

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on

Tuesday, 7th January 1992

at 7.30 p.m.

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Erection of Replacement Shelter for Shooting Ground
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Demolish Store and W.C. Construct New Kitchen and W.C.
 - 4.3. MK/1271/91 - Junction Mill Lane/High Street - Peter Gardner
Erection of Sign and Two Flag Poles for Shooting Ground
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Pearl Teasdale
03.01.92

Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th January 1992. ACTION

1. PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: None

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance proposed by Mr. Pilcher, seconded by Mr. Thomson, unanimously agreed. The minutes were then signed as a correct record by Mr. Lanz.

Declaration of Interest:

Mr. Thomson declared an interest in Planning Application 4.2. - Virginia House Stores. He said he would withdraw whilst discussions were taking place.

Mr. Ferris declared interest in the following:

Planning Applications 4.1. and 4.3. - Shooting Ground

Mr. Cook declared interest in the following:

Matters Arising 3.2. - Local Plan and asked if members wished him to withdraw.

Planning Applications: 4.1. and 4.3. - Shooting Ground.

These members would not take part in discussions or voting on their items of interest. They would not withdraw whilst items 4.1. and 4.3. are discussed. Item 3.2. to be placed at the end of the agenda and Mr. Cook to withdraw at that point.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands from the general public to indicate those who were present particularly because two planning applications from Mr. Peter Gardner regarding the Shooting Ground were on the Agenda. Half of those present indicated interest. It was agreed to bring 4.1. and 4.3. forward as first items.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1. MK/1212/91 - Land Adjacent to Mill Lane - Peter Gardner

Erection of replacement shelter for shooting ground.

This application had been referred back to a later planning meeting by MKBC and because of local interest had been placed on this month's Agenda.

4.3. MK/1271/91 - Junction Mill Lane/High Street - Peter Gardner.

Erection of sign and two flag poles for shooting ground.

Mr. Lanz read a letter received from Mr. Gardner and a copy of one that Mr. Gardner had written to MKBC withdrawing the above mentioned applications (which were to be considered by the Planning Committee on 8th January).

Mr. Gardner indicated that he would be submitting the planning applications again at a later date after discussions had taken place with his advisors and interested parties.

From the floor, Mr. Brian Hansford (Borough Councillor), stated that the letter to MKBC regarding withdrawal of applications had not been received by 5.00 pm, but it was possible for applications to be withdrawn as late as 7.30 pm on the day the Planning Committee meets. It was hoped that this would happen.

Mr. Lanz said the Parish Council had received the feelings of the village regarding the shooting ground and offered its good services to facilitate discussions. He also pointed out that, as the law stands, if a deputation was to be made to MKBC now then another would not be allowed within six months.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Parish Funding

Sherington had protested (with other parishes) to MKBC about the unfairness of the precepting. A revised scheme from the Borough Council had been presented to MK Association of Local Councils, then in letters to individual parishes (G. M. Pettigrew 20.12.91).

There will be no precepting for street lighting or the maintenance of play area equipment, but for open spaces/landscaping. The unparished areas will have to pay extra for their open spaces/landscaping and recreation grounds.

In principle the scheme is a fair one; parishes throughout the country precept for local needs.

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| New proposals relating the Sherington are as follows: | £ |
| Community Charge per head of population | 163.41 |
| Sherington's own precept (based on the previous annual grant) | 6.51 |
| Additional precept per head of population (for open spaces/landscaping) | <u>3.41</u> |
| | 173.33 |

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| Reduced by an amount raised from a levy on unparished areas for open spaces/landscaping, recreation grounds per head of population | <u>4.54</u> |
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| Amount due (based on above figures) from each Community Charge payer in Sherington. | £168.88 |
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This scheme will only go ahead if the parishes agree. The parishes will also have to enter into an agreement with MKBC for the maintenance of open spaces. Comments were made to the effect that although this is a better scheme it may not be necessarily so for the parishes. It may be better for parishes to ask for tenders from local companies for maintenance of open spaces etc.

Discussions took place regarding the issue of MKBC raising money in a way that could not be capped by the government. Mr. Cook also raised the point regarding the capital sum paid by the developers of Carters Close for maintenance of that open space.

Mr. Ferris proposed the Parish Council note the proposal from MKBC, this was seconded by Mr. Cook, unanimously agreed.

Mr. Lanz and Mr. Ferris to attend the MKBC 'surgery day' on 20th January to discuss the points raised.

A meeting of councillors to take place between the 20th January and 28th January when there will be a Public Meeting organised by the Association of Local Councils.

3.3. Highway Safety

The Consultative Committee to meet on the following dates: 19/02/92, 17/06/92, 21/10/92. Mr. Thomson will be our representative.

Mr. Thomson had been approached by a member of the general public regarding another street light for the High Street. This will only be possible if there is a suitable post. East Midlands Electricity to be approached IT/Clerk

Other road safety problems were highlighted:

Crofts End - speeding (which cannot be dealt with by the Parish Council).

Excessive parking in the narrow road. A personal approach to be made to the resident causing the problem. BF

Road works at end of by-pass. A light needs to be re-instated when the work is complete. AP/Clerk

School Buses. Mr. Lanz read part of a letter from Mr. P. E. Smith regarding children from Bedford Schools buses alighting and being met by parents in cars, in the centre of the village. Mr. Smith suggested the lay-by outside the school should be used.

This is a perennial problem and has been raised many times in previous years. The reason for the children alighting in the village centre is that Souls buses had been previously asked not to drive around the village.

Traffic signs. Still to be actioned IT/Clerk

3.4. Tree Planting

A notice to be put in SCAN regarding residents sponsoring the trees. £10.00 will cover cost of a tree, stake and ties. Approximately 30-35 trees will be planted, starting within the next few weeks until the end of March. Many English varieties will be planted instead of ornamental trees.

All holes to be dug prior to any planting. Sponsors can plant trees in the places allocated.

Mrs. Smeeth has offered to donate 10 horse chestnuts and to be invited to the planting ceremony. An oak tree to be donated in place of the chestnuts.

Mr. Cook suggested the approach road to be planted with the chestnuts.

All the above proposed by Mr. Lanz and was unanimously agreed. BL/Clerk

3.5. Chicheley Hill

A paragraph in Mr. P. E. Smith's letter referred to planting at Chicheley Hill. Mr. Ferris said he had not yet had any response from Mr. Powell-Sheddon.

3.6. Bus Shelter

This had been a second-hand gift eight years ago and should be replaced. The suitability of a concrete shelter was discussed. Mr. Ferris to seek advice from a local architect. DF

3.7. Bottle Bank

Further information needed regarding this. It is thought that MKBC may be extending the re-cycling contract in the villages. IT

This item to be placed on next month's agenda.

3.8. Maintenance Items

3.8.1. Mower. Prices and part-exchange rates to be investigated. Odell's to be approached. DF

Mr. Samm had offered a gang mower, but this is not suitable for our purposes.

3.8.2. Concrete Bins. These to be emptied regularly. MKBC to be contacted. If the bins cannot be emptied they must be filled in. BL

3.8.3. Trees. Pruning shears to be obtained for pruning the trees. DF

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.2. MK/1263/91 - Virginia House Stores, High Street - Mr. and Mrs. Thomson. Demolish Store and W.C. Construct new kitchen and W.C. No comments.

4.4. MK/1274/91 - 2 Gun Lane - Mr. K. Locke. Erection of two storey extension. No comments.

4.5. MK/1308/91 - 1 High Street - Dr. C. Herman. Construction of new vehicular access.

Details of this application had arrived late for the agenda. No comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. BCC - Amendment to local rights of way. A bridleway had been created over the footbridge leading to Perry Lane and the footpath over the dual carriageway cut out. A letter to be sent confirming our understanding of the new paths. BL/Clerk

5.2. Mr. P. E. Smith - letter with further points not already discussed.

5.2.1. Seat at Chicheley Hill. This to be repaired and made smaller. AP/IT

5.2.2. Water course in Church Road. Owners to be approached personally. WH

5.2.3. Caravan parked in Perry Lane. Owners to be approached personally. BL

Mr. Lanz wished thanks to be recorded for the kind comments in Mr. Smith's letter.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.3. DOE - Letter acknowledging ours regarding Linear Parks in Milton Keynes.
- 5.4. BCC - Details on Community Care. Passed to Mrs. Feasey.
- 5.5. BCC - Copy of letter sent to Mrs. Feasey on her appointment as a School Governor.
- 5.6. MKBC - Review of Electoral Arrangements (do not affect Sherington)
- 5.7. MKBC - Information required about community halls. Passed to Mrs. Feasey.
- 5.8. BCC - Update for Connections. Passed to Mr. Thomson for the Shop.
- 5.9. MKBC - Events leaflet. Passed to Mrs. Feasey.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Thanks were expressed to Mr. J. Cook for putting the mowers under cover for the winter.

A burst pipe had been repaired.

A damaged vehicle is in the car park. MKBC to have it towed away. IT
Mr. Arnold had been asked to replace the electricity meter.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | <u>Cheque No.</u> |
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| Sherington Village Hall - Hire 07.01.92 | 9.40 | 100360 |
| E.M.E. Electricity for Pavilion (qtr. up to 31.12.91) | 53.77 | 100361 |
| E.M.E. Street Lighting (qtr. up to 31.12.91) | 395.02 | 100362 |
| TOTAL | <u>£458.19</u> | |

Current Account: £351.82

Enterprise A/C: £3,157.97

Parish Grant (notice just received): £910.00

£300.00 to be transferred from Enterprise A/C to Current Account.

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Pilcher, unanimously agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Whatton said there was still a leak in **School Lane**. A letter had been sent to Anglian Water regarding this. The Clerk to telephone Cotton Valley.
Clerk

Mr. Cheeseman said if the concrete bins in the play area were filled in then the litter would be put on to the grass.

Mr. R. Smith commented that we needed a vandal-proof bus shelter.

He also commented that if the Bedford Schools buses were allowed to stop in a layby in the village it would please the residents of Water Lane.

Mr. Lewis said a strong halogen light from a garden in Carters Close was directed on to the High Street. This to be investigated as it is a traffic hazard.
AP

Mr. J. Cook asked about the work on Water Lane sewer. He was assure that this is continuing.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Twinning. Mr. Lewis had passed information regarding twinning to the Chairman. Funding is available from the European Community. This item to be placed on next month's agenda.

9.2. Communication within the village. From the floor Mr. J. Cook spoke about the poor communication between residents of the village. He asked that those who have a grievance take it to the person concerned or go through the proper channels. Mr. Lanz said the Parish Council noted his comments.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4th February 1992 at 7.30 pm.

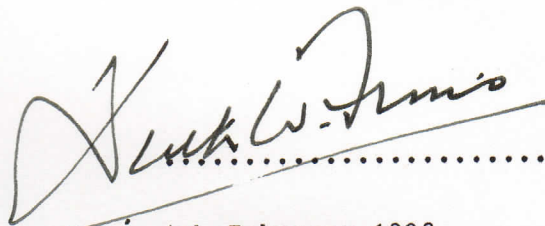
3. MATTERS ARISING (continued)

3.2. Local Plan. Comments had to be sent to MKBC by 23rd December 1991. This had been done and a Public Enquiry will consider any comments on the deposit version. The Public Enquiry will be held during May 1992 or thereabouts.

There had been some objections from Sherington from John Drake and Co and Mr. M. J. Cook. These objections had been regarding limits of development in the village and the need for rural housing, also other housing requirements. The Parish Councillors are circulating the village for comments from all the residents and these will be submitted. This exercise now needs to be completed.

The date has now passed for any further objections to be submitted.

The Meeting closed at 9.43 pm



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4th February 1992

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Erection of two-storey rear extension
 - MK/50/92 - 31 Church Road - Philip Theze
Single storey side and front extension
 - MK/68/92 - Church Farm, Church End - Barry Lanz
Listed building consent for extension to outside
toilet building and alteration to provide connecting
door to dwelling and installation of window
Letter regarding Mrs. Honeyset's appeal.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council
01.02.92

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th February 1992. ACTION

1. PRESENT:

In the Chair Mr. D. Ferris (Vice-Chairman), Mr. M. Cook, Mrs. B. Feasey, Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. I. Thomson.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. B. Lanz and Mr. A. Pilcher.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January 1992 and Minutes of Special Meeting held on 26th January 1992 was proposed by Mr. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Haynes, unanimously agreed. Both Minutes were then signed as a correct record by Mr. Ferris.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Parish Funding. Mr. Ferris outlined the decisions made at the Special Meeting on the 26th January, which were taken to the Open Meeting of Local Councils with officers of MKBC on the 28th January 1992.

A revised form of agreement had been received from MKBC. It was proposed that Sherington PC should precept as follows:

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| Works for which the PC is responsible - | £ |
| Grass cutting of Knoll, sports field, play area etc. | 1968.78 |
| General Administration (including Clerk's Salary & expenses) | 1287.65 |
| Miscellaneous items (including Village Hall hire) | <u>294.12</u> |
| £5.08 per Community Charge payer (699) | £3549.55 |

MKBC will charge Sherington for grass cutting of verges and Carters Close (12 cuts per year). £3.41 per head £2383.00

A reduction of £4.45 per head will be made against a levy charged to unparished areas.

Mr. Ferris said this was the best deal we would get from MKBC. If we did not enter the agreement we would be also charged for footway lighting and the maintenance of play area equipment, taking the total precept from approximately £5933.00 to £6330.00 p.a. The agreement is for one year only.

Discussions took place regarding specific requirements for Sherington and it was agreed to write to MKBC with amendments to the agreement.

The Meeting RESOLVED:

- A. that Sherington PC enter into an agency agreement with Milton Keynes Borough Council in accordance with the provision of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, all as set out in the draft agreement, subject to the following additions and amendments:
- A.1. The amount of £2383.00 payable to MKBC, for carrying out the arrangements, will be fixed and will not be altered during 1992/93.
 - A.2. Before the arrangements take effect, MKBC as agent of Sherington PC, will produce a detailed specification for the works to be undertaken and the areas to be the subject of such works, both of which will need to be satisfactory to the Parish Council.
 - A.3. In the event of non-execution of the specific works, in all or in part, by MKBC, Sherington PC shall be entitled to a refund calculated pro-rata to be paid by cheque by MKBC on 31st March 1993.
 - A.4. As per the letter dated 29.01.92 from MKBC:
 - a) The Terms of the Agreement
 - i) Clause 3.3. of the draft Terms of Agreement has been deleted.
 - ii) Part I, paragraph 1 - the words 'and highway verge maintenance' have been added.
 - b) Legal Costs. MKBC will indemnify Sherington PC Agreement any legal or other costs arising in the event that the overall scheme is challenged.

- B. that the PC levy a precept for the year 1992/93 upon the MKBC in the sum determined in accordance with the following provision:
- B.1. In the event that MKBC accepts the proposals contained in the PC's Section 101 Resolution the sum of £5933.00 (including the sum of £2383.00 representing MKBC's costs for maintenance of open spaces and highway verges).
- B.2. In the event that the MKBC does not accept the proposals contained in the PC's Section 101 Resolution the sum of £6330.00 (including the sum of £2780.00 representing the costs of footway lighting and play area equipment maintenance).
- B.1. Proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, all agreed.
- B.2. Proposed by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Thomson, all agreed.
- The whole resolution was unanimously agreed by all Members present.
- BL/DF/Clerk
- 3.2. Highway Safety.
- 3.2.1. Additional Street Light for High Street. The Clerk has been in contact with E.M.E. and a quotation will be forwarded. Clerk
- 3.2.2. Road Signs for High Street. The Clerk has been in contact with B.C.C. and is awaiting a reply. Clerk
- 3.2.3. Salt Bin for Crofts End/School Lane. The Clerk has spoken to Mr. Churchward of B.C.C., but unfortunately no more salt bins are being issued.
- 3.2.4. Cars parked in Crofts End. Mrs. Feasey has spoken to the resident concerned.
- 3.2.5. Caravan and cars in Perry Lane. Mr. Thomson reported that the caravan had been moved off the road and the cars had been stolen before he had been able to contact the owner.
- 3.3. Tree Planting. Mr. Whatton (as voluntary Tree Warden) had attended a meeting at Aylesbury and found it very useful. Literature received to be passed to Mrs. Feasey for the school. There is further literature for anyone interested. Thanks to Mr. Smith for helping to collect trees. Trees will be planted around the village on 8th/9th February; volunteers required. Holes would be dug for the school and the Brownies so that the children may plant their own trees. Several people have already sponsored trees which will be planted near their homes so that they may be responsible for their own trees. Mr. Cook to attend the planting of trees on the approach road. MC
- 3.4. Bus Shelter. Architect to produce sketches. DF
- 3.5. Bottle Bank. As MKBC will be commencing a recycling arrangement shortly the PC will wait to see if the programme is successful. IT
- 3.6. Maintenance Items
- 3.6.1. Mower. Mr. Ferris produced prices from O'dells and Rogers for new mowers. O'dells will give 5% discount + VAT and Rogers quoted special cash prices. Rear discharge machines are preferable. Countax: £1,290.00. A sturdy machine with rear discharge. Atco: £1,514.00. Massey Ferguson (12 hp): £1,200.00 Massey Ferguson (13 hp): £1,600.00 The Members would consider these machines and a decision will be made at the next Meeting. The old mower to be advertised in the Citizen for £600.00 o.n.o. DF This item to be placed on next month's agenda.

