

## 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.

**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.**

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2001-2002.

The range and volume of work addressed by the Parish Council continues to grow. This is set against the background of an ever-increasing amount of paper work that issues from Milton Keynes Council and other bodies. The government's drive for best value and proper governance directly impacts upon Sherington PC together with other parish councils. We try to keep abreast of the tide of paper but it is difficult. As you know the Parish Council adopted the Code of Conduct and all councillors have signed the Declaration of Acceptance. Parish Councillors now inspect the play area to comply with insurance requirements.

During the year most of last year's commitments have been completed. These include:

- New fencing at the churchyard and football field;
- Roundabout at the village hall play area;
- Swing installed at the Football field;
- Play area trees have been felled and the play area completed; and
- Tasks in Water Lane continue and some new kerbing has been installed.

Other investment has included:

- New litterbins;
- New and restored signs in Gun Lane and Perry Lane;
- Work has continued on Sherington Mound;
- Village Hall car park shingle has been topped up;
- Tree on the triangle at the corner of Church Road/School Lane has been pruned; and
- Playground slide repaired.

We have sold the mower and strimmer as we have a new contract in place to cover mowing. The Village Appraisal continues with two public meetings held and attendance at the May Day celebrations. Further work will be needed in the forthcoming year to ensure that Sherington achieves Quality Parish status. Young people in the village have attended meetings to press their ambition for a skateboard facility.

Our programme for the forthcoming year includes:

- Tree pruning on the Knoll
- Pavilion improvements
- Kerbing the parking area in front of the school (we have applied for Parish Partnership funding support for this project)

In addition, we are looking at the possibility of re-jigging the High Street/Crofts End junction. We are currently investigating costs. Planning issues always generate interest – this year Smith's Yard and Mercers Farm generated much comment.

Donations this year have amounted to £610k including to Scan, St Lauds and Sherington Pre-School have all received donations. Maintenance is a common topic at public question time – we have done our best but realise more has to be done. Sherington mound continues to attract indiscriminate dumping but MKC's now maintain the area and rubbish is being removed reasonably promptly.

As ever the Parish Council has benefited from the scrutiny and discipline imposed by the presence of so many people in the public gallery. Unfortunately Kate Hayes has announced her intention to leave Sherington and as a consequence will be leaving the Council shortly – she will be sorely missed.

David Keene  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2002

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- at the village hall play area.
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- New and restored signs in Gun Lane and Pory Lane.
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- Village Hall car park shingle has been topped up.
- Trees on the triangle at the corner of Church Road/School Lane has been planted.
- and
- Playground slide required.

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- Working the parking area in front of the school (we have applied for Parish Partnership funding support for this project).

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING to be held at  
Sherington Village Hall, on Tuesday 4th May  
2004 at 7.00pm.**

## AGENDA

1.           **Apologies**
  
2.           **Minutes of Last Meeting in May  
2003**
  
3.           **Chairmans Report**
  
4.           **Letting of Stonepits Close**
  
5.           **Public Questions**

## **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Chairman's Report 2003-2004**

This is my third Chairman's Report. When we started the year there were only four councillors in place. I am delighted that we now have a full complement. It is important that local democracy is as representative as possible. Bob Finn, Sarah Jackson and Peter Cook have all joined the Council and have already made significant contributions across the range of our work. All have young families growing up in the village and a genuine interest in how Sherington adapts and responds to the challenges of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sherington PC is now in a better position to contribute to the decision making processes centred on Milton Keynes Council. We are in an area where very significant change is coming and the PC needs to be alive to the pressures of living in a growth area. I am delighted that we are now back to meeting in the Village Hall – it has always been my wish that meeting return here. It is the natural centre of village life and we have full-sized chairs!

The way Sherington and the other rural areas interface with MKC is changing. The old Rural Assembly has gone and the Milton Keynes North East Consultative Area Forum is now up and running. In my view this is an initiative that deserves our support because it allows a more direct connection to MKC officers, in concert with other parishes who face many of the same issues as we do. The increasing tide of illegal tyre dumping is a case in point. These issues cannot be tackled on a parish basis alone. Last year I reported my concerns about the growing tide of paperwork. Thankfully it is my impression that the volume has abated – a welcome trend.

