

The Chairman invited questions from councillors and public.

There were no questions, but the following thanks were expressed:

- 5.1 Mr Archie Whatton offered thanks to the Chairman for his report and for all his hard work, to all the Parish Councillors, our MK Councillor Mrs Pat Seymour and the Clerk for all their hard work throughout the year.

The meetings closed at 7.20 pm.

Signed.....



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# **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

To be held at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 09 May 2000  
at 7.00 pm

### **A G E N D A**

1. PRESENT
2. MINUTES of 1999 Annual Parish Meeting  
(already agreed and signed, May 1999)
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2000/2001
4. LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE FOR 2000
5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**A J PILCHER**  
**Chairman**

Please note the May Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after this Annual Parish Meeting.



## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN SHERINGTON SCHOOL  
on TUESDAY, 09 MAY 2000 at 7.00 pm

1. **PRESENT:** Mr A Pilcher (in the Chair)  
**Also in attendance:** - Parish Cllrs: Mrs C Bearman, Mrs W Haynes, Mrs K Hayes,  
Mr D Keene, Mr W Lewis  
MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour and eight local electors.  
The Clerk had not received any apologies.
  
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 April 1999 had been circulated to councillors, agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman on the 11 May 1999. The Chairman asked if anyone wished to be reminded of these minutes. No requests were made.
  
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
Mr Pilcher began his report with the reminder that the year commenced in May with the election of a new Parish Council, into which three new councillors were welcomed: Christine Bearman, David Keene and Bill Lewis.  
During June the council managed, and took an active part in, the painting and refurbishing of the children's playground equipment at the play area by the Village Hall. Many of the children's dads got together to also move equipment and repair the goal mouth. MKC relocated an extra piece of equipment to Sherington, to replace the broken see-saw.  
We made a contribution to the new Day Centre in Olney for the Elderly, both financially and in our written support of the scheme to Olney Town Council.  
We provided two extra village seats with assistance from MKC's Parish Partnership Fund and installed two further seats which were kindly donated by residents.  
The Parish Audit has caused concern, especially the cost of the 1996/97 Audit. The following one is less of an issue, but we are still to hear the cost of last year's Audit.  
We discussed the future of Sherington and put out a document to all households and businesses in September. This was followed by a weekend of consultation in October, which 120 people attended.  
Sherington Mound was started on 30 November 1999.  
Tree and bulb planting took place in February of this year (direct labour!) and we planted five trees in the play area. Local residents took large sacks of bulbs to plant on banks and verges. This continues a tradition started several years ago.  
In January the council listened to a talk given by Simon Hill, agent to J W Cook & Son, about proposals for further development in Sherington.  
We are now in partnership with MKC for the control of Dog Fouling, under a new act now in force.  
The Village Hall Trustees suggested the Parish Council consider alternative accommodation as extra storage is needed by organisations who use the Village Hall. We have taken this on board and are actively looking to assist the Village Hall Trustees in their plans. However, we have no current takers for the £10,000 grant we negotiated (MKC Parish Partnership Fund) and this may now not be used.  
South East Region Structure Plan (SERPLAN) is under discussion at Milton Keynes. Sherington was regularly represented in the public gallery to hear of proposals to change AAL's (Areas of Attractive Landscape) and this has been subsequently commented on at PC meetings.

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A set of Edith Lucas paintings has been discovered (thanks to Christine Bearman and Sherington School). The paintings are now awaiting restoration work. The Parish Council continues to give support to the activities for the Millennium and paid for the Public Liability Insurance for the New Year weekend.

Water Lane Sewer continues to be a long-running saga. We hear from Anglian Water there are no plans to update this in 2001, which is a disappointment to us as we have campaigned long and hard. The campaigning will continue.

We accepted, with sadness, the resignation of Michael Cook. We will miss this hardworking figure from our council line-up as he has contributed for many years to the wellbeing of this village.

We also note the wish of our Parish Clerk, Pearl Teasdale, to retire towards the end of this year, December 2000 (or May 2001 if a suitable applicant does not come forward soon).

As well as the points brought out for special note above, your councillors considered: 17 plans for development of land and extensions to properties and they attended 20 meetings to represent the village, covering such wide ranging subjects as:

- Board of School Govenors
- Police Consultative Group
- MK Planning
- MKALC (Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils)
- Dog Fouling
- Village Hall Management
- MK 2000 Transport.