- 3.6.2. Trees. The dead tree in Gun Lane has been felled. ACTION
Pruning of trees still to be actioned. DF
- 3.6.3. Water leak in School Lane - actioned
- 3.6.4. Subsidence in School Lane - B.C.C. has been informed Clerk
- 3.6.5. Trees outside Village Hall. Mrs. Feasey said Mrs. Cheeseman and the Village Hall Committee had not had a reply to the letter addressed to the Chairman in December regarding the sticky deposits on cars from the willow trees. The problem is now much greater as the leaves are dangerous on the ground and blocking the drain. The Clerk to write to Mrs. Cheeseman and ask Mr. Lanz if he had contacted the tree officer regarding this problem. BL/Clerk
- 3.6.6. Crofts End. Mr. Moxon had reported the breaking down of surface to edge of road to B.C.C. and received a reply.
- 3.6.7. Street Lights. There are still several lights not working. The Clerk is constantly reporting these problems to E.M.E. Clerk

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 4.1. MK/38/92 - 14 Park Road - Mr. M. Selvey
Erection of two-storey rear extension. No comments.
- 4.2. MK/50/92 - 31 Church Road - Philip Theze
Single-storey side and front extension. No comments.
- 4.3. MK/68/92 - Church Farm, Church End - Barry Lanz
Listed building consent for extension to outside toilet building and alteration to provide connecting door to dwelling and installation of window. No comments.
- 4.4. Appeal by Mrs. Honeysett against refusal of erection of detached dwelling and garage at land at Cross Albans Hill.
Clerk had received copy of letter sent to local residents by MKBC outlining the reasons for the planning application being rejected. It was agreed to send a letter, supporting MKBC's refusal of the application, to the DOE. Clerk

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1. MKBC Toy Library/Job Search. Letter giving dates when in village.
- 5.2. BCC Induction Course for Clerks on 7 Tuesday evenings April/May/June.
As 2 Parish Council Meeting dates are involved the Clerk will not attend the Course.
- 5.3. UEA Short Course on Playground Safety. Noted.
- 5.4. Home Office. Civil Protection Winter Magazine - passed to Mrs. Feasey
- 5.5. BCVS Mobility Guide & Newletters - passed to Mrs. Feasey for rack
- 5.6. MKBC Bulk Skip Container Service - 25th to 27th February - Leys View.
- 5.7. NALC Review Magazine (Winter) - Clerk
- 5.8. BCC Leaflet regarding Environment Grant - Clerk to investigate if the PC would be entitled to the grant. Clerk
- 5.9. MKBC Events leaflets and leaflets regarding opening of Cornerstone Church - passed to Mrs. Feasey for rack.
- 5.10 R. GREEN AMUSEMENTS. Letter regarding Fun Fair in Sherington.
All agreed that Sherington village not a suitable area. Clerk
- 5.11 P. E. SMITH. Letter regarding problem of Water Lane Sewer, especially on Thursday 9th January. Clerk to write to MKBC regarding the urgency of this problem and asking for a formal report regarding what happened on 9th January. Clerk

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE.

Mr. Pilcher had sent a message regarding the coin meter. It was now completely out of action as money had become jammed in the slot. Mr. Cook to contact Mr. Arnold regarding the urgency of a new meter. MC

| 7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT | £ | Chq. No. |
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| Bernard's Rugby Nurseries Ltd (sent 29.01.92) for trees | 279.81 | 100363 |
| P. Teasdale - Clerk's Salary (Nov. Dec. '91, Jan. '92) | 205.95 | 100364 |
| P. Teasdale - Clerk's Expenses " " " | 35.43 | 100365 |
| Sherington Village Hall - Hire 04.02.92 | 9.40 | 100366 |
| Philip E. Smith - Transport to Rugby for trees | 41.13 | 100367 |
| TOTAL | £571.72 | |

Current Account (end of January) £203.53
 Enterprise Account " " £3781.52
 £500.00 to be transferred from Enterprise A/C to Current A/C

Bernard's Nurseries were overpaid £1.26 (VAT incorrectly charged on a fruit tree). Clerk to send invoice for repayment of this amount Clerk

The Clerk needs to be a signatory as there are problems with transferring money from one account to another at The Midland Bank by a non-signatory. New mandate for signatures to be requested. Clerk

Application to be made for £200.00 grant for trees.
 Acceptance of all the above accounts proposed by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Thomson, unanimously agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8.1. Shooting Ground. Mr. Cook declared an interest, but said he was not directly involved.

Mr. Ferris read a letter (Mrs. M. Law 2 .01.92) which he felt was inappropriate. At the PC Meeting in January Mr. Lanz had stated the Council had received the feelings of the village and had offered its good services to facilitate discussion. Sherington PC had opposed the original planning application, but this had been over-ruled by MKBC. The PC is only able to canvas residents on issues of policy, i.e. The Local Plan, not in other cases.

Mr. Pilcher is the Councillor involved in this matter, so Mr. Ferris said he would talk with him and bring this to the next meeting. DF/AP

8.2. Twinning. Mr. Lanz had sent a message suggesting a committee be formed from local organisations. Mr. Lewis to be asked to look further into opportunities and put forward ideas regarding country, area etc. Agreed. IT

8.3. Sewer. Mr. Cheeseman reported that the ditch in Leys View is full with silt. There is a problem of surface water not being completely carried away by the pipe from the High Street. Letter to be sent to Mr. J. Hay of the National Rivers Authority. Clerk

8.4. Mrs. Graham asked if the water leak in School Lane was the one on the corner of Crofts End. The Clerk said she had reported this also to AW.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Bench in Bedford Road. This had been cut in half and repaired.

9.2. Village Hall. Hire charges to be increased from May 1992, by 5%. The acoustics have been much improved by thick curtains and some carpets being fitted.

9.3. White Hart. Mrs. Feasey to represent the Council at the discussions regarding the future of the White Hart.

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Pearl Teasdale 29.02.92
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1. PRESENT:

In the Chair Mr. D. Ferris (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. B. Feasey, Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. A. Pilcher, Mr. I. Thomson.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. B. Lanz (who is still having to work in London during the evenings) and Mr. M. Cook (who is indisposed).

The members agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Cook wishing him well.

Clerk

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of Meeting held on 4th February proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, unanimously agreed, then signed by Mr. Ferris.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Parish Funding. Mr. Ferris gave brief details of the letter which had been sent to MKBC with reference to the agreement and the amendments resolved by the Parish Council at the last meeting.

The Borough Council would be meeting this evening (03.03.92) to discuss Parish Funding, so further information will be available at the Parish Council Meeting in April.

3.2. Highway Safety

3.2.1. Street Lighting. An estimate for an extra light in the High Street had been received from East Midlands Electricity. To install a bracket and suitable lamp £138.70 nett with an additional charge of £51.00 for provision of an electricity service.

It was agreed the extra light would be an added village amenity. Acceptance of the estimate proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, unanimously agreed. A letter to be sent to E.M.E. Clerk

3.2.2. Road Signs for High Street. The Clerk had been in touch with Bucks County Council and had been advised that signs would cost approximately £100.00 each and these had little effect of slowing traffic through the village. No action to be taken because of this advice.

Mr. Thomson said he had been asked by residents in Bedford Road to have black and white markers installed outside nos. 5 and 7 to prevent motorists driving up the banks. This to be investigated. IT/Clerk

3.3. Tree Planting. From the floor, Mr. Whatton reported on the progress of the tree planting and wished thanks to be recorded for help from Mrs. Feasey, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Ferris, Mr. V. Moxham, Mr. R. Kingswell, Mr. B. Wheatley. A letter to be sent to Mr. P. E. Smith for his help and for providing a dumper truck and manure. Clerk

Three chestnuts from Mrs. Smeath's had been planted and there were four more to plant out. Mr. Whatton asked that people be encouraged to water trees, especially during the dry months. Several people had given their names to sponsor trees. Some cheques had been received in payment for these.

The Clerk had applied to BCC for the £200.00 grant for the tree planting. Another grant scheme is in operation for 1993. Mr. Whatton to obtain prices for bulbs and trees to make a windbreak by the playing field, as these could be the basis for the next scheme.

Bernhard's Rugby Nursery had sent a cheque for £1.26 to cover the amount overpaid.

- 3.4. Twinning. Mr. Thomson had obtained a form from the International Agency to apply for twinning with another village. It was unanimously agreed to apply. ACTION
IT/Clerk
- 3.5. Water Lane Sewer. A letter had been sent to MKBC and a reply received regarding the events of 09.01.92. MKBC had passed the problem to AW. The Clerk has spoken to Mrs. Drew at MKBC and been told that the Borough was only carrying out emergency repairs as it had no money for other sewage problems. Anlian Water Services have notified all councils that the Agency Agreement with MKBC will not be extended after 01.04.92. Mr. Medd at AW to be contacted regarding the sewer problem. Clerk
The National Rivers Authority had also been contacted regarding the build up of silt in the ditch which runs from Leys View. Clerk
Mr. Medd at AW is the person to deal with this problem also.
- 3.6. The White Hart. Mrs Feasey reported on the meeting held at the home of Mr. Fennemore. A number of residents of Gun Lane were also at the meeting. The detailed plans were studied and discussed and the general feeling is that there is not sufficient car parking spaces (19) for the number of covers in the restaurant. An opinion was expressed that Sherington would lose the White Hart Public House and it would be better for it to be sold as a residential property than a restaurant which would bring in a great deal of traffic into the village. Letters had been received by the Parish Council from the following giving their objections to planning permission being granted:
Mr. P. E. Smith - poor sewage facilities in the village.
Mr. J. Fleming - inadequate car parking causing traffic congestion.
Mr. J. Cook - (copy letter sent to MKBC) - inadequate car parking and vehicular access.
The Parish Council to support residents and a letter to be sent to MKBC supporting views expressed. Clerk
- 3.7. Maintenance Items
- 3.7.1. Mower. The old mower had been advertised in the current copy of 'The Citizen' for £600.00 o.n.o. A Countax (£1,290.00) has the same engine size as the present mower, so this to be purchased when the old mower is sold. Proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, unanimously agreed. DF
Mr. Ferris reported that the Church Committee request continued assistance with St. Laud's churchyard mowing. Mr. Lanz to be asked to send through charges for the current year to the Church Committee. BL/Clerk
- 3.7.2. Subsidence in School Lane/Crofts End. This is being dealt with by BCC. Mr. Whatton asked if the work could be extended to outside 7 School Lane. Clerk to contact BCC. Clerk
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None for Sherington (Planning list showing MK/181 & 182 for The White Hart not yet received).
5. CORRESPONDENCE
- 4.1. Sherington PTFA. Request for permission to hold a stall for refreshments and lucky dip on The Knoll, May Day. Unanimously agreed. Clerk
- 4.2. AW - Letter regarding Agency Agreement. Noted.
- 4.3. BCC - Leaflet 'Engenuity'.
- 4.4. BCC - Newsletter 'Watchword'. Passed to Mr. Pilcher.
- 4.5. MKLA - Minutes of Meeting held on 28.01.92. Noted.
- 4.6. Recreational Supply Services. Letter and Brochure.
- 4.7. BCC - 'Connections' passed to Mr. Thomson for village shop.
- 4.8. MKBC - Poster 'Charity Garden Evening' passed to Mrs. Feasey.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Mr. Pilcher said the slot meter at the pavilion had not yet been changed. Mr. Thomson to contact Mr. Arnold regarding this. Mr. Pilcher also reported that the shiplap off the pavilion was being dealt with by Mr. Rueben Giles.

ACTION

IT

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | Chq. No. |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| BALC - Printed posters and leaflets | 6.00 | 100368 |
| Sherington Village Hall - Hire 03.03.92 | 9.40 | 100369 |
| TOTAL | £15.40 | |

Current account (end of February) £431.81

Enterprise account (end of February) £3330.01

Acceptance of accounts, proposed by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Pilcher, unanimously agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Trees. Mr. Whatton read out the names of the trees that had been planted in the village recently.

Sewer. Mr. R. Smith said the Water Lane sewer continues to be a problem.

Village Plan. Mr. J. Cook asked what is happening regarding the Village Plan and how the village envelope is affected. A public enquiry will be held in April and the Parish Council must decide about the Village Plan. Item to be placed on next month's agenda.

The White Hart. Further discussions took place regarding the planning application for a restaurant serving 65 diners. An opinion was expressed that maybe discussions could take place with the brewery, especially regarding covenants on the land. It was also considered that perhaps Sherington can only support one public house in the village.

Refuse Collections. Mrs. Graham complained about the proposed bi-weekly collections. The Parish Council to monitor this. Item to be placed on next month's agenda.

Road Surfaces. The road surfaces into the village had lifted. BCC to be telephoned regarding this.

Clerk

Pigeon Shooting. There seems to be a problem at present. It was confirmed that it is an offence to let off a shot gun within a short distance of a highway, but permission to shoot pigeons can be given by a landowner. Guns must be licensed.

Road Repairs. Mr. Moxham confirmed that BCC had carried out repairs outside his house, but in doing so had cut a gas pipe, but this was repaired shortly afterwards.

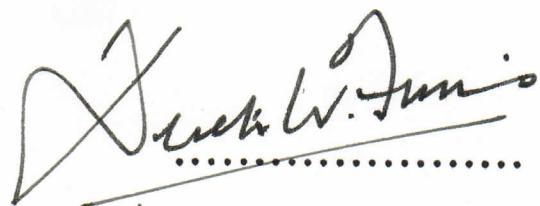
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pilcher asked the PC to accept his apologies for non-attendance of some future meetings, as he will be taking examinations in connection with his work.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th April 1992 at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.


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7th April 1992

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington Village Hall on
Tuesday 7th April 1992
at 7.30 p.m.

A C E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - 3.1. Parish Funding
 - 3.2. Local Plan
 - 3.3. Highway Safety
 - 3.4. Tree Planting
 - 3.5. Twinning
 - 3.6. Water Lane Sewer
 - 3.7. White Hart
 - 3.8. Refuse Collections
 - 3.9. Maintenance Items
 - 3.9.1. Mower
4. PLANNING LISTS - 28.02.92 - 27.3.92 received
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council
02.04.92

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th April 1992.

ACTION

1. PRESENT:

In the Chair Mr. D. Ferris (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. B. Feasey, Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. I. Thomson.

APOLGIES were received from Mr. B. Lanz (who said he will make every effort to attend the May meeting, hopefully his work in London will be finished by that time), Mr. M. Cook (who is still indisposed) and Mr. A. Pilcher (who is on holiday).

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March proposed by Mrs. B. Feasey, seconded by Mr. I. Thomson, unanimously agreed, then signed by Mr. Ferris.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Parish Funding. Mr. Ferris read the letter sent from the Parish Council to MKBC (08.02.92) in full, with the details of the resolution passed at the February meeting. The letters received from MKBC and the Parish Council's reply were also read. These related to the amendments the Parish Council wished to make to the MKBC Terms of Agreement. A further letter is awaited from Mr. Pettigrew regarding these amendments.

3.2. Local Plan. Mr. Ferris reported that he had spoken to Caroline Brooks regarding the Local Plan, and gave the following information:
At the meeting of the Planning Committee on 25th March objections from Eric Gates Associates and John Drake and the N.H.B.F. were considered, but as these are contrary to government guidelines, the policies stated in the Deposit Plan will not be changed. At the Planning Committee on the 22nd April certain objections will be considered, but these do not include changes in rural housing policies. After the Planning Committee meeting on the 27th May changes will be advertised in the local press. The Parish Council, and others who may be interested, will need to respond to the official notice. A pre-Public Enquiry meeting will be held on 1st June and the inspector will decide the programme for the Public Enquiry. The Parish Council should be represented at the June meeting as it would be an appropriate time to submit any objections from village residents (collectively). The Public Enquiry will commence on 8th September and is likely to last for six weeks. As the Parish Council has sent a written submission it has the right to appear at the Public Enquiry. Mr. Ferris said the Parish Council must consider its position and whether or not it wishes to be represented at the Enquiry. If professional representation is required it will be necessary to appoint a consultant. *** BL/DF

3.3. Highway Safety.

3.3.1. Street Lighting. The EME quotation has been accepted and it is hoped a new light will be fitted in the High Street very soon.

3.3.2. Roads. The Clerk reported she had contacted BCC about the state of the approach road to the village. It will be inspected, but it is thought no action can be taken at this stage.

BCC have also been contacted with regard to having black/white posts to the side of the bank near the junction of Crofts End/Perry Lane with Bedford Road. Mr. Ian Buckle to inspect the area.

Concern was expressed by all members present about the state of the roads and pavements in Sherington. Mr. Thomson willing to walk around the village with Mr. Churchward or another BCC representative to point out the problems. It was unanimously agreed that Clerk should contact BCC regarding this problem. Clerk

*** An Agenda for the meeting on 25th March to be purchased at a cost of £1.55.

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3.4. Tree Planting. Mr. Whatton reported a snapped tree in Crofts End. A reward has been offered for information regarding the incident. ACTION

There is a training day for Tree Wardens on 9th May which Mr. Whatton will attend.

Prices have been obtained for Leylandii to plant as a wind break at the edge of the playing field.

A letter had been received regarding the Royal 40th Anniversary. It is suggested that 40 trees be planted in the village. It was agreed that Mr. Whatton approach Major Chester, as the trees will need to be planted on private land. A grant is available for purchasing the trees.

Concern was expressed regarding contractors for EME trimming trees in the village. If residents were at home when the contractors arrived permission for trimming was sought, but some trees (including one with a preservation order) were lopped back excessively in the absence of the owner. A letter to be sent to EME regarding this matter. Clerk

Mr. Whatton reported he had trimmed the small trees in Gun Lane.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the £200.00 grant for trees planted recently had been received from BCC.

Mr. Whatton said that residents contacted him personally when there were problems regarding trees in the village. Mr. Ferris commented that this was good and thanked Mr. Whatton for his efforts.

3.5. Twinning. Mr. Thomson to be Chairman of the Twinning Committee and he had been given names of people in the village who may be interested in joining the committee. Mr. Lewis to produce a brochure with colour photographs. Graphic Techniques to be approached regarding the production of this. Mr. Thomson was asked to arrange a village meeting. Grants are available to cover expenses of twinning. Clerk/IT

3.6. Water Lane Sewer. The Clerk has sent two letters to Mr. Medd of Anglian Water, i.e. one regarding the Water Lane sewer and the other relating to the open ditch(sewer) in the field at the side of Water Lane.

3.7. White Hart. The planning application for the extension of the White Hart by Eagle Inns will come before the Planning Committee on 22nd April.

3.8. Refuse Collections. It is noted that MKBC have agreed to continue weekly refuse collections.

3.9. Maintenance Items.

3.9.1. Mower. The old mower has been sold for £510.00 and a new Countax mower purchased from Odells for the sum of £1,289.17 + VAT (refundable).

3.9.2. Roads. Further comments were made about the poor quality of the work recently carried out on the roads in the village. Clerk

4. PLANNING LISTS - 28.02.92 to 27.03.92 received.

There had been a small sub-committee meeting regarding the change of use of the Lavenders Day Nursery (Dr. Herman). Further applications (not listed under 'Sherington' and about which the councillors had been unaware) had been submitted to the Borough Council regarding change of use of the stable block which is unique in Sherington and should be preserved. The original application for new access to the property had been passed with 'no comment' as it was not known then that further planning applications would be submitted. The reasons given for change of use from nursery accommodation to residential was that, due to the new Children's Act, the owners would not be able to fulfill all their obligations in an ancient building. Mr. Ferris said the Parish Council would have liked to have had the opportunity comment on all the applications.