The main projects to have been completed by the Parish Council are:

- The multi activity area is now complete and being well-used; my particular thanks go to Peter Burton who has worked very hard to bring this project to fruition. Thanks also to the Youth Club for their positive contribution, as always the energy and hand of Jane Coles underlies their contribution.
- The village seats and notice boards are under repair.
- The wording of the Stonepits Close license has been reviewed and hopefully now reflects current requirements. Thanks go to Giles Ferris on this technical issue.
- The Village Appraisal is now well underway and the Issues Report will be available in the near future. We have received views from many of the village organisations and businesses.
- The Perry Lane Management Committee is now very active and considering how to maintain and development the playing area as a valuable village asset and encourage active participation in sport within the village.

- Thanks to some speedy and effective action by the Clerk a grant of £4000 from the Parish Partnership Fund is available for a new village storage facility on the Recreation Ground. This will be one of the early projects to be undertaken.
- More tree pruning and thinning has take place around the village including trees on the Knoll and outside the Village Hall. The PC is keeping a keen eye on the health of trees in the village.
- The Parish Council now makes more positive use of the excellent Village website to publish minutes and disseminate information.
- The Parish Council has been pressing for Sherington's bus services to be maintained at adequate levels.
- A very well attended meeting in January considered possible routes for the Olney – Newport Pagnell cycleway through the village. This generated much enthusiasm but we have heard nothing since form MKC. The PC will keep the pressure on over this issue – it is too good an opportunity to drop.

David Hyde and Sarah Jackson have continued to press both MKC over maintenance issues and the utility companies about drainage and electricity supplies. There is now the serious prospect of some cables being under grounded. Their vigilance is both welcome and necessary to ensure that both MKC and the utility companies perform adequately.

Councillors were forced to ask MKC to think again about the nature and scale of the village entrance signs. Only quick action prevented Sherington from being encumbered with out of scale structures on the approaches to the village.

I will be standing down as Chairman after three years in the post and returning to the back benches. I would like to thank all the councillors for their support and the commitment that they have shown. Lastly I must thank the Clerk for her tireless work for the Parish Council. Once again her intimate knowledge of the workings of MKC has served Sherington well.

David Keene  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2004

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**EXPENDITURE**

	2002/2003	To Date	Year End	2003/2004	
Mowing	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2500.00	
Fencing		448.00	448.00	0.00	
Rents	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Maintenance/Trees	1,000.00			895.00	
<b><u>GROUNDS</u></b>	<b>£ 3,600.00</b>	<b>3,600.00</b>	<b>3,048.00</b>	<b>3,048.00</b>	<b>£3,495.00</b>
Equip Rep/Replace	250.00	£250.00	250.00	250.00	
Pavilion Maintenance	500.00			250.00	
Pavilion Utilities	700.00	£411.00	550.00	600.00	
Maint Rec Field	750.00	£845.00	845.00	845.00	
<b><u>PLAY AREAS</u></b>	<b>£ 2,200.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>£1,506.00</b>	<b>1,645.00</b>	<b>£1,945.00</b>
School/Hall Hire	195.00	75.00	195.00	195.00	
Insurances	850.00	904.00	904.00	1,000.00	
Clerks Expences	150.00	112.00	150.00	150.00	
Clerks Salary	2,000.00	1,656.00	1,989.00	2,118.00	
Subscriptions	150.00	143.00	143.00	150.00	
Training	200.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	
Audit Fees	700.00	876.00	876.00	200.00	
Printing & Charges	50.00	43.00	43.00	100.00	
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>	<b>£ 4,295.00</b>	<b>4,295.00</b>	<b>£3,859.00</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	<b>£4,013.00</b>
Litter Bins	250.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	
Dog Foul Sub	350.00	100.00	600.00	700.00	
Bus Shelter Main	50.00	170.00	170.00	100.00	
General Maintenance	100.00			500.00	
<b><u>HIGHWAYS</u></b>	<b>£750.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>£870.00</b>	<b>£1,370.00</b>	<b>£1,400.00</b>
Playhouse				750.00	
Knoll Fencing	2,000.00	220.00	220.00		
Tree Surgery	960.00	595.00	595.00		
Kerbing	3,000.00	4,249.00	4,249.00		
Pavilion Upgrade	1,000.00		1,200.00		
<b><u>RESERVES</u></b>	<b>£6,960.00</b>	<b>£5,064.00</b>	<b>£6,264.00</b>	<b>£750.00</b>	<b>£750.00</b>
Scan	175.00	175.00	175.00	200.00	
Church Floodlighting	250.00	250.00	250.00	275.00	
Xmas Tree Electric	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
Jubilee	200.00	326.00	326.00		
<b><u>DONATIONS</u></b>	<b>£650.00</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>776.00</b>	<b>£776.00</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
		<b>£ 11,645.00</b>	<b>£ 10,654.00</b>	<b>£11,984.00</b>	<b>£12,103.00</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				<b>Income 2003/2004</b>	
Parish Partnership	1,947.00			Section 136	610.00
Sct 136 Discount	535.00			Precept	10200.00
Football	150.00			Football Rent	230.00
Section 136 Refund	130.00			Church	650.00
Bank Interest	43.00			Stonepits	163.00
Precept	10,200.00			Interest	50.00
Stonepits Close	163.00				<b>£11,903.00</b>
Church/Mowing	650.00				<b>£11,903</b>
Sale of Strimmer	51.00				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13,869.00</b>				
			<b>Deficit to be taken from 02/03</b>		<b>-£110.00</b>
			<b>carry over (estimated to be £6383)</b>		