Mr Pilcher then introduced the next item and asked Mr Derek Ferris to take over the meeting for the letting of Stonepits Close.

4. **LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE.**

Mr Ferris gave a short resume of the history of Stonepits Close, which is a field off Mill Lane, owned by Sherington Parish Council. It comprises 1.235 hectares and is let for the purpose of grazing. The license for the land is offered, for the year 2000 season, from the date of this meeting until a suitable date in seven month's time.

The licensee must not allow stock to wander on to any other land or use the land for other than pasture. No other person's stock to be allowed on the land.

Michael Cook, on behalf of J W Cook & Son, offered £120.00 for the season. No other offers were received. Mr Ferris proposed the offer from J W Cook & Son be accepted.

This was agreed by all parishioners present.

An invoice for £120.00 plus £1.00 Wayleave to be sent to J W Cook & Son.

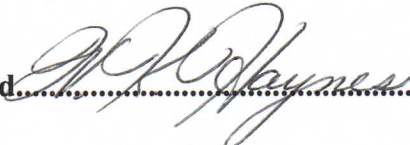
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

The Chairman invited questions from councillors and public.

There were no questions, but the following thanks were expressed:

- 5.1 Mr Archie Whatton offered thanks to the Chairman for his report. Mr Whatton said the council had had a very good year, due to the hard work of the Chairman, Councillors and Clerk and he offered thanks to all.

The meetings closed at 7.20 pm.

Signed.....



# **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**To be held at Sherington First School on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
2001 at 7.00pm**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Previous Minutes (already agreed and signed)
3. Chairmans Report for 2000/2001
4. Letting of Stonepits Close for 2001
5. Public Question Time

**The monthly Parish Council Meeting will follow the AGM**

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2001.

**PRESENT:** Cllr W Haynes (Chair), Cllr Bearman, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Keene, Cllr Gorf.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr P Seymour
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the Meeting held in May 2000 had been signed as a true record at the June 2000 meeting. There were no requests for these to be re-read.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Cllr Haynes reported that Mr David Hyde had joined the Council in September 2000, also that Mr M Bearman had agreed to become the internal auditor.

Cllr Bearman has been excellent at organising the restoration of the Edith Lucas prints and a very successful week-end was held in October, where a lot of money was raised in sales. Some of this allocated for the childrens play area. The copies of the prints now hang in the Village Hall.

New Notice Boards had been erected, although the cost seemed high, they are a great improvement.

There had been visits from PC Calderwood of Thames Valley Police and Mr R Lawrence of the Cleansing Dept, Milton Keynes Council.

Mrs P Teasdale had retired after 9+ years as Clerk and her replacement Mrs Sharp had been appointed from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2001.

In March the Mound was seeded, as yet nothing had come up, but watch this space.

There had been a lot of problems with 18 School Lane and Corn Close, the property is now sold and hopefully a final tidy up will take place, The Section 137 donations had been increased to both the Scan and St Lauds Church.

At the April Meeting Mrs M Gorf was welcomed as a Councillor, to replace Mr T Pilcher who had tendered his resignation.

To finish the year on 28<sup>th</sup> April a tidy up of the village took place, thanks to everyone who assisted, especially Mr D Ferris who transported the rubbish with his trailer.

Several items are still outstanding, the certificate of lawfulness for Smiths Yard has been deferred for a further month, the Playgroup extension to the play area at the Village Hall is still to be agreed and the Election Hustings at the Village Hall yet to take place. The new fence at the Churchyard has not yet been erected and additional play equipment in the Recreation Ground yet to be decided upon.

Hopefully the problem of surface water in Water Lane is now being resolved.

Finally thanks to everyone for their help and support during the year.

4. **LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE:** Mr M Cook offered £120.00, it was agreed by all present that this be accepted. Clerk will invoice for this amount plus £1 Wayleave.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** Mrs Atkinson raised the question of buses on the Bedford Road and the speed they travel. Cllr Haynes agreed to phone Souls about this. Mr Whatton thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work during the year.

**The Meeting closed at 7.20pm.**