DWF

5. CORRESPONDENCE ACTION
- 5.1. BCC - Letter requesting names of owners of land where stile boards need replacing. Clerk already replied.
- 5.2. BCC - Leaflets re Waste Management. New rules will not affect our waste collections.
- 5.3. BUCKS BRANCH 'Society of Local Council Clerks' - Letter regarding inaugural meeting. Clerk unable to attend, but will join the Society.
- 5.4. MKBC - Events leaflet. Passed to Mrs. Feasey.
- 5.5. BALC - Best Kept Village Competition. Closing date for entries 2nd May 1992. Mrs. Feasey to write a passage for SCAN. BF
- 5.6. BUCKS IN EUROPE - Letter and leaflets of events in September. More information to be requested. Clerk
- 5.7. THAMES AND CHILTERN TOURIST BOARD - Letter, leaflet and poster regarding 'Britain in Bloom'. Closing date for entries 10th May 1992. It was agreed not to enter this year.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
- 6.1. Cricket Club. A letter had been received from the Sherington Cricket Club requesting advice and clarification regarding the position of sub-letting the cricket square. The visiting cricket team to adhere strictly to the terms agreed between the Parish Council and Sherington Cricket Club and providing there are no additional costs of mowing the outfield, all members agreed sub-letting can go ahead. Clerk

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | Chq. No. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| John Arnold - Fitting new meter in pavilion (paid 12.03.92) | 95.39 | 100370 |
| EME - Electricity for Pavilion (qtr. to 31.03.92) | 102.80 | 100371 |
| Odell & Co Ltd - Motor Mower | 1514.77 | 100372 |
| C. Ferris - Grass cutting The Knoll, Play Area & Playing Fields (Labour & Petrol) | 32.65 | 100373 |
| MKBC - Agenda for Mtg. 25.03.92 (Local Plan) | 1.55 | 100374 |
| MKBC - Non Domestic Rates for Pavilion | 168.75 | 100375 |
| BALC - Annual Subscription + 1 x copy 'Review' | 79.04 | 100376 |
| Cornhill Insurance - Premium for Mower | 49.00 | 100377 |
| EME - Street Lighting (qtr. up to 31.03.92) | 395.02 | 100378 |
| TOTAL | <u>£2438.97</u> | |
| Current Account - End of March 1992: | £431.81 | |
| Enterprise Account - End of March 1992: | £2552.09 * | |

* £1500 already transferred to Current Account to pay for mower, but not shown on Current Account statement to date.

A further £600 to be transferred from Enterprise Account to Current Account for further payments this month. Clerk

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, unanimously accepted.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- Cricket Club. Mr. Whatton wished the Parish Council to emphasise that the sub-letting of the cricket square be under the strict terms and conditions laid down by the Parish Council.
- Planning for Double Garage in High Street. Mr. Whatton asked if there had been any objections to the planning application. Mr. Ferris confirmed no objections had been received.

DWF.

Free Skip. Mr. D. McFarlane of School Lane asked if the MKBC skip could be moved occasionally from Perry Lane or Leys View to another area in the village and suggested Gun Lane/Park Road. Gun Lane/Park Road is not a convenient corner, as a hazard would be created. Letter to be sent to MKBC asking for a third locations Clerk

Rear Gardens - Water Lane

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood with Mr. and Mrs. A. McFarlane of Water Lane asked if the Parish Council was aware that an official from MKBC had been viewing and taking notes regarding their rear gardens which had been extended six or seven years ago. Mr. Ferris pointed out that this land was outside the village envelope and had been purchased at the time without planning permission and MKBC have the right to enforce regulations. The Parish Council is no longer involved in this case, but supports MKBC in refusing to allow agricultural land to be changed for domestic use. Councillor Brian Hansford, from the floor, commented that there may be an opportunity to write off an enforcement in this and other areas. The Borough Planning Office could be contacted regarding this in relation to Sherington.

Roads and Verges

Mrs. Graham commented on water seeping out of the road in Gun Lane. Mr. Ferris suggested that this may be a problem with the underground spring. Mrs. Graham also pointed out the state of some of the verges in the village. Soil erosion is being caused by cars, and particularly refuse lorries from the Borough, driving over the verges. Letter to be sent to MKBC Clerk

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th May at 7.30 p.m.

Next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.



 Vice-Chairman

19th May 1992

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at the Sherington Sports Pavilion on

Tuesday 19th May 1992

at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
3. PREVIOUS MINUTES
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - 4.1. Parish Funding
 - 4.2. Local Plan
 - 4.3. Highway Safety
 - 4.4. Tree Planting
 - 4.5. Twinning
 - 4.6. Water Lane Sewer
 - 4.7. White Hart
 - 4.8. Best Kept Village Competition
 - 4.9. Buckinghamshire in Europe
 - 4.10 Maintenance Items
5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 - 5.1. MK/446/92. 33 Church Road
Single Storey Front Extension - Andrew C. Hill
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale 16.05.92
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

1. PRESENT:

Mrs. B. Feasey, Mr. D. Ferris, Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. A. Pilcher, Mr. I Thomson.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. B. Lanz and Mr. M. Cook.

2. The Parish Clerk opened the meeting by inviting nominations for Chairman. Mr. D. Ferris was nominated by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Thomson, unanimously agreed. Mr. Ferris accepted the office and took over the Chair. Vice-Chairman. Mr. Lanz was nominated by Mr. Pilcher, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, unanimously agreed. Mr. Lanz had indicated his willingness to stand as Vice-Chairman in a letter to the Parish Clerk.

It was unanimously agreed that all other offices be as last year, these are:

Village Hall Committee: Mrs Betty Feasey

Recreational Field Committee: Mr. M. Cook and Mr. A. Pilcher

Chairman of Recreation Field Committee: Mr. A. Pilcher

Sherington First School Governor: Mrs. Betty Feasey

Road Safety Committee: Mr. Ian Thomson

Planning Committee: Mr. D. Ferris, Mrs. W. Haynes and Mr. B. Lanz (who had indicated his willingness in a letter).

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April proposed by Mr. I. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. B. Feasey, unanimously agreed, then signed by Mr. Ferris.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Parish Funding. Letter regarding Landscape Maintenance (01.05.92) from Keith Ely, MKBC was read by Mr. Ferris. The map enclosed (in two parts) omitted Carters Close, but outlines areas of highway verges and shrubbery for which MKBC is responsible. Letter to be sent to MKBC regarding the overhanging bushes off Carters Close. Clerk

A letter also to be sent to Mr. Butler MP regarding Milton Keynes becoming a Unitary Authority. BL/Clerk

4.2. Local Plan. Copies of the Agenda for the March meeting have been sold out, but the appropriate parts of the Agenda will be photocopied by the Planning Department and sent to the Clerk. More details are needed regarding the June meeting. The Clerk to telephone MKBC regarding this. Clerk
Mr. Ferris stressed the importance of any objections being submitted collectively.

4.3. Highway Safety. Mr. Thomson reported on his meeting with Mr. Churchward. Following the meeting several surfaces had been redressed and edging stones made secure. Some work is now complete, but it was promised that more would commence in June.

4.4. Tree Planting. Mr. Don McFarlane has agreed to become the second Tree Warden for Sherington. The Clerk reported that the weedkiller used around edges of grassed areas and under bushes is 'Dextrone X', which is said to be 'environmentally friendly' and will not damage bushes. Mr. Whatton is to meet with Major Chester regarding tree planting on his land. The trees recently planted in the village need plenty of watering and Mr. Whatton appealed to residents to do this.

4.5. Twinning. Mr. Thomson had met with Mr. Lewis and the Clerk to discuss the brochure to be produced. Graphic Techniques have been approached regarding the brochure and are willing to help. Mr. John Cook also to be asked to help with photocopying the brochure. An open meeting on the twinning is planned to be held at The White Hart on Thursday 11th June.

DMF

4.6. Water Lane Sewer. Mr. Ferris read the two letters from Mr. Trevor Clement (Anglian Water 21.04.92) regarding the foul sewer and the open ditch. It was stated in the former letter that plans are underway to look at the problems and in the latter letter that the Sewerage Superintendent will check the outfall and drainage in the field. The Clerk was asked to contact Anglian Water again asking for further details. ACTION
Clerk

4.7. White Hart. Planning permission had been refused by MKBC for change of use from public house to restaurant. There is also a tree preservation order on the fir tree at the rear of the White Hart.

4.8. Best Kept Village Competition. Sherington has been entered. The preliminary judging will take place during the first two weeks in June and final judging in July. Mrs. Feasey informed the Council that the school is to have a Litterblitz next Thursday. It was agreed to repaint the Notice Board on the Knoll and remove the weeds around the Village Hall. Mr. Thomson to paint the Notice Board. IT

4.9. Buckinghamshire in Europe. Mr. Ferris read briefly from the information sent in response to requests for same. Sherington's proposed twinning activities may be helped by this organisation. Anyone may request information, i.e. local businesses etc.

4.10 Maintenance Items

4.10.1. Mower. The new mower had shed its second drive belt and was back with Odell's. If the mower is not suitable for the work it needs to do it will be changed.

4.10.2. Chicheley Hill. This area is no longer used as a yard for BCC. Mr. Churchward to be contacted regarding the future of this piece of land. Clerk

4.10.3. School Lane (next to Rectory). This area belongs to MKBC Housing Department. Sherington Parish Council to formally consider elderly persons' bungalows to be erected.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1. MK/446/92 - 33 Church Road - Andrew C. Lill

Single storey front extension. No comments.

5.2. MK/988/91 - Cross Albans Hill - Mrs. P. Honeysett.

This application had gone to appeal, but had been refused by The Planning Inspectorate of the DOE.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

BCC - Central Purchasing Unit. Letter and brochure.

MKBC - Environmental Position Statement. Letter and document.

Pass to Mr. Lanz for comments at next meeting. BL/Clerk

EME - Authorisation form to repair public lighting. Agreed.

Street lighting repair charges 1992 - 1993.

Restructuring of Public lighting activity - notification.

HOUSE BLDS. FEDERATION - Housing Update.

BCC - Restructuring of Social Services Department

BUCKS PLAYING FIELDS ASSN. - Requesting membership. No action.

BCC - Social Services Dept. Community Care Plan. Passed to Mrs. Feasey

NOTICE OF AUDIT - Accounts year ending 31.03.92 (17.08.92 & 04.09.92)

DOE - Green Rights and Responsibilities. Letter and brochure.

BALC - Best Kept Village Hall Competition. Letter passed to Mrs. B. Feasey.

MKBC - Connections. Passed to Mr. Thomson for shop.

BCC - Discovering Buckinghamshire. Passed to Mrs. Haynes

SUTCLIFFE LEISURE - Play and Playground Safety. Brochure to file

GLASDON - Environment Focus. Brochure for equipment to file

Bucks CVS - Village Ventures Competition. Information leaflet.

MKBC - Poster for Animal Exhibition May - July.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

MR. P. E. SMITH - Letter bringing the following items to the Parish Council's attention: Chicheley Hill, Cross Albans Hill, School Lane, Corn Close and the Senior Citizens' Club. Most of the items already dealt with in the meeting and others noted. Mr. Moxon was asked to give further details regarding the closure of the Senior Club. This was due mostly to lack of funds. The Parish Council is concerned about this loss of amenity in the village especially as funds from the Council would have been available had an approach been made. The Chairman wished it to be known that the Parish Council is willing to help financially if the club re-opens. BCC to be contacted regarding the nettles and weeds in Corn Close. Clerk

7. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Mrs. Haynes asked for an acknowledgment of the £50.00 cheque for rent and the deposit still in the bank for the Football Club. Clerk
The changing room floor needs attention.
The cricket square has been partially returned by Mr. Smith and it has also been sprayed.
It was unanimously agreed to pay Mr. Giles £9.00 per cut for the sports field.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

| | £ | Chq. No. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Sherington Village Hall - Hire 07.04.92 | £9.40 | |
| & 05.05.92 | £9.90 | |
| | 19.30 | 100379 |
| C. Ferris- Gass Cutting, Strimming, Oil and Petrol | 51.85 | 100380 |
| R. Giles - Sports Field Gass Cutting, Rolling Spraying & Repair of Shed | 57.00 | 100381 |
| A.W. - Water & Sewerage Services, Pavilion | 85.39 | 100382 |
| J. W. Cook & Son - Rent for Playing Field 25.03.91 - 24.03.92 | 100.00 | 100383 |
| EME - Street Lighting Maintenance, Sept.91 Dec. 91 & Mar. 92 | 758.12 | 100384 |
| Cornhill Insurance - Local Council Cover*** 1992 - 1993 | 345.34 | 100385 |
| EME - Replacement Light in School Lane | 46.95 | 100386 |
| P. Teasdale - BALC Best Kept Village Comp. | 5.00 | 100387 |
| TOTAL | 1468.95 | |

Payments proposed by Mrs. Feasey, seconded by Mr. Thomson, unanimously agreed.

*** Mr. Lanz to be asked to look at insurance premium and report back BL/Clerk

Current Account - End of April 1992 £270.79
Enterprise Account - End of April 1992 £3787.81
(Street Lighting payment notification in hand from MKBC - £336.20, not included in Enterprise A/C figure.)
£1500.00 to be transferred from Enterprise Account to Current Account.
Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Pilcher, unanimously agreed.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Telephone Post. Mr. Whatton asked if the telephone post which stands out in the road in Crofts End (and is not used) could be removed. Clerk to contact EME. Clerk


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9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (cont.) 458
Bus Shelter. Mr. R. Smith asked what had happened about the new ACTION
bus shelter design, Mr. Thomson to contact Mr. David Byrne. IT
Car Park Charges in Newport Pagnell. Mrs. Graham complained about the
charges to be implemented in Newport Pagnell car parks. Letter to be
sent to MKBC supporting Chamber of Trade who are opposed to the
charges. Clerk
Water Lane Sewer. Mr. Jack Cook voiced concern about the state of
the foul sewer. Anglian Water to be contacted about the urgency
of the matter. Clerk

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, 2nd June 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.


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Chairman

2nd June 1992

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday 2nd June 1992
at 7.30 p.m.

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Pearl Teasdale 30.05.92
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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ACTION

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on 2nd June 1992

1. PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES - none received.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May in the Sports Pavilion proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Pilcher, unanimously agreed, then signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Local Plan. Mr. Ferris had telephoned MKBC last Friday (29.05.92) and read a letter received (I. Haynes 20.05.92) regarding the arrangements for the Pre-Inquiry Meeting on 1st June, which it was not vital to attend (it will not prejudice the Parish Council's position - we are supportive of the contents of the Plan). Notes of proceedings will be circulated after the meeting by the Programme Officer, who has now been appointed (Mr. Lew Thomas). The PC will need to know the strengths of arguments against the plan. Mr. Ferris to telephone again for further information. DF
The Parish Council cheque for £1.55 has been returned as copies of the Agenda of the 25th March are sold out. The Planning Dept. have photocopied relevant parts and sent them FOC.

3.2. Trees. Mr. Whatton said some trees planted earlier in the year will not survive, although most seem to be healthy. He has no appointment yet with Major Chester rearding the planting of 40 trees. The Chairman suggested Mr. Whatton contact Mr. Michael Cook so as not to lose the opportunity of receiving the grant for the trees.

Regarding Chicheley Hill, the Clerk had been in contact with Mr. Churchward, who said BCC cannot transfer or sell any of the land to the PC as it is a public highway and is maintained by BCC. If a plan for some planting together with a picnic area and car park can be agreed between the PC and the Landscaping Dept. that would be in order. Mr. Ferris said this plan had been put forward previously and rejected by the PC, and he does not accept the land cannot be sold. It was unanimously agreed Mr. Lanz should take up the matters with BCC. BL

The matter of Cross Albans Hill also to be pursued. Clerk

3.3. Twinning. An Open Meeting to discuss Twinning to be held at The White Hart on Thursday 11th June at 7.30 pm. It has been advertised in SCAN. The brochure is almost complete and photographs taken at different seasons of the year in the village have been reproduced for the brochure. IT

3.4. Water Lane Sewer. The Clerk telephoned Mr. Heath regarding the Water Lane sewer and open ditch adjacent to Water Lane. Mr. Heath said a jetting lorry would be in operation soon in the area, but he could not give any further information regarding works to be done. Mr. Ferris said the jetting lorry had been used in previous times. The Clerk had followed up the telephone call with a letter stating the urgency of the problem in Water Lane.

3.5. Best Kept Village Comp. Posters had been posted throughout the village. Preliminary judging to take place the first two weeks in June. Members of the Village Hall committee had weeded around the Hall, but had considered the PC responsible for the Car Park. Mrs. W. Haynes had painted the Notice Board on The Knoll. Mrs. Feasey said the school had a Litterblitz the previous Thursday. Congratulations to the school for its effort.

DWF.

3.6. Environmental Position Statement. Mr. Lanz commented on the document received. It deals with a diverse range of topics under separate headings to which the PC is asked to respond. Mr. Lanz said we support MKBC's approach to environmental policy, but we need to pay particular interest to cost, as it is not always cost effective. There are anecdotes of what is good and not good for the environment. We need to ask MKBC to be cautious in this. There is an Environmental Grant Panel which provides grants to PCs. It was unanimously agreed to follow this up, as a separate exercise. EME had offered to pay 50% of cost of laying electricity cables underground in a conservation area, perhaps another 50% may be obtained for the remainder. **BL/Clerk**

3.7. Cornhill Insurance. Mr. Lanz had the policy and compared it with last year's values on items insured (now inflated). The following is a breakdown of cover (replacement costs):

| | £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sports Pavilion | 54,187.00 |
| Bus Shelter | 1,693.00 |
| Benches (all six) | 847.00 |
| Playground Equipment | 2,000.00 |
| Office Contents | 670.00 |
| Triple Gang Mower | 1,117.00 |
| Rotary Grass Mower (no longer exists) | |

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|-----------------------|--------|
| | 223.00 |
| Strimmer | 201.00 |
| Maintenance Equipment | 559.00 |

(The motor mower is on a separate 'vehicle' policy.)