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 EXPENDITURE  
 1st April 2003-31st March 2004

Date	Whom	Nature of forward	Grounds	Play Areas	Admin	Grants	H/Ways	Vat	Total	Cheque
			£0.00			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
						£776.00			£776.00	
					0.00				0.00	



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01/04/03	Anglian Water	Pavilion		62.26					62.26	101121
01/04/03	D Coles	Pavilion Alterations		863.00					863.00	101122
01/04/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101123
01/04/03	BALC	Subscription			92.02				92.02	101124
01/04/03	MK Council	Pavilion Rates		244.20					244.20	101125
01/04/03	Community Action	Subscription			15.00				15.00	101126
06/05/03	Allianz Cornhill	Insurance Premium			1034.62				1,034.62	101127
06/05/03	S Cusell	Internal Audit			20.00				20.00	101128
06/05/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101129
06/05/03	Playground Supplies	Playhouse & Surface		2311.00				404.43	2,715.43	101130
03/06/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101131
03/06/03	MK Council	School Hire			45.00				45.00	101132
01/07/03	BALC	Councillors Guide			14.00				14.00	101133
01/07/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric		22.93					22.93	101134
01/07/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101135
01/07/03	J Sharp	Clerks Expenses			28.55				28.55	101136
01/07/03	Sports Ground Srvs	Mowing	260.00					45.50	305.50	101137
02/09/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			353.00				353.00	101138
02/09/03	MK Council	Parish Conference			50.00				50.00	101139
07/10/03	Anglian Water	Pavilion		84.20					84.20	101140
07/10/03	Scan PC	Photocopying		100.00					14.00	101141
07/10/03	JW Cook	Field Rent		21.87					100.00	101142
07/10/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric							22.96	101143
07/10/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50			1.09	176.50	101144
07/10/03	J Sharp	Clerks Expenses			18.00				18.00	101145
07/10/03	Village Hall	Meeting Rent			15.75				15.75	101146