3.8. Maintenance Items:

3.8.1. Mower. Mr. Ferris has told Richard Odell that we are grossly dissatisfied that the mower did not receive modification prior to delivery. Adaptation was ordered three weeks ago, but has still not arrived. A temporary mower has been supplied and used over the last week (especially because of the Best Kept Village Comp.). If the Countax mower is not satisfactory then Odells will take it back at its full value. If a better mower has to be purchased then the difference in price will have to be paid. Odells expressed concern regarding this problem. **DF**

3.8.2. Pole in Crofts End. The Clerk has been in touch with EME regarding removal of this pole. A Mr. Odell will inspect it and report back. Mr. Whatton (from the floor) said the pole belongs to BT. BT to be contacted and asked to remove the pole, totally if possible. **Clerk**

3.8.2. Trees, shrubs etc. The thistles in Corn Close have been removed by Christian Ferris.

The Clerk has written to EME regarding lopping of trees in the village.

Mr. Whatton will contact Mr. and Mrs. Hines regarding overhanging trees on their property.

The Clerk has written to MKBC regarding the overgrown bushes on the footpath off Caters Close.

3.8.3 Roads and Footpaths. Mr. Thomson had walked around the village with Mr. Churchward and many problems had been corrected. Mr. Churchward had made a list of work to be carried out immediately and in the near future. The Clerk had asked for the list to be forwarded to the PC.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Planning Lists 15.05.92 and 22.05.92 have been received; there are no applications for Sherington.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

BCC - Local Government Review containing information regarding the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN EUROPE - Letter and form requesting Chairman's name and address for invitation to function in London during September.

All agreed form should be returned.

Clerk

DWF

MKBC - Posters advertising day trips to Garden Festival in Wales. Passed to Mrs. Feasey for Village Hall notice board.
 MK FORUM - containing comments on MK as a Unitary Authority.
 MK ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK - Green Link.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

The Clerk passed a letter to Mrs. Haynes acknowledging receipt of £50.00 for F.C. annual rent and confirming a £50.00 was still on deposit at the bank. The cricket square is now in good condition.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | Chq. No. |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| C. Ferris - Grass Cutting, strimming, petrol & oil | 54.55 | 100388 |

Current Account - End of May 1992 £1721.79**

Enterprise Account - End of May 1992 £2636.40

** This figure will now be much lower because of the cheques sent out last month; the majority of which will now have been passed.

Acceptance of the accounts proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Pilcher, unanimously agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

Local Plan. Mr. Fennemore asked for clarification of the text in the 'Development Plans' booklet regarding representation. Mr. Ferris to check this with the Programme Officer.

Mr. R. Smith asked if PC funds will be used to pay for representation. Mr. Ferris replied it is the duty of the PC, given circumstances of a particular case. Support signatures of the Sherington PC's acceptance of the plan had been gathered.

Tree Lopping. Mr. Whatton asked if there had been any response from EME. None had been received to date.

Senior Citizen's Club. Mr. Don McFarlane had taken over as treasurer and the financial position is not as serious as thought. A meeting on Thursday 4th June had been arranged to discuss the future of the club. The Swan Public House had offered accommodation for the club to meet, but it was hoped meetings would eventually recommence in the Village Hall. The PC is pleased to learn that the club may not close and will be glad to be given further information at next meeting.

Leak in Gun Lane. Mrs. Graham commented on the water still oozing out in Gun Lane.

Twinning. Mrs. Graham asked what the residents of Sherington would gain by Twinning. Although a definite decision regarding Twinning will not be taken until after the open meeting, which will seek response from the public, there are social benefits of Twinning with another country, especially within the European Community. There are financial grants available to assist with group travel, laying out flower beds etc.

Corn Close. Mr. Moxham asked if MKBC could be contacted regarding keeping Corn Close clear of weeds because the area is swept by the Borough. A letter to be sent to MKBC.

Clerk

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Village Hall. Mrs. Feasey said all officers had been returned at the A.G.M. The License for the hall had not been renewed by the Environmental Health Office because of the difficulties regarding preparation of food under the new food regulations. The kitchen is in a poor state of repair and needs considerable amount of work carried out on it. At the A.G.M. it was reported other PCs had made grants of approx. £600.00 to Village Halls (but these may be ones run by PCs). Assistance has been given in times past for re-roofing, but the PC tends to go to MKBC. It is better to approach MKBC early in the financial year; there may be a Parish Amenity Fund. Mr. Lanz said he will be passed to Mr. Cheeseman (Chairman of Village Hall Committee) details of BCC grant for improvements. The Village Hall Committee may deal direct with MKBC or BCC.

DWF

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday 7th July 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.



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Chairman

7th July 1992

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday 7th July 1992
at 7.30 p.m.

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 - 3.1. Local Plan
 - 3.2. Trees
 - 3.3. Twinning
 - 3.4. Water Lane Sewer
 - 3.5. Best Kept Village Competition
 - 3.6. Maintenance Items
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
MK/549/92 Hamel Croft, Church End
Erection of Front Porch, Two Storey Front Extension
Mr. and Mrs. P. Stevens
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale 04.07.92
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th July 1992

ACTION

1. PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs. Haynes and Mr. Pilcher, both of whom are on holiday and Mr. Cook.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minute 459 (3.2.) Mr. Ferris pointed out that there was some misunderstanding regarding the problem of Chicheley Hill and that of Cross Albans Hill, but as Mr. Lanz is dealing with this the minute to be left as written. BL

Minute 461 (9.) Mr. Lanz had passed details of the BCC grant to Mr. Cheeseman. This minute was amended accordingly.

The minutes were then approved as a correct record proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, then signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

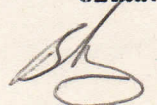
3.1. Local Plan. Mr. Ferris said there was no problem regarding representation. The letter already lodged entitles us to an appearance. The programme is in Draft form at the moment and the timetabling is that the enquiry commences on 8th September 1992 and may last for eight weeks or more, but will not sit during the October school half-term holiday. The date for receipt of evidence is 27th July, but this is not a firm date for the PC as we are in a difficult position of waiting to know the full objections, related to Sherington. Mr. Lanz asked if the PC's understanding of the position needed to be confirmed, but Mr. Ferris stated this not to be necessary. The purpose of the inspector is to listen to everyone, even though people may be repeating statements made by MKBC. Mr. Ferris to keep in touch with Mr. Lewis Thomas, the inspector. DF

3.2. Trees. Mr. Whatton reported that Major Chester has planted some trees (some of which have already been vandalised) and is thinking of planting more. Mr. Cook may have a corner (may be near the sports field, so they may be seen from the village) for the forty trees to be planted in this anniversary year. The walkway (Corn Close) from School Lane to Crofts End has many overhanging trees. Mr. and Mrs. Hines will arrange for these to be cut back.

3.3. Twinning. A leaflet drop to every house in the village has been made. So far 38 have been returned, 28 for twinning with France, 10 against. A suggestion that maybe twinning with a village in Belgium may be more acceptable. Mr. Lewis (from the floor) informed the PC that the Local Government International Bureau had notified him of six communities in France. The Twinning Committee to select four, for which information will be sent, then a first and second choice to be selected from the four. Three of the communities are in Brittany and three in the Bordeaux. A response from France will take about a month or more, so in the meantime an Association will be formed in Sherington. The constitution will include the fostering of interest and understanding. The PC will continue to support twinning, but the association will be non-local authority. This was unanimously agreed and thanks were expressed to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Thomson for the work carried out so far. Mrs. Feasey pointed out that the school already has a French-link with the grandchildren of Mrs. Perkins (the children attend school whilst on holiday in this country). Mr. Thomson will be happy to be the PC's representative on the twinning committee.

3.4. Water Lane Sewer. The letters received from AW regarding the sewer and the open ditch were read. Mr. Lanz said there has been a re-organisation at AW and the personnel dealing with the matter were no longer involved. It was agreed that copies of correspondence previously sent to and received from AW should be sent and AW asked to elaborate on the reasons why the work has still not been carried out.

CLERK



3.5. Best Kept Village Competition. A letter had been received notifying the Clerk that Sherington is in the finals with North Crawley and Cuddington. The final judging will take place the first two weeks in July. The verges were cut last week and most grass areas are neat. Mr. Lanz expressed his concern regarding the caravan parked in Church Road. Mr. Ferris to seek the owner's co-operation in re-locating the caravan to a less conspicuous position. It was also noted that there is a parking problem opposite Griggs Orchard. ACTION

3.6. Maintenance Items

3.6.1. Rail and posts on The Knoll. There is a broken rail and loose posts opposite 1 The Knoll and Haynes Garage. Mr. Thomson said he would inspect and repair if possible. IT

3.6.2. Hedge along footpath, Carters Close. A letter had been received from MKBC stating this is not the property of the Borough and the PC's request regarding maintenance had been passed to BCC. It was pointed out that the hedge is dangerous, so co-operation for trimming it to be sought from the residents of the houses. CLERK

3.6.3. Chicheley Hill Island. The island by the roundabout on the road to Olney is overgrown with weeds and the plastic covers surrounding the newly planted trees cause view of the road to be obstructed. Letter to be sent to MKBC. CLERK

4. PLANNING APPLICATION.

MK/549/92. Hamel Croft, Church End. Erection of single storey rear extension, two storey front extension and porch. Mr. & Mrs. P. Stevens.
No comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

MKBC - Letter re Rural Housing Seminar 2nd July. Mr. Ferris had attended this. There is a questionnaire to assess current needs, but the Local Plan had been overlooked. He suggested the PC should not enter such a survey until after the Local Plan enquiry is over, i.e. in the new year, when local needs could be assessed with regard to low cost/affordable housing (half shared ownership, half rented, but to remain affordable).

MR. PETER BUTLER MP - Letter in reply to request asking for information on how the PC will be affected if MKBC becomes a Unitary Authority. Mr. Butler had not answered the question regarding the assessment of how the Community Charge/Rates will be affected if the MKBC debt on the infra-structure of Milton Keynes becomes due. It was agreed a further letter be sent to Mr. John Redwood, Minister for Local Government.

MIDLAND BANK - Letter in response to Clerk's comments on poor service regarding return of passed cheques.

THE HOME OFFICE - Civil Protection Brochure.

MKBC - Letters in answer to objections regarding charges for parking Newport Pagnell. Scheme not to proceed; proposals to be re-examined.

MKBC - Invitations to Chairman and Clerk to Civic Service; both had been unable to attend on 5th July.

MK FORUM - latest leaflet

MKBC - Bulk skip information. Sherington 7 - 9 July, 4 - 6 August.

BUCKS CVS - Brochures

BCC - Letter and leaflet regarding environmental grant. Mr Whatton to present scheme for bulb planting.

SHELTER - Invitation to Open Evening, 6th July.

MKBC - Letter informing about Boundary Reviews; do not affect Sherington.

MKBC - Letter regarding new footpaths and bridleways. Noted.

BCC - Waste Management Plan. Passed to Mr. Lanz for comments. BL

MRS. P. TEASDALE - Letter of resignation as from October, due to pressure of work. Regrets were expressed by members; a new Clerk to be sought.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

ACTION

There were no members of the committee present.
The Cricket Club had sent £50 annual fee for use of sports field.
Acknowledgment for this and confirmation that additional £50 still on deposit.

Clerk

Mr. Ferris noted that the pavilion electricity was still showing a deficit. Mr. Pilcher to be asked to attempt to redress this.

AP

It had been suggested that fees paid by the football and cricket clubs be increased by 100%, but the members had not been very receptive as they maintained some of the facilities themselves. There was no need to review this at present and to leave further discussion until a representative of the Recreation Field Committee is present.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | Chq. No. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| E.M.E. Pavilion Metered Electricity | 37.11 | 100389 |
| E.M.E. Street Lighting (Qtr. to 30.06.92) | 729.34 | 100390 |
| E.M.E. Service to new light in High Street | 111.63 | 100391 |
| R. Giles - Grass Cutting Cutting & Rolling (Sports Field) | 64.50 | 100392 |
| Village Hall, Sherington (hire June & July) | 19.80 | 100393 |
| C. Ferris Grass Cutting and Petrol (cheque to D. W. Ferris) | 54.00 | 100394 |
| TOTAL | £1016.38 | |

Current Account - End of June 1992 £369.25

Enterprise Account - End of June 1992 £3030.65

£1000.00 to be transferred from Enterprise Account to Current Account. Clerk

Acceptance of the accounts proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Lanz, all agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Senior Citizens' Club. Mr. Don McFarlane said there had been two meetings of the club at The Swan with an average of seventeen members present. The Village Hall Committee had been approached with a view to the hire charges being reduced for the Senior Club.

Sports Pavilion. Mrs. Graham asked by how much was the pavilion and the sports field subsidised by the PC. Answer to this request next month.

Trees. Mr. Whatton asked if there was any progress on the pole being removed from Crofts End and if there had been any comments from EME regarding lopped trees. The Clerk reported that EME had confirmed the pole belonged to BT, whom she would contact. EME had responded with a telephone call about the lopped trees. Mr. O'dell said he was very concerned the contractors had not approached the owners of the properties concerned, as this was the procedure. He requested the name of the owner of the tree with a preservation order and would contact the contractors accordingly. Clerk

Council Properties. Mr. Whatton reported that some local council properties needed decorating. The Chairman said the PC cannot be involved the tenants must contact MKBC direct.

Chicheley Hill Roundabout. Mr. Whitehead asked if the PC knew of any changes to be made to the roundabout. None known. Mr. Whitehead to find out more information from the library.

Gun Lane. Mrs. Graham said another light was needed in Gun Lane near Field Close also there was a hole in the road which still needed repairing. Mr. Thomson agreed to inspect the area and contact Mr. Churchward. The street repairs are on going.

IT

Senior Citizens' Club. Mr. Moxham said he had been a member of the club for twelve years, but had not rejoined. He said that the hard work Mr. Whitehead had put into the club as treasurer for sixteen years had been overlooked and he wished to express his thanks to Mr. Whitehead for his commitment. The Chairman agreed that this had regrettably been overlooked, but the PC now thanked Mr. Whitehead for all his work with the Senior Club. ACTION

Mr. Jack Cook apologised for the absence of Mr. Michael Cook, but he was very poorly again. The Chairman asked for best wishes be conveyed to Mr. M. Cook from the PC.

Mr. Jack Cook made the following observations:

Many of the trees recently planted will die as trees need to be planted in November. This should be taken into consideration in future. Agreed. Water Lane Sewer was a long standing problem and AW should keep its promise made in the past to replace the sewer.

Corn Close should be cleared by MKBC (although it had been omitted from the map showing verges to be maintained). All agreed letter to go to MKBC. Clerk

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting of School Governors. Mrs. Feasey reported on this meeting. The school is now flourishing with 46 on the roll (50 would be the maximum) and training days for staff have been arranged.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 4th August 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Ferris gave his apologies for this meeting as he will be on holiday. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lanz, to Chair the August Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.


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Vice Chairman

4th August 1992

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday 4th August 1992
at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - 3.1. Local Plan
 - 3.2. Trees
 - 3.3. Twinning
 - 3.4. Water Lane Sewer
 - 3.5. Best Kept Village Competition
 - 3.6. Rural Housing Seminar
 - 3.7. Waste Disposal
 - 3.8. Milton Keynes as a Unitary Authority
 - 3.9. Maintenance Items
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 - MK/666/92 Matmakers, 14 Park Road
Erection of Two Storey Rear Extension - Mr. M. Selvey
 - MK/748/92 Meadow View, High Street
Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension - Dr. C. R. Herman
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale 31.07.92
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th August 1992

ACTION

1. PRESENT:

In the Chair Mr. B. Lanz (Vice Chairman), Mr. M. Cook, Mrs. B. Feasey, Mrs. W. Haynes, Mr. A. Pilcher, Mr. I. Thomson.

APOLOGIES had been received from Mr. D. Ferris, who is on holiday.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th July 1992 was proposed by Mrs. Feasey, seconded by Mr. Thomson and agreed.

Declaration of Interest. Mr. Cook declared an interest in item 3.1. Local Plan, and left the meeting until the end of this item.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Local Plan. In Mr. Ferris's absence, Mr Lanz had been in touch with Mr. Lewis Thomas, who stated that he did not expect to have all objections in by the end of July. He suggested he should be contacted a week or so after the end of July when all the details are in. Mr. Lanz to contact Mr. Thomas next Monday (10th August). Mr. Ferris and Mr. Lanz will probably go in to MKBC to see the objections and it is likely a special meeting of the PC will be called. All these suggestions were agreed.

A letter had been received regarding the mid- enquiry break. This will be 27th - 30th October to co-incide with MK Schools' half-term break.

The Provisional Programme (dated 31.07.92) involves Sherington on 2 occasions.

i) Week 9 - 10.11.92. John Drake - objections 121/123 DE5 (Manor).

ii) Week 11- 26.11.92. Eric Gates & Associates for M. J. Cook - DE5, PH5, PH6. Sherington support MKBC; R. Fennemore is also listed as supporting MKBC.

Consideration should be given on whether or not the PC should appear on both dates or be combined (when we know what the objections are). These points to be left until special meeting. Agreed. DF/BL

3.2. Trees. Mr. Whatton said he had been in touch with the Tree Council regarding the 40 trees to be planted and it had been agreed that groups of about 10 trees may be planted if there was not a large enough area to plant all 40 together. It was proposed that a meeting should take place between the Tree Wardens, the Cricket and Football clubs and the Recreation Field Committee. All agreed. All native trees should be planted and a suggestion was made that perhaps half of the number should be oaks. Mr. Pilcher and Mr. Cook to discuss types of trees and locations at the special meeting with the other interested parties.

The environmental grant application needs to be made soon, so bulbs need to be purchased, i.e. 500 crocuses, 1500 daffodils and narcissi at a cost of £199.50. This was proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Pilcher, agreed.

3.3. Twinning. The Clerk passed names and addresses of interested residents and names and addresses of officials of local organisations to be approached. Mrs. Feasey said Mrs. Perkins daughter (who lives quite near Euro-Disney, just outside Paris) is willing to help with any contacts. A meeting to form a Twinning Association has been arranged for Wednesday, 23rd September. Date to be advertised in SCAN. Clerk
AP/Clerk

3.4. Water Lane Sewer. No further action had been taken since last meeting. The Clerk apologised for not having been able to get all the relevant information together from the files.