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
EXPENDITURE

1st April 2003-31st March 2004

Date	Whom	Nature	Grounds	Play Areas	Admin	Grants	Highways	Vat	Total	Cheque
01/04/03	Anglian Water	Pavilion		62.26					62.26	101121
01/04/03	D Coles	Pavilion Alterations		863.00					863.00	101122
01/04/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101123
01/04/03	BALC	Subscription			92.02				92.02	101124
01/04/03	MK Council	Pavilion Rates		244.20					244.20	101125
01/04/03	Community Action	Subscription			15.00				15.00	101126
06/05/03	Allianz Cornhill	Insurance Premium			1034.62				1,034.62	101127
06/05/03	S Cussell	Internal Audit			20.00				20.00	101128
06/05/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101129
06/05/03	Playground Supplies	Playhouse & Surface		2311.00				404.43	2,715.43	101130
03/06/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101131
03/06/03	MK Council	School Hire			45.00				45.00	101132
01/07/03	BALC	Councillors Guide			14.00				14.00	101133
01/07/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric		22.93					22.93	101134
01/07/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101135
01/07/03	J Sharp	Clerks Expenses			28.55				28.55	101136
01/07/03	Sports Ground Svcs	Mowing	260.00					45.50	305.50	101137
02/09/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			353.00				353.00	101138
02/09/03	MK Council	Parish Conference			50.00				50.00	101139
07/10/03	Anglian Water	Pavilion		84.20					84.20	101140
07/10/03	Scan PC	Photocopying			14.00				14.00	101141
07/10/03	JW Cook	Field Rent		100.00					100.00	101142
07/10/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric		21.87				1.09	22.96	101143
07/10/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101144
07/10/03	J Sharp	Clerks Expenses			18.00				18.00	101145
07/10/03	Village Hall	Meeting Rent			15.75				15.75	101146
04/11/03	G Ferris	Mowing	2,500.00						2500.00	101147
04/11/03	Sports Ground Svcs	Mowing	325.00					56.88	381.88	101148
04/11/03	Hacker Young	2002/3 Audit			120.00			21.00	141.00	101149
04/11/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary			176.50				176.50	101150
04/11/03	W Lewis	Stationery			6.81				6.81	101151
			3,085.00	3709.46	2,885.75			528.90	10209.11	

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS  
1 APRIL 2003 - 31 MARCH 2004

INCOME

<u>Enterprise Account</u>	<u>Precept</u>	<u>Grounds</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Grants/Donations</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Transfers</u>
01/04/03 c/forward								
14/04/03 MKC	5405.00							5,405.00
28/04/03 MKC				500.00				500.00
12/05/03 S Clarke		175.00		1500.00				175.00 1,500.00
15/05/03 MKC								305.00
15/05/03 Sher FC		305.00						80.00
15/05/03 Mon FC		80.00						1,500.00
21/05/03 MKC				1500.00				12.53
02/07/03 EMEB				12.53				32.90
30/06/03 HSBC			32.90					5,405.00
19/09/03 MKC	5405.00							737.00
19/09/03 MKC				737.00				33.82
30/09/03 HSBC			33.82					
	<b>£10,810.00</b>	<b>£560.00</b>	<b>£66.72</b>	<b>£4,249.53</b>				

Less c/forward

TOTAL

01/04/03 c/forward								
02/04/03 HSBC						1,500.00		1,500.00
30/04/03 HSBC			0.04					0.04
02/05/03 HSBC						1,000.00		1,000.00
07/05/03 HSBC						3,000.00		3,000.00
31/05/03 HSBC			0.11					0.11
30/06/03 HSBC			0.01					0.01
30/06/03 HSBC						500.00		500.00
31/07/03 HSBC			0.02					0.02
30/08/03 HSBC						500.00		500.00
30/09/03 HSBC			0.02					0.02
08/10/03 HSBC						500.00		500.00

£0.20	£0.00	£7,000.00	0.00
	<b>Less Transfers</b>		<b>£15,300.00</b>
	<b>Less c/forward</b>		<b>1,081.18</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£592.76</b>