DWF

3.5. Best Kept Village Competition. Mr. Lanz read the letter received and the results of Sherington's efforts. The comments of the judges were generally very good, especially in regard to there being almost no litter. Cuddington, in South Bucks had won the Morris Cup (in which Sherington had been entered). Mrs. Feasey had put details in SCAN with an excerpt from the Bucks. Association of Local Councils' letter.

ACTION

3.6. Rural Housing Seminar. The report of the Seminar had been received. Mr. Ferris had given an account of the Seminar at last month's Parish Council meeting. Mr. Lanz stated that in Sherington only 25% of the Council Housing stock was sold in 1980, therefore 75% of the Council Housing was still owned by MKBC.

3.7. Waste Disposal. Mr. Lanz read some relevant points from the Draft of Bucks 'Waste Management Plan'. Households only account for approx. 3% of waste and agriculture approx. 37%. Total waste in Buckinghamshire during 1990 was approx. 1 million tonnes from building sources, half million tonnes from industrial/commercial sources and six hundred and eighty thousand tonnes from domestic households. Buckinghamshire's waste is taken outside the county, but other areas send their waste to Bucks.

3.8. Milton Keynes as a Unitary Authority. Mr. Lanz to draft a letter to Mr. Redwood, Minister for Local Government.

BL/Clerk

3.9. Maintenance Items

3.9.1. Roads and Footpaths. Mr. Thomson had spoken to one of Mr. Churchward's assistants, who had details of the work being carried out in Sherington. There is no set time relating to this work, but it is on-going.

3.9.2. Rail and posts on The Knoll. Mr. Thomson said these need renewing. It was agreed that timber should be purchased for the work to be carried out.

IT

3.9.3. Hedge along footpath, Carters Close. Letters had been sent to the residents of nos. 10, 11, 12, 13 Carters Close. No responses had been received and no action had been taken regarding the cutting of the hedge. There was some discussion regarding the actual ownership of the hedge. A letter to be sent to BCC requesting the County maintain the hedge.

Clerk

3.9.4. Corn Close. A letter had been sent to MKBC. Mr. Lanz suggested a follow-up telephone call be made.

Clerk

3.9.5. Telegraph Pole in Crofts End. A reply is awaited from BT regarding this.

Mr. Pilcher reported that creosote is needed for the old pavilion. He was asked to report to the next meeting with a definite plan regarding this.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

MK/666/92. Matmakers, 14 Park Road.

Erection of two storey rear extension - Mr. M. Selvey. No comments.

MK/748/92. Meadow View, High Street.

Erection of single storey rear extension - Dr. C. R. Herman. No comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

BCC - Letter and newspapers with particular reference to speeding through villages. Passed to Mr. Thomson.

KOMPA - Brochure on Play Equipment. File.

BUCKS CVS - Newsletter.

BUCKS IN EUROPE - Letter, poster and news. To be passed to Mr. Ferris.

MKBC - Letter regarding cost of Parish Lighting. Mr. Lanz read the letter.

No action to be taken. Keep on file.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE - Letter regarding meeting on either 27th or 28th Oct.

Mr. Lanz and Mr. Pilcher to attend on 27th October.

MKBC - Bulk Skip Service. 25th - 27th August - Perry Lane

29th Sept. - 1st October - Leys View.

DWF

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

MK HEALTH COUNCIL - Report. Passed to Mrs. Feasey
 BCC - Travel Guide. Passed to Mr. Thomson for shop
 MKBC - Letter regarding Seminar on Council Tax, 17th September.
 Mr. Ferris or Mr. Lanz to attend.
 NALC - Review.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE. Mr. Pilcher had passed £38.60 to the Clerk (cash from Pavilion meter) and this covers the electricity used recently. Mr. Pilcher reported that there is no need for a great deal of maintenance this coming winter, but the Pavilion will be thoroughly cleaned. Both the clubs carry out maintenance during the year and the Cricket Club had spent £250.00 from the funds on maintaining the square. Mr. Pilcher did not think it appropriate to put up the rent as the clubs contribute a considerable amount in time and effort. In answer to Mrs. Graham's question at the last meeting. The running costs are approximately £700.00 per year. This amounts to approx. £1.00 pa per adult resident of Sherington.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £. | Chq. No. |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| A. J. Allen - Repair to Gang Mower | 93.63 | 100395 |
| E.M.E. - Bracket & Lantern (new light in High St.) | 162.97 | 100396 |
| Sherington Village Hall (hire 04.08.92) | 9.90 | 100397 |
| R. Giles - Grass Cutting, sports field | 45.00 | 100398 |
| TOTAL | £311.50 | |

Current Account - End of July £564.50
 Enterprise Account - End of July £2038.54

Acceptance of the accounts proposed by Mr. Pilcher, seconded by Mr. Thomson unanimously agreed.

The Clerk reported the accounts for 1991/1992 have to be taken for Audit on 17th August 1992.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Ditch in Church Road. It was reported that deadly nightshade was growing in the ditch and needs to be removed. The Clerk to contact the owner of the property. Clerk
Banks in Crofts End. Mr. Moxham reported these had not been cut recently. A letter to be sent to MKBC requesting the contractors be supervised regarding the areas to be cut. Clerk
Resurfacing of roads and footpaths. Comments were made regarding the unevenness of the work. Mr. Thomson said he had asked for whole areas to be resurfaced, not just repairs, but there was not sufficient money to resurface whole footpaths.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Mr. Pilcher had obtained some 'No Dogs' notices. These to be kept in the office.
Village Hall Committee. Mrs. Feasey reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. Whitehead thanking him for his work with the Senior Citizens' Club. The fees for the hire of the hall to the club (as requested by Mr. Macfarlane) will not be reduced, as the Committee had not been able to reduce them when Mr. Whitehead made a similar request some years ago.
Food Hygiene. The Village Hall Committee will not be applying for a license, so will not be liable for anyone who hires the hall and kitchen facilities. The Committee had written to Mrs. Dunbabin after her husband's death as he had given a great deal of support.
 Mrs. Cheeseman had resigned from position of Caretaker.

DWF

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (continued)**ACTION**

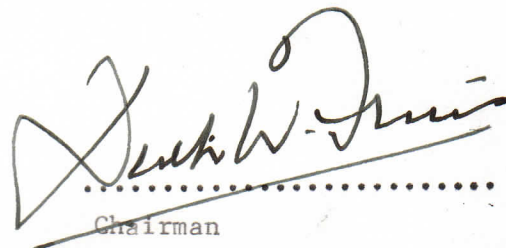
Gun Lane Light. Mr. Thomson had inspected the area and it would not be possible to install another street light near Field Close, as requested by Mrs. Graham at the last meeting. There was no pole available at the moment. Item to be put on agenda next month. **Clerk**

Midland Bank. The Clerk reported the bank had made charges for a daily search of the Current Account (in case of overdrawing, money from the Enterprise Account would immediately be transferred to the Current Account). It was agreed that we did not need this facility at all. **Clerk**

Pavilion. Mr. Pilcher asked if the Pavilion could be used in conjunction with hires of the Village Hall. This matter had been discussed before and it was thought not to be possible. It could be discussed again.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday 1st September 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.



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Chairman

1st September 1992

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday, 1st September 1992

at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - 3.1. Local Plan
 - 3.2. Trees and Bulbs
 - 3.3. Twinning
 - 3.4. Water Lane Sewer
 - 3.5. Street Lighting
 - 3.6. Maintenance Items
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
MK/832/92 Erection of Rear Conservatory
Mr. and Mrs. A. Whatton, 7 School Lane
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale 28.08.92
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st September 1992

ACTION

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

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th August 1992 was proposed by Mr. Lanz and seconded by Mrs. Feasey; all agreed then signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of Interest. Mr. Cook declared an interest in item 3.1. Local Plan. This item to be put at the end of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.2. Trees (and Bulbs). A letter regarding National Tree Week and the planting of 40 trees in Sherington had been sent from the Recreation Field Committee to BCC. This was read to the meeting. Volunteers are needed for the planting of bulbs. Miss Emma Lansdell (BCC) to be telephoned regarding the borrowing/hiring of suitable planting equipment, i.e. dibbers. Bulbs have been ordered from Groom Bros. Clerk

3.3. Twinning. Mr. Thomson stated that Mr. Bill Lewis had been in touch with the Twinning Bureau and the names of six villages had been forwarded with populations similar in size to Sherington. A draft constitution had also been received and a meeting was arranged for September 23rd at which an Association would be formed with the necessary officers and committee members.

3.4. Water Lane Sewer. The Chairman read a letter from Mr. P. E. Smith regarding this on-going problem. Residents and companies in Water Lane had been informed that work on cutting tree roots from the sewer pipes would take place weekend 5th/6th September. The Chairman said he would walk along Water Lane to see the work in progress. Mr. Thomson will request Mr. Churchward to have the missing marker posts replaced outside The Clock Shop. The problem of heavy lorries driving over grass verges in Water Lane had been noted by Mr. Churchward during his walk around the village with Mr. Thomson; kerbing may be the answer to this in part of the lane. All these points were mentioned in Mr. Smith's letter. To questions regarding the work to be carried out by A.W., Mr. Lanz said that removing tree roots would improve the flow characteristics and this would be as good as enlarging the sewer pipe. A letter had been sent to Mr. Trevor Clement together with copies of all previous correspondence relating to the Water Lane Sewer problem. DF

3.5. Street Lighting. A letter had been sent to MKBC about underground cabling.

Mr. Thomson stated that an extra light in Gun Lane, near Field Close would be obscured by trees and so would be ineffective. There was some discussion regarding the dark areas in the village, but it was concluded that lights were placed to aid road safety, i.e. in the High Street. The considerable expenditure in erecting an additional pole in Gun Lane is not warranted. There was unanimous agreement.

3.6. Maintenance Items

3.6.1. Carters Close Hedge had been cut by MKBC.

3.6.2. The Knoll - rail and posts. Timber to be obtained for these. IT

3.6.3. Crofts End - telegraph pole. The Clerk had been informed by B.T. that this would be removed during the next few weeks.

3.6.4. Old Pavilion. Costs re-creosoting to be presented to next meeting. AP

3.6.5. Ditch in Church Road. The Clerk contacted the owner of the property and the deadly nightshade has been removed.

DWF

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

MK/832/92. 7 School Lane.

Erection of rear conservatory - Mr. and Mrs. Whatton. No comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

BCC - Annual Review.

MKBC- Electoral Register Canvass. Letter and poster. Poster to be displayed.

MKBC- Village Initiative Fund. Forms and information to be passed to village organisations.

BCC - Engenuity Booklet

MKBC- Letter regarding publicity for planning applications. Enclosed forms completed and returned by Clerk.

BUCKS CVS - Duties of a Charity Trustee. Leaflets passed to Mrs. Feasey for the Village Hall Committee.

BALC- Newsletter.

BUCKS CVS - Notification of meetings regarding 'Bucks in Europe'.

NAT. ASSN L.C. - Leaflet giving details of borrowing and loan sanctions.

Clerk

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Mr. Pilcher reported on a successful meeting with clubs' representatives regarding the tree planting.

Purchase of Wire Netting - £71.35, proposed by Mr. Pilcher, seconded by Mr. Thomson, all agreed. A cheque to be written for this amount, but the Clerk to await an invoice.

The problem of inconsiderate parking during a local 'Derby' was mentioned, but it was agreed this was an isolated incident and one which will arise occasionally when large numbers of motorists visit the village for specific events.

The playing field is in very good condition and it is hoped that part of the grant for tree planting from BCC may be spent on planting Leylandii as a windbreak.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | Chq. No. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| R. Giles - Grass cutting, strimming etc. Sports Field | 47.00 | 100399 |
| Groom Bros Ltd - Bulbs for verges/open spaces | 199.50 | 100400 |
| Rec. Field Committee - Wire netting for Sports Field | 71.35 | 100401 |
| G. Ferris (for C. Ferris) - Grass Cutting, Petrol, Oil for The Knoll, Play Area etc. | 207.74 | 100402 |
| Total | £525.59 | |

Current Account - End of August £141.37

Enterprise Account - End of August (not yet received).

£600.00 to be transferred from Enterprise Account to Current Account.

Acceptance of Accounts proposed by Mr. A. Pilcher, seconded by Mr. I. Thomson, unanimously agreed.

Mr. Cook withdrew before the next item.

3. 3.1. Local Plan. There are two objectors:

i. Represented by Eric Gates Associates

ii. Represented by John Drake

These objections will be heard in November (i. 10th a.m., ii. 26th all day).

Copy of the proof of evidence presented by Eric Gates has been perused by Mr. Ferris and Mr. Lanz.

DWF

Eric Gates is representing J. W. Cook & Son regarding the area of land behind the school (School Lane/Perry Lane). MKBC figures and the local situation are being opposed for various reasons. It has been stated that the PC made the wrong decision (to support MKBC) as a result of the village survey. The PC have a situation to defend. Non-attendance at the hearings will be seen as indifference, so representation should be made and the case put before the inspector; written submissions are only second best. The objections should be challenged.

John Drake has not submitted any evidence so far, therefore, there is some confusion about the objections, but it is thought to be regarding development at Manor Farm. The PC did not support this application as it is outside the village envelope. The programme organiser is looking into the objection and the PC will be advised further.

The PC should be represented on 26th November (on the day when Eric Gates' objections will be heard) and its views will be put as in a Court of Law, to be submitted to the Secretary of State (no verdict will be reached on that day). The inspector will make recommendations to MKBC.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Lanz both outlined the importance of the PC being represented by a professional who would need to be briefed on the local situation. The PC support MKBC regarding the Local Plan for Sherington; it would not be worth repeating MKBC's case, but to emphasise important local issues. A skilled representative would be indispensable during cross-questioning.

The costs involved in being professionally represented must be carefully considered.

Mr. Lanz proposed that:

- a) The Chairman investigate costs of a professional representative. DF
- b) A draft of responses to objections be prepared and presented to a special meeting of the Parish Councillors. This to be used as a briefing document for the professional representative.

These proposals were unanimously agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

By Pass Road (Cross Albans Hill). Mr. Whatton said the junction is a hazard because of overtaking cars.

A request to be made to the Highways Committee for this to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. IT/Clerk

Gun Lane - Flooding

School Lane - Drain blocked

Both these reported problems to be given to Mr. Churchward. IT

Senior Club. Mr. McFarlane said he is disappointed the Village Hall Committee had not reduced the rent charges for the Club. Mrs. Feasey to report back to the Committee at the next meeting. Mr. Ferris informed Mr. McFarlane that the Village Hall is not owned by the Parish Council so they do not have any jurisdiction over charges. BF

Recreation Field and Pavilion. Mrs. Graham was informed that last year £700 was paid for the upkeep of these facilities.

Local Plan. Mr. Gardner commented that it is not known how many residents support the Local Plan. The Chairman reminded Mr. Gardner that a meeting had taken place about 18 months ago regarding this and the general feeling was to support MKBC. He added that although the PC represents the village it also may have a view of its own and may proceed down that route. Mr. R. Smith asked if professional representation would be cancelled if the costs were too great.

Mr. J. W. Cook asked if money would be raised by a 'rate'.

A 'rate' may have to be levied, but not until next year, however, it is hoped the costs will not be excessive.

DWF

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (continued)

Recreation Field. Mr. Jack Cook said the Football Club is doing very well. With regard to the shelter (pavilion) planning permission may be needed for alterations. The lease is held by PC. It was requested that a firm proposal with sketches be brought to the PC via the Recreation Field Committee. Mr. Pilcher said there may only be slight alterations to the pavilion; this depends on the success of the football club.

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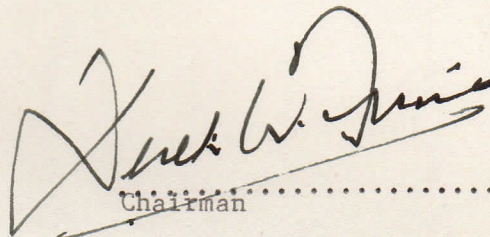
Road Sign. Mrs. Graham said the de-restriction (from 30 m.p.h.) sign is overgrown by a hedge. Mr. Lanz to inspect the sign.

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9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday 6th October 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.


Chairman.....

6th October 1992

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday, 6th October 1992
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
3. M A T T E R S A R I S I N G
 - 3.1. Local Plan
 - 3.2. Trees and Bulbs
 - 3.3. Twinning
 - 3.4. Water Lane Sewer
 - 3.5. Street Lighting
 - 3.6. Highways
 - 3.7. Maintenance Items
4. P L A N N I N G A P P L I C A T I O N S
 - MK/850/92 Erection of First Floor Extension over existing Garage
 and Single Storey Front Extension
 2 Leys View - Mr. S. Chapman
- 5 C O R R E S P O N D E N C E
6. R E C R E A T I O N F I E L D C O M M I T T E E
7. A C C O U N T S F O R P A Y M E N T
8. P U B L I C Q U E S T I O N T I M E
9. A N Y O T H E R B U S I N E S S
10. D A T E O F N E X T M E E T I N G

Pearl Teasdale 03.10.92
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th October 1992

ACTION

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

APOLOGIES had been received from Mr. Lanz and Mr. Pilcher who would be late.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September 1992 was proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of Interest, was declared by Mr. Cook, in item 3.1. Local Plan. This item to be discussed after item 7. Accounts for Payment.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.2. Trees and Bulbs. A letter from the Rector had been received regarding two trees in the churchyard which would need to be removed and then replaced. Council members were asked for comments. It is to be regretted that any trees have to be removed, but the two chestnut trees in question (one having been struck by lightning) are considered unsafe by the borough arborist and a local firm of tree surgeons. The PC has respect for the opinions of these experts and has to agree with the plans to replace the trees. A letter to be sent to the Rector. Clerk Mr. Whatton said some of the trees planted last year need to be replaced. Some replacements are being donated.

Bulbs are to be planted the weekend 11th/12th October. As there are 2000 bulbs volunteers are urgently needed.

3.3. Twinning. Mr. Thomson reported on the meeting held in The White Hart. A Twinning Association had been formed with officers and committee members. (Mr. Thomson, ex-officio member, representing the Parish Council.) Membership subscriptions are £3.00 for individuals, £5.00 for families, £10.00 corporate membership (companies, clubs etc.) per annum. The Chairman gave a short resumé of the interest in twinning and said the PC would continue this interest without seeking to head the association. There would be opportunities for exchanges of visits by the community, which would also include the Church and the PC, in a Civic sense of welcoming parties to the village, and this would be reciprocal. One of the advantages of twinning is that grants are available from the EEC.

A committee is planned for 19th October and another full meeting for the community will be announced later.

3.4. Water Lane Sewer. Mr. Ferris read the letter sent to A.W. and the reply. Mr. Cook had been present 5th/6th September when work was carried out. He reported that there was only one small root in the pipe and the water was running quite well. The heavy rain has washed out of the pipe around the Leys; there is a possible blocking under this area. It was agreed that the flow of water is possibly too great for the internal sleeve of the pipe to be satisfactory. Immediate advice is required. All agreed that another letter be sent to A.W. Clerk

3.5. Street Lighting. Letters to and from MKBC were read regarding underground cabling. Mr. Odell at EME had promised to confirm costs, but these had not yet been received. Mr. Odell to be contacted again and letter sent to MKBC regarding costs. Comments were made to Clerk the effect that residents may be willing to contribute towards the costs as it will improve the environment.

3.6. Highways. A letter had been sent to BCC regarding Cross Albans Hill and Chicheley Hill Roundabout. These items have been placed on the agenda of the October meeting of the Highways and Road Safety Consultative Committee.

DWA

3.7. Maintenance Items

- 3.7.1. The Knoll - rail and posts. Still to be actioned
 3.7.2. Crofts End - telegraph pole has been removed by BT.
 3.7.3. Old Pavilion - creosoting. Costings still required.

ACTION
IT
AP

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

MK/850/92 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and single storey front extension.
 2 Leys View - Mr. S. Chapman. No comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

MKBC - Invitations to Chairman and Clerk (with guests) to Mayor's reception. To be answered. **Clerk**
 BCC - Update Travel Guide - passed to Mr. Thomson for shop.
 BCVS - Introduction to Village Appraisal (leaflets to distribute).
 MKBC - Letter - demand for taxi services enquiry. Agreed adequate.
 MKBC - Recreation Survey - Letter and form to return. Pass to Mr. Pilcher. **AP**
 MKBC - MK Forum and theatre leaflets.
 MKBC - Letter regarding precepting arrangements. Costs to be advised by 28.02.93.
 DOE - Letter (reply to PC's letter to Mr. Redwood - Local Govt. Min.) re MK as a unitary authority. All agreed our questions not answered adequately.
 HOME OFFICE - Civil Protection (qtrly. magazine)
 MKBC - Bulk Skip. 20th-22nd October Perry Lane
 17th-19th November Leys View
 BALC - Role of Parish and Town Councils. Information giving details of Local Govt. reorganisation; giving greater powers to PC's. Passed to councillors.

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE. Nothing to report. Mr. Pilcher promised to look into the costs of creosoting old pavilion.7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

| | £ | chq. no. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| R. Giles - Grass cutting. Sports field | 27.00 | 100403 |
| Sherington Village Hall - Hire Sept. & Oct. | 19.80 | 100404 |
| C. Ferris - Grass Cutting, Petrol for The Knoll, Play Area etc. | 84.00 | 100405 |
| E.M.E. - Street Lighting - qtr. end 30.09.92 | 738.77 | 100406 |
| E.M.E. - Pavilion A/C - qtr. end 30.09.92 | 33.25 | 100407 |

Total £902.82

Current Account - End of September £287.13
 Enterprise Account - End of September £4300.31

£1000.00 to be transferred from Enterprise Account to Current Account.
 Acceptance of Accounts proposed by Mr. Lanz, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, unanimously agreed.

AUDIT

The accounts were on display in the hall for inspection. These to be approved and signed by the auditor on Wednesday, 14th October 1992 (the delay caused by Clerk not displaying notice regarding availability of accounts for the statutory 15 working days).

The auditor commented that the PC should charge E.M.E. (WAYLEAVE) for use of land, i.e pylons and electricity wire crossing PC land.

Fidelity insurance to be increased to approx. £5000.00 (amount in Midland Bank at any one time).

St. Laud's Church Committee still to be charged for grass cutting etc. **BL**

DWF

Mr. Cook withdrew before the next item.

3. 3.1. Local Plan

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Council Office on 24th September 1992 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. David Lock Associates to represent the PC at enquiry.

Mr. Ferris gave a brief outline of these Minutes.

The question of costs of being represented at the enquiry was discussed thoroughly. The PC has sufficient funds at this moment in time, but the costs will need to be recovered to pay for future projects.

It was finally agreed that an appeal be put in SCAN for public subscriptions towards the costs of professional representation (as this is in the interest of the village). The voting was: six for this appeal and one against.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Highway Safety. Mr. Thomson reported on an accident which had occurred recently in the High Street. Parents are requesting re-routing of one Bedford school bus. Mr. Ferris pointed out that the PC has no authority to ratify this, but will give support to parents to request the bus company to re-route the bus. After considerable discussion regarding road safety, especially relating to the school buses arriving and leaving the village it was finally agreed that the school bus in question should stop in the lay-by (outside Sherington School) as well as the bus stop in the High Street.

Mr. Thomson to mention traffic calming measures again at the Consultative Committee meeting this month. It was agreed that 'sleeping policeman' would alleviate the problem. IT

Trees. Mrs. Graham reported a branch broken off a tree. Mr. Whatton to investigate.

Car Parking. It was reported that cars are parked every night outside the Old Chapel by residents and visitors. As there is sufficient car parking at the rear it is unnecessary for cars to be parked half-way on the footway. Mr. Ferris to talk to the resident in question. DF
The problem of Perry Lane parking was raised by Mr. Gorf. There is vandalism to cars because these are having to be parked in the road out of sight of the owners. It was suggested that parking in the square may be considered, but it was pointed out that this is not as easy as it sounds. Consideration had been given by MKBC regarding front gardens as parking area. The PC had been advised by MKBC that the scheme was on the priority list and would be dealt with when funds are available, but this will not be before February 1993. The PC to take up the matter again with MKBC at that time.

Twinning. Mr. Lewis asked what insurance cover would be needed. Public Liability is essential. The Bureau should be able to advise further.

Cross Albans Hill. Mr. Whatton asked if permission had been granted for further buildings at the Noah's Ark Nurseries. Mr. Ferris said the buildings were only of a temporary nature and were for horticulture so did not need planning permission.

Manhole. Mr. Smith reported a problem with the manhole opposite the gas compound on the way to Newport Pagnell.

Village Society. Mr. Smith asked what the PC's attitude would be towards the formation of a Village Society. The PC would support this as it would promote Sherington and encourage a village feeling. **ACTION**

Planning. It was reported that Planning Permission is being sought for Riding Stables off Water Lane, by Mr. Byrne. Concern was expressed regarding parking of users' cars in the lane and in the layby opposite the entrance to the paddock, i.e. The Rickyard. The Clerk to deal with this, i.e. contact MKBC Planning Department. **Clerk**

Local Plan Enquiry. Mr. J. W. Cook asked what would happen if money raised by public subscription is not sufficient. The PC will endeavour to raise sufficient funds. This has been achieved before, i.e. bus shelter, pavilion.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Teasdale will take up the duties of Clerk again as from the beginning of February. In the meantime, Mr. Lanz will deal with the accounts, Mrs. Feasey and Mrs. Haynes the Minutes of Meetings, other jobs to be shared between the councillors.

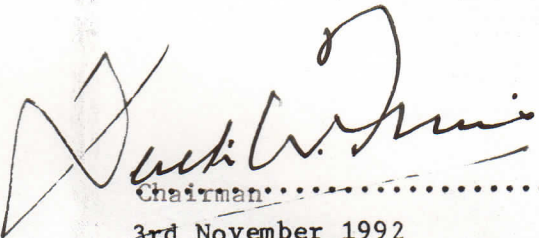
Mrs. ^{Haynes} Feasey reported that the light outside the Middleton's house in Church Road is not working. **Clerk** DWT.

Councillors reiterated the problems that may be caused by the parking or turning of cars in Water Lane if planning permission is granted for the stables.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 3rd November 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.


Chairman.....
3rd November 1992

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday, 3rd November 1992

at 7.30 p.m.

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 - 3.5. Street Lighting
 - 3.6. Highways
 - 3.7. Maintenance Items
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 - APPLICATION NO. MK/836/92
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT LAND
OFF WATER LANE, SHERINGTON
 - APPLICATION NO. MK/1005/92
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER CONSENT TO THIN CROWN AND
REDUCE (20%) ONE HOLM OAK AND PRUNING OF ONE
CORSICAN PINE
at SHERINGTON BRIDGE HOUSE
for MR MAZUR
 - PS/540/15
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FELL TWO CHESTNUT TREES AT
ST LAUD'S CHURCHYARD SHERINGTON
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Betty Feasey 01.11.92
Acting Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd November 1992

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

2. **PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman thanked Mrs Feasey for offering to take the minutes in the absence of Mrs Teasdale.

Minute 478(9) 'Mrs Feasey' amended to 'Mrs Haynes'.

The minutes then approved as a correct record; proposed by Mrs Haynes and seconded by Mrs Feasey. All in favour.

Declaration of Interest: Mr Cook declared an interest in item 3.1. Local Plan.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1. LOCAL PLAN

Mr Cook tabled two questions and asked that they be minuted, also the answers. He also requested a copy of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 24th September and then withdrew from the meeting.

The Chairman asked Mr B Lanz to give councillors an update of the situation regarding the LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY. Mr Lanz said that, as agreed, David Lock Associates offer of consultancy services was accepted on 24th October and duly approved. Copies of relevant records from the minutes and letters written by the Parish Council in relation to the local plan were handed to them. They undertook to produce proofs of evidence. Draft copies were received by Mr Ferris and Mr Lanz on Sunday 1st November 1992. Mr Ferris and Mr Lanz met with Mr Ian Wallis (David Lock Associates) and gave their comments. Mr Wallis is producing a final document. The 26th November is the date set on which the inquiry will be considering the issues directly involving Sherington.

Mr Ferris pointed out that a proof of evidence has to be factual. There is very little opportunity for amplification as time is limited.

The Chairman then read the following questions (tabled by Mr Cook):-

"Mr Chairman, some matters which I seek to clarify which could affect me as a Parish Councillor;

1 whether the Parish Council are satisfied that they have the knowledge and authority of village parishioners to incur expenditure from parish funds to instruct experts and lawyers

2 are individual council members aware that if individual parishioners refuse to agree to any levy on the parish incurred by such expenditure, that individual councillors may be personally liable.

I table these questions and ask that the questions and answers by minuted."

Mr Ferris replied to 1. by saying he was certain that the Parish Council had the authority to call upon experts to represent the parishioners. In the matter of expenditure, he felt that the committee could only wait and see what the response from the parish would be to an appeal for funds.

DWF

Mr Lanz hoped the meeting would recognize the thought and concern which had gone into these questions. He regretted there had not been prior notice, in order for councillors to give more consideration to the points raised. He would like to take a good thorough look in to the statutory authority behind the actions taken by the Parish Council, although he agreed with the Chairman that the resolution passed was unequivocal.

Mr Thomson asked what percentage of the village population had supported the Parish Council in the recent survey regarding the Local Plan. The Chairman replied that it was a large majority.

Mr Pilcher thought that, after due consideration and research in to legislation etc., the questions deserved a formal reply.

This was proposed by Mrs W Haynes and seconded by Mr Lanz. All in favour.

Mr. Cook was invited to rejoin the meeting.

3.2. TREES AND BULBS

Mr Cook had looked at the trees in churchyard and agreed that they would have to be felled.

The Rector had spoken to Mr Ferris since the last meeting and said he was well aware of the strength of feeling in the village against the decision to fell the trees.

Mr Ferris read a letter from the Planning Department, County Hall, Aylesbury, concerning NATIONAL TREE WEEK 1992: ROYAL ANNIVERSARY TREES, SHERINGTON.

Mr Whatton said some 40 hardwood trees would be planted in the vicinity of the playing field and Carters Close. He reported that the bulb planting had almost been finished and thanked Mr & Mrs J Cook and Mr D MacFarlane in particular for their help.

The Chairman offered warm congratulations to Mr Whatton and his team for their hard work on behalf of the Parish Council.

3.3. TWINNING

Mr Thomson said Mrs Jan Lea (Twinning Association Secretary) had written to a number of towns and was awaiting replies.

3.4. WATER LANE SEWER

The Chairman read a letter from DSD CONSULTANCY, which had been circulated to residents and industrial unit users, regarding the REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC FOUL SEWER, WATER LANE. Mr Thomson commented that he had spoken to contractors and understood there might be problems with the pneumatic pipe-bursting technique. Mr Roy Smith confirmed this and said an alternative method might have to be employed.

3.5. STREET LIGHTING

A letter has been sent to EMEB (dated 24th October) regarding UNDERGROUND CABLING. As yet, no reply has been received.

DWF

3.6. HIGHWAYS

At the October meeting of the Highways and Road Safety Consultative Committee, Mr Thomson had raised the questions of the junction at Cross Albans Hill and Chicheley Hill Roundabout. P.C. Foster had driven along the bypass and agreed that speeds of 60 mph were being reached at the chevrons. He also agreed that the ideal solution would be bollards at Cross Albans Hill, but there was no electricity supply easily available. Mr Thomson reported that the kerbs were to be painted white at Chicheley Hill Roundabout, but thought this would not alleviate the problem of poor visibility. He also said that no less than five parish councils were asking for traffic surveillance and traffic calming measures. It was agreed to write to BCC about funding for lighted bollards.

ACTION - CLERK

Mrs Haynes reported that the police had asked the residents of 22 & 24 Crofts End to park on the left of road and **not** on the pavement.

Mr Lanz commented that Mr Thomson had done well to keep the matter of traffic calming on the agenda of the Highways and Road Safety Committee and hoped he would continue to do so in the future.

3.6. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Mrs Feasey reported blocked gully in School Lane.

ACTION - CLERK

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION NO. MK/836/92

DEVELOPMENT AT LAND OFF WATER LANE

No Comment

APPLICATION NO. MK/1005/92

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER; SHERINGTON BRIDGE

see below

The subject of trees and electricity cables was raised by Mr Lanz. He suggested that a letter should be sent to Bucks Planning Officer asking that more care should be taken when work on underground cabling was in progress.

ACTION - BL

5. CORRESPONDENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW - Draft response to be attached and circulated to all councillors

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE GROUP - services not required - **Clerk to reply**

LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW - Handed to Mr Cook

DENNIS COOK PARISH COUNCIL SERVICES - file for reference

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

Sherington Village Hall - Hire for November - £9.90

Proposed Mrs Haynes, seconded by Mr Thomson

MKBC - NON-DOMESTIC RATE FOR PAVILION - overcharge by £78.01p

DWF

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Tree Pruning - Mr Whatton offered to look at work being carried out at Sherington Bridge (Mr Manzur) on Holm Oak and Corsican Pine. Thanked by Chairman.

Traffic Calming - Mr Roy Smith suggested Cross Albans Hill entrance to village be closed. Mr Cook commented that when the bypass was first proposed it was thought that this action would eventually be taken. Mr Pilcher would like to see 'No Right Turn' sign erected. THIS ITEM TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA FOR FORMAL DISCUSSION.

AGENDA

Local Plan - Mr J Cook wanted to know when Parish Council was first aware of planning application to build houses at rear of School Lane etc. Mr Ferris and Mr Lanz explained that there had never been a planning application, but that a proposal from E. Gates and Associates to alter the village envelope had been submitted in response to the local plan, consultation draft. Mr Ferris explained the purpose of such a proposal was to get zoning changed. Mr Lanz said E. Gates and Associates had objected to a whole series of planning criteria.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Public Notices: Goods Vehicle Operators Licence
C.J. Haynes & Son**

Mr Ferris gave notice that he wished to call a special meeting to discuss the above matter and asked Mr Lanz to give councillors some information about former decisions taken on this matter.

Mrs Haynes voluntarily withdrew from the meeting at this point.

Mr Lanz explained that the Parish was aware that there had been an intended enforcement action. The Parish Council of the day did not want to see Ridge Farm used permanently in this way but, on the other hand, did not want to prejudice the viability of a local firm. The Parish Council advised the Borough and C.J. Haynes & Sons, that they did not view this as a future industrial site. The Parish Council was advised by the Borough that they took a similar line and no action was taken at the time. Mr. Lanz pointed out that the 21 days allowed for comment upon the notice of application for licence had passed, but the Licensing Authority had indicated they were willing to accept late views on this application. Mr Ferris suggested that the Parish Council met to discuss this matter on Monday 9th November at 8 pm - Parish Council Office. This was agreed.

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MK Forum for Parish Councils 27/10/92

Mr Pilcher attended the above and reported the main concerns of all parish councils were:

Speeding; car crime; increase in private security firms; apathy to Neighbourhood Watch; trespass; public disorder; truancy and associated problems. He suggested that the local police officer supporting Newport Pagnell, Sgt. J. Jacklin, be asked to come along to a Parish Council meeting and talk about crime prevention and related matters.

THIS ITEM TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA.

AGENDA

Audit

The Chairman reported the Audit was entirely satisfactory.

Street Lighting

Mr Ferris reported that street lighting outside 14 & 16 Carters Close was not working.

Mrs Haynes said a light at the bottom of Crofts End was not working.

ACTION - CLERK

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st December 1992.

The Meeting closed at 9.34 pm.