**GRAND TOTAL**

**£14,724.84**

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PRECEPT  
YEAR 2004/2005

**EXPENDITURE**

	2003/4	To Date	Year End	2004/2005	
Mowing	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	<b><u>GROUNDS</u></b>
Rents	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Maintenance/Trees	895.00		580.00	900.00	
	<b>£ 3,495.00</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>3,180.00</b>		<b>£3,500.00</b>
Equip Rep/Replace	250.00			250.00	<b><u>PLAY AREAS</u></b>
Pavilion Maintenance	250.00			250.00	
Pavilion Utilities	600.00	£460.00	485.00	550.00	
Maint Rec Field	845.00	£585.00	585.00	910.00	
	<b>£ 1,945.00</b>	<b>£1,045.00</b>	<b>1,070.00</b>		<b>£1,960.00</b>
School/Hall Hire	195.00	61.00	211.00	250.00	<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>
Insurances	1,000.00	1,035.00	1,035.00	1,135.00	
Clerks Expenses	150.00	74.00	100.00	150.00	
Clerks Salary	2,118.00	1,765.00	2,118.00	2,250.00	
Subscriptions	150.00	107.00	107.00	150.00	
Training	100.00	64.00	64.00	100.00	
Audit Fees	200.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	
Printing & Charges	100.00	34.00	34.00	100.00	
	<b>£ 4,013.00</b>	<b>£3,280.00</b>	<b>3,809.00</b>		<b>£4,275.00</b>
Litter Bins	100.00		-	0.00	<b><u>HIGHWAYS</u></b>
Dog Foul Sub	700.00		681.00	625.00	
Bus Shelter Main	100.00		-	100.00	
General Maintenance	500.00		-	300.00	
	<b>£1,400.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£681.00</b>		<b>£1,025.00</b>
Perry Lane Area				1,000.00	<b><u>RESERVES</u></b>
Village Hall Path				1,000.00	
Multi Activity Area				1,250.00	
Perry Lane Store				4,000.00	<b>£7,250.00</b>
Scan	200.00	200.00	200.00	225.00	<b><u>DONATIONS</u></b>
Church Floodlighting	275.00	275.00	275.00	300.00	
Xmas Tree Electric	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>£500.00</b>		<b>£550.00</b>
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>£12,103.00</b>	<b>10,599.00</b>	<b>£12,414.00</b>	<b>£18,560.00</b>	<b>£18,560.00</b>

**INCOME**

MKC Grants	3,500.00
Sct 136 Discount	610.00
Football	385.00
Section 136 Refund	737.00
Bank Interest	107.61
Precept	10,200.00
Stonepits Close	175.00
VAT Refund	531.24
Wayleave	12.53
Church/Mowing	650.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£16,908.38</b>

**Income 2004/2005**

Precept	10500.00
Football Rent	1000.00
Church	650.00
Stonepits	175.00
Interest	40.00
In Bank (appr)	<b>£10,582.00</b>
	<b>£22,947.00</b>

D. A. Keene 06/04/04

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## NOTES TO PRECEPT

1) Perry Lane Sports Ground – increase to 14 cuts @ £65.00 Total £910

2) Clerks Salary increased to £187.50 per month Total £2,250

3) Football Prices per game  
Adults £20  
Youths £10  
Casual Games £40

Sherington Football Club to have an annual discount of £200 for marking the pitches

*D.A. Khan*

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
 MONTHLY CHEQUES  
 APRIL 2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
06/04/04	Anglian Water	Pavilion	72.57	101171
06/04/04	P Burton	Dog Signs	20.76	101172
06/04/04	Powergen	Pavilion	32.70	101173
06/04/04	MK Council	Pavilion Rates	250.80	101174
06/04/04	Bucks Comm Action	Subscription	20.00	101175
06/04/04	BALC	Subscription	97.59	101176
06/04/04	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	187.50	101177

**£681.92**

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**The Meeting closed at 7.18pm.**



# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** to be held at  
Sherington Village Hall, on Tuesday 3rd May  
2005 at 7.00pm.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies <sup>BL</sup>
2. Minutes of Last Meeting in May 2004
3. Chairman's Report
4. Financial Report
5. Public Questions

Signed   
Chairman of Parish Council

Date 20 April 2005

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 1/6/04

## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman's Report 2004-2005

A significant event for the Parish Council and for Councillors in 2004 was the appointment of our new clerk, Wendy Austyn. David Keene, at our September meeting, thanked Jenny Sharp for her work for the village. In November I thanked Jayne Hollis for standing in as our clerk for two months and for ensuring that we functioned legally and efficiently. We are delighted to have appointed Wendy and we are especially pleased to have as our clerk someone who lives in and knows the village and who is committed to serving its interests.

#### **The developments in Sherington in which the Parish Council has been involved during the past year include:-**

The old wooden storage hut on the Perry Lane field was removed and replaced with a precast concrete building with easy access from the Perry Lane car park. Our thanks go to John Cook for co-ordinating this operation which was completed at a cost of just over half the original estimate.

The garages in the Perry Lane car park were refurbished and painted.

Stonepits Close has been let for three seasons with an increasing annual rental.

The village Appraisal was completed and is now available in hard copy and on the website. It is intended to be a living document which will be revised and updated as circumstances change and will be central to future developments in the village.

The junior football pitch on the Village Hall Play Area has been repaired. There was a great deal of cooperation from the youngsters who were unable to play there during the winter and we are pleased to see it being well used again now.