Chairman

1st December 1992

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday 1st December 1992

at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES 3.11.92 & 9.11.92
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - 3.1. Local Plan Inquiry
 - 3.2. Response to Mr M Cook's questions tabled at meeting on 3.11.92
 - 3.3. Cross Albans Hill - lighting
 - 3.4. Local Government Review - Response to consultation
 - 3.5. Tree Planting & Payment of Environment Grant
 - 3.6. Water Lane Sewer & Ditch
 - 3.7. E.M.E.B. - Undergrounding of overhead cables
 - 3.8. Maintenance Items
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
application no. MK111792 - Change of Use from A1 (Retail) to dwelling house; 21A High Street, Sherington, Mr. N. Arnold
PS/540/15 Notice of intention to fell one beech tree - The Old Rectory, 16 School Lane, Sherington
5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 - 5.1. Closure of Cross Albans Hill to through traffic
 - 5.2. Visit by Sgt. J. Jacklin to Parish Council Meeting re crime prevention and related matters
 - 5.3. Christmas tree lighting contribution
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 6.1. Midland Bank - Charges
 - 6.2. Anglian Water - briefing
 - 6.3. MKBC - Role of Parish Councils - Questionnaire
 - 6.4. NEMK Conservative Association
 - 6.5. Census Information
 - 6.6. Bulk Skip Service
 - 6.7. MKBC Public Rights of Way
 - 6.8. MKBC Policy & Resources Committee - Budget Reductions
7. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

BETTY FEASEY 1.12.92
ACTING CLERK TO SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Village Hall on Tuesday
1st December 1992

1 PRESENT

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

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meetings held on 3.11.92 and 9.11.92 agreed as
correct and signed

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY

Mr M Cook declared interest in 3.1 and withdrew from
meeting.

The Chairman asked Mr Lanz to give latest information on
the Local Plan Inquiry. Mr Lanz stated that Eric Gates &
Associates, on behalf of J.W. Cook & Son, had submitted
their objection and proofs of evidence relating to their
objection and following that, it was their intention to
appear at the Inquiry on 26th November 1992 to present
their case. As a result, the Parish Council appointed
David Lock Associates to represent them at the Inquiry and
produce proofs of evidence dealing with the matters raised
by Eric Gate & Associates. The final draft of this
document was commented on at the last meeting. In
addition to the proofs of evidence produced by David Lock
Associates the Borough also produced their own proofs of
evidence again rebutting the objections put in by Eric Gate
& Associates. It has been the Parish Council's role to
support the Borough. The documents were lodged with the
Programmes Officer for submission to the Inspector prior to
the Inquiry. On the 20th November, David Lock Associates
were informed by the Programmes Officer that Eric Gates did
not intend to pursue their case through the Local Plan
Inquiry Court. They intended to rely on the written
evidence already submitted. As a result of that, there was
no necessity for the Parish Council to be represented at
the Inquiry to challenge the submission. The final date
for the Inquiry is 4th December and anything that has to be
submitted must be submitted by the date. The Parish
Council received a letter to say that Eric Gates &
Associates have now confirmed that they do not intend to
submit any further written evidence. If there is a
submission at the last moment it has to be before the
Borough winds up. The Borough's representative
summarises everything that has gone before, so that it has
the opportunity to respond to any last minute submissions.
There is to be a site visit by the Inspector next week
(commencing 7th December) and the Council has been asked to
make someone available to accompany the Inspector - purely
to answer questions.


JWF.

Mr Ferris hoped councillors were in agreement with the letter in SCAN concerning voluntary contributions in connection with the Local Plan Inquiry. He thought the council should consider whether donors names should be kept confidential. This was put formally to the meeting by Mr Ferris and seconded by Mr Lanz. All agreed. Mr Cook was asked to rejoin the meeting.

3.2 RESPONSE TO MR M COOK'S TABLED QUESTIONS AT MEETING ON 3RD NOVEMBER 1992

The Chairman read out Mr Cook's questions (see Minute 379 - 3.1 - 3rd November 1992). A formal response had been prepared as follows:

- 1 *The Parish Council canvassed residents at the end of 1991 upon whether they were supportive of the proposals of the Milton Keynes Local Plan Deposit Draft, which was published in October 1991. These proposals did not include for any significant extension to the existing village envelope. The canvass results showed a conclusive majority in support of the draft Local Plan proposals. Whilst under no statutory obligation to have conducted such a canvass, the results represented a consensus opinion in the light of which the Parish Council formally confirmed its support of the draft Local Plan proposals to the Borough Council.*
In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council is generally empowered to expend monies in the appointment of experts to prepare advice and to present it's case within statutory planning procedures.
- 2 *The Parish Council has sufficient funds to meet its financial commitments. There is no proposal to levy a precept to defray the cost of appointing experts in this matter. Indeed, the resolution of the Council on 6th October 1992 was to initiate an appeal by inviting voluntary contributions towards meeting these costs. In these circumstances, there is no question of personal liability on the part of any councillor.*

A proposal that this reply should be sent was made by Mr Ferris and seconded by Mr Lanz. All agreed.

ACTION - CLERK

3.3 CROSS ALBANS HILL - LIGHTING

An acknowledgement had been received from the County Engineer to our letter of 17th November 1992 requesting advice upon the estimated cost of providing lighting and bollards. Estimates from various council departments are being obtained and will be forwarded in due course.


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3.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

Mr Ferris said it was now confirmed by the Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils that they have submitted a response to the Department of Environment, which is supported to some degree by the Borough of Milton Keynes.

He asked if councillors had any views as to the future role of town councils in this locality. Mr M Cook replied that he didn't think the suggestions put forward were much different from the present arrangements. Mr Ferris then read out the draft response of the Local Association. There being no further comments from councillors, the Chairman then proposed that the Parish Council echo the submission of the Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils in that format. All agreed.

ACTION - DF

3.5 TREE PLANTING AND PAYMENT OF ENVIRONMENT GRANT

A letter has been received from the Planning Department, County Hall, advising that the invoice has been inspected and considered acceptable. A cheque for £169.79p has since been received.

Mr Ferris acknowledged and thanked on behalf of the Parish Council, the enormous effort put in by Mr Whatton and his team planting bulbs during the past weeks. He felt certain everyone would be looking forward to Spring to see the results.

Mr Whatton confirmed that he had taken delivery of 40 hardwood trees which were to be planted round Perry Lane playing field and Carters Close. The Chairman suggested that council members and any volunteers meet at the Perry Lane car park on Saturday 5th December at 9.30 a.m. in order to get the trees planted as soon as possible. All agreed.

ACTION - ALL

3.6 WATER LANE SEWER AND DITCH

Mr Ferris read a letter from Mr Brian Summers, Div. Engineer, Anglian Water, dated 19th November 1992, informing Sherington Parish Council that Messrs DSD Consultancy (who had supervised the project on site) were pleased to report that despite difficult working conditions, the scheme had been completed with the minimum of inconvenience. Mr Summers also expressed his sincere thanks to the residents of Water Lane and the businesses in the immediate locality who all co-operated with his contractors, enabling a rapid completion to be made.



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The Chairman then read an extract from a letter by Mr P Smith, Water Lane, commending Messrs Clearline Services who, under the direction of DSD Consultancy, were unflinching in their efforts and showed every courtesy and consideration to the residents of Water Lane. Furthermore, Mr Smith asked that a letter be sent to Anglian Water for ongoing transmission to Clearline Services and DSD Consultancy (with particular mention of Mr Keith Rowling) conveying the thanks and appreciation of Water Lane residents for a job very well done. This action was duly proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr M Cook.

ACTION - CLERK

The Chairman said a Mr Tony Heath had been in touch regarding the ditch in the field to the side of Water Lane and confirmed that it would be cleared of debris very shortly.

3.7 E.M.E.B. - UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD CABLES

Mr Lanz reported that E.M.E.B. had confirmed that the cost of undergrounding cables had not risen significantly and that he would now be writing to the Borough with this information.

ACTION - BL

3.8 MAINTENANCE ITEMS

The Chairman reported that replacement of rails surrounding The Knoll had been completed.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No. MK111792 - Change of Use from A1 (Retail) to dwelling house 21A High Street, Sherington, Mr N Arnold. The Chairman read a letter from

Mr Norman Arnold stating that he would be retiring from his business on 1st January 1993. He does not wish to change the appearance or do any structural alterations to the premises.

The Parish Council wished Mr Arnold well and were pleased he would be staying in the village.

PS/540/15 Notice of intention to fell one beech tree - The Old Rectory, School Lane, Sherington. Mr Ferris read a copy of a letter from Mr J.J.P. Hine to the Borough Planner, Milton Keynes, in which Mr Hine stated that Mr A Riley of the Bucks County Planning Department had confirmed that this particular tree must be classified as dead, dying and dangerous. Mr Lanz said that Mr Whatton had looked at this tree two years ago and noted that it was becoming a danger. No further comment.


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5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 CLOSURE OF CROSS ALBANS HILL TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

The Chairman asked councillors for their opinions.

Mr M Cook wondered if floodlighting on the banks would be helpful instead of lighted bollards, as had been previously discussed. Mr Lanz thought it needn't be closed off completely, but perhaps become a ONE WAY SYSTEM with NO RIGHT or LEFT TURN signs.

Mr Ferris raised the question of access for Public Service and Emergency Vehicles. Mr Pilcher pointed out that Emergency Vehicles would go through a NO ENTRY sign. Mrs Haynes thought it would be a pity to lose the London bus service as this was excellent. She also stated that motorists could always opt to carry on along the by-pass if they felt the junction was too dangerous at night time. Mr Cook felt that it was an important subject and none of the councillors were qualified to advise on the correct course of action. Mr Ferris replied that since we had approached the County Engineer in terms of looking at electricity and road markings etc., we could move on a stage further and ask for his suggestions as to the manner of making the junction safer, apart from lighting. All agreed that we should ask the Highways Engineer for his professional advice.

5.2 VISIT BY SGT JACKLIN REGARDING CRIME PREVENTION AND RELATED MATTERS

The Chairman quoted from Mr P Smith's letter of 30th November 1992, in which he asked that the outcome of his and Mr Ferris's meeting with Thames Valley Police be passed on to members of the Parish Council. Mr Ferris also read an item from November SCAN re vandalism at the village school. The Chairman stated that Sgt Jacklin had offered to come and speak to the Parish Council. Mr Pilcher suggested that February would be a good time to invite Sgt Jacklin. All agreed.

ACTION - AP

5.3 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CONTRIBUTION

A Christmas tree has been offered to the Parish Council to put on the Knoll (free of charge). Mr Thomson proposed that a £10 contribution be paid to Mr Walters, who will be providing electricity for lighting. This was seconded by Mr Lanz. All in favour.

ACTION - BL

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 MIDLAND BANK CHARGES

The Chairman read correspondence between the Parish Clerk and Midland Bank, Newport Pagnell regarding bank charges. Mr Lanz commented that £5 per statement for returned cheques (a requirement of the auditor) seemed rather high and amounted to £60 annually. Mrs Haynes asked if we could negotiate with the bank and have cheques returned twice a year or perhaps only once in time for the audit.

Mr Lanz (in the absence of Mrs Teasdale) agreed to draft a letter to the Manager of the Midland Bank.

ACTION - BL

6.2 ANGLIAN WATER - BRIEFING

Invitation to Parish Council to attend a briefing at the Friendly Lodge Hotel, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, 3rd December 1992. Mr Lanz and Mr Ferris to attend.

6.3 MKBC - ROLE OF PARISH COUNCILS - QUESTIONNAIRE

To be completed by Chairman.

ACTION - DF

6.4 NEMK CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Letter from Alan Mabbutt (Secretary & Agent for Peter Butler, MP) asking if it would be possible to use Parish Council noticeboard and parish magazine to advertise Mr Butler's surgeries for constituents. Mr Ferris pointed out that the Parish Council noticeboard had never been used for political messages and the magazine did not come under Council's jurisdiction. Mrs Haynes thought the Village Hall noticeboard could be used for this purpose. Mr Lanz said the Council had a responsibility to let parishioners know when and where they could see their M.P. It was agreed that we reply giving address of SCAN and Village Hall Management Committee.

ACTION - CLERK

6.5 CENSUS INFORMATION 1991

The Chairman quoted from the census; "Sherington had 357 private households and 948 all usual residents".

6.6 BULK SKIP SERVICE

Perry Lane Car Park 8 - 10 December

Car Park Area opposite 3 Leys View 19 - 21 January 1993

6.7 MILTON KEYNES PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Chairman read from letter dated 5th November 1992 from Keith Ely concerning "Target 2000" policy ensuring Rights of Way are fully defined, maintained, waymarked and promoted by 2000.

6.7 MKBC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - BUDGET REDUCTIONS

The Chairman quoted from a report stating that a working party had come up with 35 areas of expenditure which it wanted examining by officers. The proposals were contained within the report and it gave the analysis of the effect of those areas of potential cut and the savings that can be achieved.

6.8 LETTER FROM MR P.E. SMITH

Mr Ferris quoted from a section of Mr Smith's letter on the topic of parking of vehicles by parents meeting the Bedford schools' coaches.



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"Mr Smith feels that the dangerous parking of these cars will lead to an accident in the near future and asks the Parish Council to give careful study to the alternative pick up points offered at previous meetings. He also compliments Messrs J W Cook and Son on their part in tidying up Cross Albans Council Dump and wonders if they could do likewise at Chicheley Hill top. He concludes by thanking those who give of their time and effort to better the place in which they live and wishes everyone the compliments of the season and a successful 1993."

Mr Ferris asked Mr Cook for any comments on Chicheley Hill query. Mr Cook replied that it had been tidied as far as was possible. The Chairman thanked J.W. Cook & Son. On the question of erratic parking, Mr Lanz suggested a note could be put in SCAN and that policemen be asked to patrol the village at bus drop-off time, i.e. 4.45 pm to see the extent of the problem. Mr Thomson agreed to ask Sgt Jacklin to help in this matter.

ACTION - IT**6.9 MK PEACE & JUSTICE CENTRE**

Mr Ferris read a letter from the above organisation asking for support for Bosnia. It was agreed to acknowledge and point out that the village had recently made a substantial contribution.

ACTION - CLERK**7 RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE**

Mr Ferris said there was a problem with the meter in the pavilion now that new ten pence coins had been introduced. Mr Pilcher said he would be approaching the Football Club with a view to them paying the electricity bill direct.

ACTION - AP**8 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**


E.M.E.B. Replacing fluorescent lights - £88.05p
 Sherington First School - photocopying - £5.60p
 TOTAL £93.65p
 Proposed by Mrs Haynes, seconded by Mr Pilcher

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr P Gardner asked what percentage of village population received questionnaire about Local Plan. Mr Lanz replied that about 50% of village was canvassed. Mr Gardner also asked what would happen to monies saved by the Parish Council by not having a representative actually appearing at the Local Plan Inquiry. Mr Ferris replied that the Parish Council would be asked to consider that decision in that event. Mr Gardner also asked if it would be prudent to publish a list of donations to the fund for the Local Plan Inquiry. Mr Ferris thought the Council should respect the wishes of the donor in the matter of confidentiality.

Mr John Cook wondered if an 'island' could be created at Cross Albans Hill junction.

Mr R Smith asked if any progress had been made concerning the Chicheley Hill roundabout in view of the widely held belief that it was extremely hazardous. Mr Thomson said



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he would report back after the next Highways and Road Safety Meeting.

ACTION - IT

Mr Smith also asked about the possibility of a new sewer as the present system was not big enough. Mr Ferris said he would raise the matter at the Anglian Water Briefing.

Mr Whatton reported that two lights in the village were obscured by trees; one outside the old chapel and light No. 26. Also the light outside the school gate flickers. Mr Ferris thought it would be worthwhile asking E.M.E.B. to trim the trees.

ACTION - BL

Mr Kingsmill was concerned that the local bus has to mount the pavement to pass the mobile library. Mr Ferris wondered if the driver of the van could be asked to park further into Knoll Close to leave road clear.

ACTION - CLERK

Mrs Haynes pointed out that it was not only the library van which caused problems - there were a number of vehicles parked on the road which made it difficult for the larger buses to pass round the village in the limited time they had.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Thomson asked, on behalf of the Sherington Twinning Association, whether the Parish Council would consider a grant of £50 to the Association to enable two members to attend a seminar in London on the practicalities of getting such an association off the ground. Mrs Feasey suggested applying to the Village Initiative Scheme. Mr Thomson replied that they had already done so. The Chairman suggested that they await the outcome of that request before coming back to the Parish Council.

Mr Cook wondered if the Councillors could meet to walk round the village and look at traffic problems etc., rather than items being raised separately at different meetings. The Chairman thought we could arrange to meet on a Saturday and take particular note of 'on road' parking, buses, etc.

The Chairman closed the meeting by wishing everyone the Compliments of the Season and a Very Happy New Year.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th January 1993. Mr Ferris offered his apologies in advance.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.



Vice-Chairman

5th January 1993

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council members on Tuesday 5th January 1993

at 7.30 pm

AGENDA

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES 1/12/92
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - 3.1 Local Plan Inquiry
 - 3.2 Cross Albans Hill - Road Junction
 - 3.3 Tree Planting
 - 3.4 EMEB - Undergrounding of Electricity Cables
 - 3.5 Future Talk by Sgt Jacklin - Traffic & Crime in Sherington
 - 3.6 Midland Bank Charges
 - 3.7 Anglian Water - District Briefing
 - 3.8 Parking in High Street @ School Collection Time
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 - 4.1 MK/1194/92 - Erection of single storey rear extension @ 7 Carters Close, Sherington for Mr A. Pilcher.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 5/6.1 DoT - CJ Haynes Goods Vehicle License Application @ Ridge Farm, Bedford Road.
 - 5/6.2 Boro of Mk - 1993/94 Precept Arrangements
 - Parish Boundaries/Electoral
 - Local Govt review
 - 5/6.3 Bucks CC - Rights of Way Project
 - County Road Safety Plan
 - 5/6.4 NALC 1994 Centenary Appeal
 - 5/6.5 Mrs A. Atkinson - Parking at the "Chapel"
 - 5/6.6 Miscellaneous
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
 - 7.1 Village Hall Committee - £9.90 /
 - 7.2 Sherington C of E School - £7.00 /
 - 7.3 Audit Commission - £133.56 /
 - 7.4 David Lock Associates - £2518.05 plus VAT /
 - 7.5 EMEB - (Pavilion) -£56.94 /
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Betty Feasey 31/12/92
Acting Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Village Hall on Tuesday
5th January 1993

1 PRESENT

Mr B Lanz (Vice Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr A Pilcher, Mrs W Haynes and Mrs B Feasey

Apologies

Mr D Ferris (Chairman), Mr I Thomson

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agreed as correct and signed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Declaration of Interest

Mr M Cook in item 3.1

Mr A Pilcher in item 4.1

Mrs W Haynes in item 5.1

3.1 LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY

Mr Cook left the meeting.

Mr Lanz reported that the Inquiry was now concluded and also that the Inspector had informed the Parish Council that they would not have to send a representative to the planned site visit (minute 484/3.1). The appeal concerning costs incurred by the Parish Council will be repeated in January issue of SCAN and envelopes will be distributed round the village to facilitate contributions.