The three large poplar trees at the top end of the Village Hall Play Area will be felled as soon as ground conditions allow. They will be replaced by six fruit trees which will be planted in the autumn.

The Parish Council has had extensive discussion with the Village Hall Trustees about the construction of a new path to link the Village Hall with the path which leads up to Carters Close. It has now been agreed that a path will be laid this year, close to the hall and with a roughcast finish which will be easier for those pushing prams or wheelchairs but which will be uninviting for skateboarders.

The area in front of Sherington Mound has recently been tidied and Milton Keynes Council has now erected a substantial post and rail fence to prevent 4x4 vehicles from driving up it. Fly-tipping (mainly of wheels and tyres) has continued to be a problem here as elsewhere. The Parish Council has been pressing Anglian Water, the owners of the adjacent land, to clear the rubbish on their property.

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The Sherington Residents Management Group (SRMG) has been extremely active throughout the past year. The group has carried out a Village survey to gauge the level of support for their proposals for the Perry Lane field and has published its Development Plan. Applications for funding to allow work on the next Phase of the plan to be started have been submitted by the SRMG to Shanks Landfill and, by the Parish Council, to the Milton Keynes Parish Partnership fund. The next priority is seen as the establishment of a Management Committee which will take the project forward and which will hopefully have a wider membership by bringing in potential user groups in the village.

#### **Works in Sherington by Utility Companies:**

The Parish Council has been concerned at the poor quality of the repairs to the road surface and the damage to the verges caused by and during the laying of the new gas main. It is liaising closely with the MKC Officer responsible for ensuring that reinstatement is carried out to the required standard.

The under grounding of electricity cables in Water Lane has been held up; the intention to fit cables by boring was found impracticable because of the difficulty of doing so without damaging other services. The Council is waiting to see revised plans.

The completion date for the Cycle Route keeps being put back. The Council is happy with the proposed new route along the west side of the A509 which was agreed after we expressed our deep concern about earlier proposals and it is now waiting to see drawings for the route from the top of Alban Hill down into the village.

I would finally like to thank:-

- The members of the Sherington Residents Management Group. They have put a vast amount of time and energy into preparing their Development Plan with regular meetings, visits and all the work which has gone into preparing that document. I would like to express special thanks to Peter Burton who has kept the Parish Council fully informed on its progress and I would ask him to pass our thanks to his colleagues on the Group.
- Our clerk, Wendy Austyn, who although new to Local Government clerking has quickly justified our confidence in her appointment
- My fellow councillors for their support and for their willingness to give their time to working for the welfare of the village they represent.

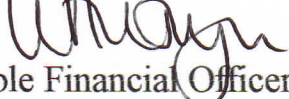
David Hyde 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

# Sherington Parish Council

Financial Report for year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005

Bank Balance brought forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2004	£	£
		<b>9808</b>
Total Income		<b>15933</b>
Including Precept of	<b>10500</b>	
Less Total Expenditure		<b>-16693</b>
Including Perry Lane store	<b>5500</b>	
Pavilion repairs	<b>800</b>	
Play Area reseeding and netting	<b>1000</b>	
Bank Balance carried forward at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2005		<b>9048</b>

The year end accounts have been completed and internally audited, and as per statutory requirements will be available for inspection by interested parties and local electors on weekdays from 2nd June until 29th June. A notice of these dates will be displayed on the notice board from 19th May until 1st June.

Signed   
Responsible Financial Officer

Date 3/5/05

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday <sup>3<sup>rd</sup> May</sup> ~~1<sup>st</sup> February~~ 2005 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs David Hyde (Chair), Peter Cook, David Keene, Peter Burton, Bob Finn and Sarah Jackson

**ATTENDING:** Wendy Austyn (Clerk) and 1 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Lewis

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2004 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 3. CHAIRMANS REPORT\*

- Jenny Sharp left the post of clerk in September which was covered for two months by Jayne Hollis before Wendy Austyn took over in November.
- Thanks to John Cook for co-ordinating the building of the new concrete store at Perry Lane
- The garages in the Perry Lane car park were refurbished and painted.
- Stone pits Close has been let for three seasons with an increasing annual rental
- The Village Appraisal was completed and will continue to be revised as necessary.
- The junior football pitch on the Village Hall Play Area has been repaired
- The three large poplar trees at the top end of the Village Hall Play Area will be felled ASAP and replaced with fruit trees.
- A path will be laid on the Village Hall car park this year, close to the hall and with a roughcast finish, easier for prams and wheelchairs but not skateboards.
- Sherington Mound has recently been tidied and a substantial post and rail fence has been erected. Fly-tipping has continued to be a problem here as elsewhere, including the site adjacent to the mound.
- In February the council held an Open Morning to invite comment on a range of issues.
- The SRMG carried out a village survey on Perry Lane Recreation Ground and published a Development Plan. Applications for funding have been submitted and a management committee is soon to be established.
- The council continues to liaise with MKC over the state of the repairs to the road and verges following the recent laying of gas piping.
- The under grounding of electricity cables in Water Lane has been held up, the Council is waiting to see revised plans.
- The proposed new cycle path will now run along the west of the A509. The Council is awaiting plans for the route through Sherington.
- The Chairman then thanked the SRMG, in particular Peter Burton; the new clerk Wendy Austyn; and his fellow councillors for their time and support.

## 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The clerk reported the following figures:

Bank Balance brought forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2004	£ 9,808
Total income, including precept of £10,500	£15,933
Total expenditure	£16,693
Including Perry Lane store £5,000, Pavilion repairs £800 and VH play area £1,000.	
Bank balance carried forward at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2005	£ 9,048

Cllr Finn then spoke briefly about the precept.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A couple of comments have been made about the %age rise in precept for 2005/2006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

\* Item 3 represents a summary of the Chairman's report. Copies of the full report can be obtained from the Clerk.

Signed



Date

2/5/06

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 in Sherington Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr David Hyde (Chairman of Parish Council)

**ATTENDING:** Lara Bruce (Clerk) and 6 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

None

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 3. CHAIRMANS REPORT\*

- **Parish Council makeup.** Thanks to Lara Bruce, thanks and congratulations to Wendy Austyn now on maternity leave. Sarah Jackson resigned September 2005; Peter Herbert was co-opted in January 2006.
- **Sherington Recreation Field.** Car park extended and fenced including security gate; children's play area improved and enclosed; BMX area in place; Environmental Area with covered seating established. Thanks to SRMG and Cllr Burton. Open morning planned Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Geoff Charles to chair committee with own delegation agreement from parish council. Phase 3 now planned but dependent on support from villagers. A %age of profits from the Village Fete was put towards the recent works.
- **Under grounding and street lighting.** Water Lane now completed; High St and Crofts End starting in July.
- **Cycle path.** No visible progress made. Chief Highways and Transport Engineer attended March meeting to outline proposals, detailed plans awaited.
- **Traffic Management.** 30mph signs moved and Speed Indicator Devices confirm that traffic is still speeding through village. Occasional visits from local police with hand held speed gun.
- **Village Hall path.** Architectural drawings received, progress awaited.
- **Environment.** Drainage in Water Lane still a concern, foul sewer recently sleeved and new manhole covers but leakage continues. Still pursuing responsibility of ditch in fields behind and formal registration of Stone pits Close and the Knoll. Three poplar trees felled at Village Hall, replaced with six fruit trees.
- Meetings. Cllrs and clerk have attended trainings, and meetings that included issues of interest to the parishes as well as planning applications for wind farms.
- Thanks to the clerks, councillors, Pat Seymour, officers of MKC and Parish Liaison staff.

## 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The clerk reported the following figures:

Bank Balance brought forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2005	£ 9,048
Total income, including precept of £15750 and grants of £21014	£39,326
Total expenditure including Perry Lane improvements of £34397	(£20,324)
Adjustments	£ 34
Bank balance carried forward at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2006	£28,084

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

\* Item 3 represents a summary of the Chairman's report. Copies of the full report can be obtained from the Clerk.

Signed

*w. f. hewitt*

Date

*8 May 2007*

# Sherington Parish Council

## Chairman's Report 2005 - 2006

I begin this report, as I did last year, with a note on changes to the makeup of the Parish Council. We have on more than one occasion expressed our appreciation of the work done by our clerk Wendy Austyn. She is now on Maternity leave and members of the Parish Council will, I am sure, join me both in repeating our thanks and in congratulating her and Robin on the safe arrival of Gemma on 13<sup>th</sup> April. We are more than lucky to have as her replacement Lara Bruce who took over in March; like Wendy she lives in and knows the village and we look forward to working with her.

Councillors sincerely regretted the resignation in September last year of Sarah Jackson; she had made a strong and valued contribution to discussion and, in particular, had put real drive into the campaign to have electricity cables in the village undergrounded. Peter Herbert expressed his interest in filling the vacancy on the Parish Council and we were pleased to co-opt him in January.

The most significant development in the village this year has undoubtedly been the work carried out at the Sherington Recreation Field in Perry Lane. We have all been aware of the discussions, negotiations and frustrating delays which have been reported during the past year. However persistence has been rewarded and the results speak for themselves. Since December last year the Car Park has been extended and fenced with security gates being fitted and this has relieved the pressure on parking on match days. The children's Play Area has been enclosed and three pieces of equipment suitable for younger children have been installed. A BMX circuit is now in place and the Environmental Area designed in cooperation with Sherington School and complete with covered seating has been laid out. Members of the school will be using this area and have already carried out some planting. Once again our thanks are due to the Members of the Sherington Residents Management Group and to our Parish Council representative, Peter Burton, for their tireless work in applying for Planning permission, in obtaining estimates and in making the successful applications for funding which have allowed the work to be carried out. Minor works remain to be done but we hope that village residents will take the opportunity to visit the field to view the changes on Saturday 24 June when we are planning an Open Morning to coincide with Open Gardens weekend. We have asked Geoff Charles to head a Committee with its own Delegation Agreement from the Parish Council to manage the facilities and hopefully to extend the range of activities which take place there. Looking ahead, the SRMG is now thinking about Phase III of the Development Plan which could see the extension and modernising of the Pavilion and the installation of an all-weather hard area suitable for tennis, 5-a-side football etc. That however will depend on winning the support of the village which will be essential in obtaining funding and in ensuring the sustainability of the project.

The undergrounding of electricity cables in Water Lane finally got going last year after some false starts and it is good to see that the clutter of posts and cables has been removed or reduced. The next phase involving the High Street and Crofts End should start in July and we are presently waiting to see the new lighting scheme which will be incorporated in this.



We are disappointed that no visible progress has been made on the Cycle Path. Kevin Whiteside the Chief Highways and Transport Engineer for Milton Keynes attended the March meeting with Richard Duffill to outline proposals for the route from Alban Hill down into the village and detailed proposals have been promised for our May meeting.

The 30 mph signs along with the Sherington signs were moved and sited together further out at both ends of the village. Data obtained recently from sitings of the SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) confirm that traffic is still passing through the village at speeds well in excess of 30mph especially in the morning and evening as people go to and from work. We welcome recent Police presence with speed cameras and we shall urge them to repeat these visits.

A path across the Village Hall car park remains an aspiration. Last year we agreed on the proposed surface for such a path and we have received drawings from an architect following his meeting with one of the Village Hall trustees to discuss the route.

Drainage in Water Lane still causes concern. Anglian Water have recently sleeved the foul sewer pipe and have fitted new manhole covers but there has since been further leakage. We are pursuing the issue of responsibility for the drainage ditch which crosses fields to the south and which acts as an overflow in times of heavy rain. Ownership of Stonepits Close and the Knoll and registration of this have taken up much time but we hope that this will be concluded shortly.

The Council was pleased to note the success of the second Village Fete; all councillors were involved and their contribution was acknowledged in the form of a % of the profits which were put towards the cost of the work at the Sherington Recreation Field. Parish councillors had a walkabout in November. Three poplar trees were felled in the Village Hall play area and more recently six fruit trees were planted as replacements and for this we thank Cllr Cook. During the year councillors and our clerk have attended training courses and external meetings where issues of interest to Parishes are discussed as well as those to do with planning (including the proposed Wind farm) and policing. Once again the meetings of the Milton Keynes North East Consultative Area Forum have been of especial interest.

I close by thanking our clerks Wendy and Lara for their unstinting support, my fellow councillors for their work for the village residents whom they represent as well as for the support they have given me, our Milton Keynes Ward Councillor, Pat Seymour, who is always ready with advice or practical help and the officers of Milton Keynes Council and particularly of Parish Liaison for the positive response with which enquiries are greeted.

David Hyde 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006