Mr Cook rejoined the meeting.

3.2 CROSS ALBANS HILL - ROAD JUNCTION

Mr Lanz read a letter from the Engineers Department, Bucks County Council in which he stated that it was not practical to supply electricity to the northern end from Emberton and suggested that the Council write to EMEB regarding feasibility and cost of obtaining electricity supply for southern end.

It was agreed that we write again to County Engineer pointing out the hazardous nature of this junction and asking for positive assistance in finding a solution.

ACTION - CLERK

3.3 TREE PLANTING

Mr Whatton reported that a tree on the bank in Crofts End had been badly damaged. Mr Lanz thought we should put a note in SCAN regarding vandalism of trees.

Mr Whatton said the tree planting had now been completed. He thanked the large number of people who had assisted in this matter. He also mentioned that the beech trees in the churchyard had been felled.

3.4 EMEB UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRICITY CABLES

Mr Lanz will be contacting EMEB in the forthcoming week.

ACTION - BL

3.5 FUTURE TALK BY SGT. JACKLIN - TRAFFIC & CRIME IN SHERINGTON

Mr Pilcher has invited Sgt Jacklin to February meeting. He will arrive at 8.30 pm. A notice has been put in the January issue of SCAN publicising Sgt Jacklin's visit.

DWF.

3.6 MIDLAND BANK CHARGES

Mr Lanz has asked the District Auditor if it is necessary for the Parish Council to submit cancelled cheques. She has agreed that this will not be necessary and asked the Vice Chairman to apply in writing setting out the following provisos:

- 1 cheque stubs to be filled out with full details and to be signed by all signatories to the cheque
- 2 All relevant vouchers, invoices, receipts, etc., to be provided at audit
- 3 All payments to be separately minuted
- 4 If deemed necessary by the District Auditor at the time of audit, the bank may be asked to produce any cancelled cheque from their archives. The Parish Council in this case will be liable to pay the search fee

Mr Lanz has sent a letter detailing these points and we await acknowledgement from the District Auditor.

3.7 ANGLIAN WATER - DISTRICT BRIEFING

Mr Ferris and Mr Lanz attended the District Briefing and found it very instructive. Mr Ferris has spoken at some length to the person responsible for the Water Lane ditch and will be recounting the conversation at the next meeting.

3.8 PARKING IN HIGH STREET AT SCHOOL BUS COLLECTION POINT

Mr Cook had spent some time at the bus collection/drop off point and not noticed any undue congestion

4 PLANNING APPLICATION

Mr Pilcher left meeting

- 4.1 MK/1194/92 Erection of single storey rear extension at 7 Carters Close, Sherington for Mr A Pilcher

No Comments

Mr Pilcher rejoined the meeting.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 DoT - C J HAYNES, GOODS VEHICLE LICENSE, RIDGE FARM, SHERINGTON

Mrs W Haynes left the meeting. *P.C. responded by way of letter. Re-iterable feeling regarding C.J. Haynes' operations. PC do not own land near Ridge Farm*
 Mr Lanz read letter sent in November 1992 from Parish Council to Licensing Authority regarding the above: also reply received from Department of Transport:

"I refer to your letter of representation against the aforementioned application and a telephone conversation of 26 November 1992 with Mr B Lanz, Vice Chairman, Parish Council. I write to confirm that the above application represents the addition of an extra operating centre at the above address as well as the currently authorised centre at The Knoll. This would not entail an increase in the vehicles authorised.

The company's authorisation would remain ten vehicles and ten trailers. Based on this information, I would be grateful for written confirmation of the Parish Council's intention's in respect of the representation. If you have any queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours faithfully, R.D. BRIGGS, Clerk to the Licensing Authority"

DWF

DWF

Mr Lanz pointed out that the Parish Council would have to let the Licensing Authority know if they have any land which they own, operate or lease which is within sight or sound of the Ridge Farm site and also to be more particular as to why their objection was late in being submitted.

ACTION - BL

Mrs W Haynes rejoined the meeting.

5.2 BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES 1993/94 PRECEPT ARRANGEMENTS

The Borough of Milton Keynes is reviewing charges in view of under or over recovery since last year. The Parish Council will have figures from MKBC by Monday 11th January in order to work out precept needed. To be discussed at next meeting and forwarded to MKBC by 26th February 1993.

REVIEW OF PARISH BOUNDARIES/ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Vice Chairman read letter from MKBC regarding electoral arrangements. #All parishes had been invited to submit comments. However, before submission of views took place, the Local Government Act 1992 had revised the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to the review of the parish arrangements. It now appears that, as a result of the repeal of part 4 of the LGA 1992 the MKBC has no role to play in reviewing the parish boundaries or electoral arrangements. Reviews can be carried out only on the direction of the Secretary of State for the Environment to the Local Government Commission.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW - ROLE OF PARISH 7 TOWN COUNCILS IN ENGLAND - CONSULTATION PAPER

Letter thanking parishes for their responses.

5.3 BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL - RIGHTS OF WAY PROJECT

Handed to A. Pilcher

5.4 NALC 1994 CENTENARY APPEAL

Council decided not to contribute

5.5 MRS A ATKINSON - PARKING AT THE 'CHAPEL' CROFTS END, SHERINGTON

Mrs Atkinson asked if residents of Chapel conversion could be made aware of the problem caused by vehicles parked on roadside. She pointed out that adequate parking space is provided at rear of building.

Mr Lanz suggested that this point be raised with Sgt Jacklin when he visits on 2nd February. Also that we acknowledge Mrs Atkinson's letter and acquaint her of this decision.

ACTION - CLERK

DWF

5.6 MISCELLANEOUS

B.C.C. NEWSLETTER - handed to B Feasey
 M.K. FORUM BULLETIN - handed to B Feasey
 CIVIL PROTECTION PAMPHLET - handed to A Pilcher
 NATIONAL LITTER LINK - handed to W Haynes
 BULK SKIP CONTAINER SERVICE - 9-11 Feb Perry Lane,
 Sherington
 COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT - WALKS AND EVENTS WINTER 92/93 -
 handed to A Pilcher

6 RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Mr Pilcher has postponed report until after precept has
 been decided.

7 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7.1 | Village Hall Committee | £9.90 | |
| 7.2 | Sherington CofE School | £7.00 | |
| 7.3 | Audit Commission | £133.56 | |
| 7.4 | David Lock Associates | £2518.05 | + £440.66 VAT |
| 7.5 | EMEB - Pavillion Elec. A/c. | £56.94 | |
| 7.6 | Mr Walters - Christmas tree lighting | £10.00 | |
| 7.7 | EMEB - Work done on street lighting quarter ending 31 Dec 1992 | £738.77 | (to be reclaimed from MKBC) |
| | TOTAL | £3,914.88 | |

Parish Council will recoup £1179.43 (being VAT on items 7.4
 and sum from MKBC of £738.77)

Parish Council Deposit Account stands at £4,074.29

Parish Council Current Account stands at 789.20

TOTAL £4,863.49

N.B. The current account does include between £400-£500
 donations. More has since been received towards the Inquiry
 Fund.

The Vice Chairman wished to record that the payment for item 7.4
 comes under Section 222 ¹⁸ Local Government Act 1972.

ALL VOTED IN FAVOUR OF ITEMS 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.5, 7.6 AND 7.7 plus
agreeing the charge of £738.77 to be billed to MKBC

B LANZ, W HAYNES, B FEASEY, A PILCHER VOTED IN FAVOUR OF ITEM
7.4. M COOK VOTED AGAINST ABSTAINED

Mr M Cook asked that it be recorded that he found item 7.4
 "appalling" and did not want to be involved in the payment of the
 cheque. Mr Lanz said Mr Cook's views would be minuted, but
 pointed out that the Parish Council had written to Mr Cook last
 July pointing out that the cost of defending the action at the
 Local Plan Inquiry would be not inconsiderable and Mr Cook had
 replied that he did not intend to withdraw his objection. On
 that basis the Parish Council had had to proceed. The Vice-
 Chairman said both parties were quite within their rights to take
 the actions they did. Mr Cook agreed.

DWF

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Whatton asked about faulty street light outside school gate.

ACTION - CLERK

Mr Gardner asked if it was necessary for councillors to leave meeting when interest was declared in items on agenda. Mr Lanz replied that it was part of councils standing orders.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

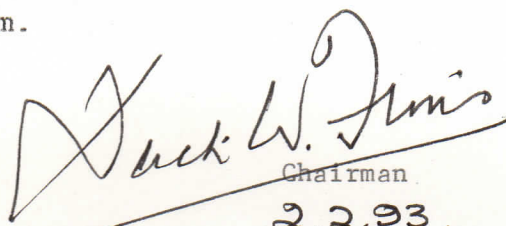
Mr Pilcher had received queries about increase in noise from shooting. Mr Gardner said it was not from Sherington shooting ground.

Mrs Haynes reported that the Parish Council noticeboard had been damaged. The culprit had been apprehended and repairs carried out. Apologies had been received.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd February 1993.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.


Chairman
2.2.93.

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday, 2nd February 1993
at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
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3. MATTERS ARISING:
 - 3.1. Local Plan Inquiry Appeal
 - 3.2. Midland Bank Charges
 - 3.3. Anglian Water
 - 3.4. Goods Vehicle License - Ridge Farm
4. PRECEPT ARRANGEMENTS
5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
MK/4/93 & MK/32/93 - Sherington Shooting Ground
Mr. P. Gardner
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - 10.1. Notice Board
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale 30.01.93
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 2nd February 1993

ACTION

1. PRESENT:

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

Mr. Ferris informed the meeting that Sgt. Jacklin of Thames Valley Police would be arriving at 8.30 p.m. to talk about Community Policing.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Amendments: 5.1. DoT. C. J. Haynes Goods Vehicle License. Insert 'Parish Council responded by way of letter, and re-iterated comments regarding C. J. Haynes operations. It was also confirmed the Parish Council does not own or occupy land or property near Ridge Farm.'

7. Accounts for Payment. Payment under 7.4. comes under section 222 1B (not B1B) of the Local Government Act 1972. Mr. Cook 'abstained' from voting for payment under 7.4. He did not vote against the motion.

These amendments were noted and the minutes were then agreed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Local Plan Inquiry Appeal. 114 households had responded and the sum of £2160.00 received to date. It is likely there may be a few more contributions. The Parish Council agreed to meet the remainder of the costs. A notice to be put in this month's SCAN magazine, thanking those who had responded. Clerk

3.2. Midland Bank Charges. The Auditors had agreed to discontinuing the receipt of returned cheques from the bank, but the counterfoils must be signed by the three signatories. The Clerk had notified Midland Bank and so the returned cheque service will be discontinued at a saving of £60.00 per annum.

3.3. Anglian Water. AW had held a presentation on 2nd and 3rd December for representatives of PC's and other organisations. Mr. Ferris and Mr. Lanz attended on 3rd December. Mr. Ferris gave a short resumé of the presentation. AW personnel were in attendance and a talk was given by Richard Medd (District Manager Water), illustrated by slides. It is hoped these presentations for PC's and other interested organisations will be held on a six monthly basis with six or eight officers of AW. Mr. Tony Heath will be organising the cleaning of the silted ditch at the back of the Leys.

3.4. Goods Vehicle License - Ridge Farm. No further information received.

4. PRECEPT ARRANGEMENTS

MKBC proposes that the agreement made last year be renewed, except that debt charges on recreational facilities are no longer to be within the costs which the Borough Council will charge under these arrangements. We do not have any debts, so our agreement is as last year.

The amount required by MKBC for the purposes of the Section 101 Agency arrangements is: £2319.00 for the year 1993-1994. Councils entering into Section 101 Agency arrangement will continue to have the costs of footway lighting reimbursed by MKBC, and no alteration in specification had been given. Mr. Lanz had prepared a budget forecast for the precept and presented it with statements of accounts for previous years. The figures were explained to the meeting and these were discussed. Two alternative forecasts were given: a precept of £3550.00, ~~(as 1992-1993)~~ would likely give a minus figure of £1239.49 (overspent), whereas a precept of £3750.00 (£200.00 increase on last year) would give a surplus of £47.99. These figures were discussed and considered.

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MKBC have given an assessment with figures based on a 2 adult band D property. A figure of £560.00 was given, excluding parish precepts and any arrangement under section 101; but for those accepting the agency arrangement under section 101 the figures are £573.00 (un-parished areas) and £548.00 (for Sherington). The Sherington Parish Precept, based on last year's figure of £3550.00, was given as £8.94 (which equals at £557.00) and this is 50% property tax and 50% personal tax.

Mr. Ferris proposed the acceptance of £2319.00 (under section 101), this was seconded by Mr. Lanz. All agreed.

Mr. Pilcher informed the meeting of various costs for repairs and necessary improvements to the pavilion and sports field. £250.00 approx. would be needed for a land drain. Upgrading of football club changing facilities (because the football club would be going to a higher league), painting and creosoting would also involve extra expenditure. This would be for materials only as members of the clubs and the committee would give their labour free. Mr. Ferris said the majority of the expenditure would be covered by the Parks and Open Spaces general maintenance, but the cost of the land drain would be extra. It was felt that the expenditure would be within the forecast budget of £1026.43 for Recreational Facilities.

Mr. Lanz proposed a precept of £3550.00 for 1993-1994, this was seconded by Mr. Pilcher. All agreed.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

MK/4/93 & MK/32/93 - Sherington Shooting Ground, Mr. P. Gardner.

There are two parts to the above applications: 1) Replacement shelter and notice board, 2) Earth bunding to reduce noise levels. The latter had been lodged with BCC, but had not yet been processed. Mr. Gardner has requested the two applications be considered together and has furnished the PC with copies of relevant correspondence. The clerk has written to MKBC regarding this matter, which will now be considered at the Planning Meeting on 30th March. The PC will put the matter on next month's agenda Clerk by which time, it is hoped, the BCC will have responded to the application regarding earth bunding (as this had been lodged with the BCC before Christmas). We must take a balanced view of these applications and they cannot be considered until the application has been registered with the County Council. The members were asked to bring to the meeting any representations, after they had thoroughly considered the relevant applications and correspondence which is to be studied. Letters have also been received from Mr. Cahill and Mrs. Middleton, which will be acknowledged. Clerk

6. CORRESPONDENCE

MK Assn. I.C. - Notification of meeting 02.02.93. Clerk has sent apologies. Clerk
 MKBC - Travel Manual update. Clerk to send any further information. Clerk
 Midland Bank - Research Survey. Clerk to respond. Clerk
 BCC - Induction Course for Clerks. Clerk hopes to attend the six week course, and will obtain information regarding fees. Clerk
 Buck County Museum - Appeal for funds. Pass to Mrs. Feasey for Village Hall.
 PTFA (Sherington School) - Request for stall on The Knoll on May Day. Clerk
 Permission granted. All agreed.
 Winged Fellowship - Appeal. All agreed that PC could not respond.
 MKBC - Letter regarding new footpath no. 1. The details were noted.
 BCC - Posters regarding Registered Home (new legislation). Noted. Clerk
 Posters to be posted in suitable places.
 BCC - New Structure Plans. Details of exhibitions(MK 20.02.93) and and Public Meetings(MK 23.02.93). Noted. Some members will attend.
 EME - Information re street lighting maintenance.
 Completion certificate for light in Park Road.

DWF

ACTION

Sherington Twinning Association - Request for a grant of £25 to help towards fees and travelling expenses for a committee member to attend a Seminar for new associations. This was unanimously agreed. This amount will be paid under section 137. Clerk

*** 7. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE.

Mr. Pilcher reported on a meeting held last week. Considerable labour is being put into work on the sports field and pavilion by members and this will continue. If the Football club goes up in the league there needs to be improvements in the facilities, including referees' room, (installing of a land drain, painting etc. as mentioned under item 4.). The Electricity Meter needs resighting and Mr. B. Haynes had agreed to look at this at no extra cost to the clubs. The sports field will need to be roped off (spectators' area) if the football club does go up in the league; this will need to be 2mtrs back. The clubs will find funds to do this. Mr. Pilcher was asked to discuss with the clubs all that needs to be done and report back. It was agreed that all necessary work be carried out and these jobs will be dealt with under Maintenance Items on the Agenda. Mr. Ferris informed the meeting that the cricket club is in good health. Mr. Pilcher said the club has a full season planned and is working with the football club on handing over. We have a progressive football club and an active cricket club which, Mr. Pilcher says, give good value for money. Mr. Pilcher was thanked for his report.

*** 8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | chq. no. |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Major J. G. B. Chester - 40 stakes & ties for trees. | 40.00 | 100417 |
| E.M.E. - Street Lighting. Qtr. end 31.12.92 | 738.77 | 100418 |
| Sherington Village Hall. Hire 05.01.93 & 02.02.93 | 19.80 | 100419 |
| P. Teasdale - Clerk's Salary (9months) Feb.-Oct. 1992 | 617.85 | 100420 |
| P. Teasdale - Clerk's Expenses (9mths) Feb.-Oct. 1992 | 114.33 | 100421 |

Total £1530.75

Current Account - End of January 1993 £1209.64**
Enterprise Account - End of January 1993 £4081.48

** Includes some donations for the Inquiry Appeal.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Whatton asked what will happen if the Parish Council received too much money for the Inquiry Appeal. The Chairman replied that this is unlikely to happen.

It was reported that the Library Van is now parked differently and there is less traffic hazard.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1. Notice Board. The glass has been replaced and door rehung, but it is now very difficult to open. The whole notice board needs renovating. DF

10.2. Road Safety Committee. Mr. Thomson is unable to attend the next meeting and as no other member is free apologies will be sent. IT

10.3. Bulb Planting. This had all been completed and the bulbs are beginning to peep through. Mr. Whatton was thanked and the Chairman remarked on how nice the new shoots are looking. Mr. Whatton has written a piece for SCAN regarding the bulbs.

10.4. Cross Albans Hill. The hedges are being cut down and the area looks unsightly. Mr. Thomson will keep 'an eye' on what is happening IT

Mr. Ferris said the horticultural use of the area is legitimate, but sought advice from Mr. Hansford (Borough Councillor). Mr. Hansford replied that there is a strong move to retain old hedgerows. He will make enquiries. It was decided to leave Mr. Hansford to investigate.

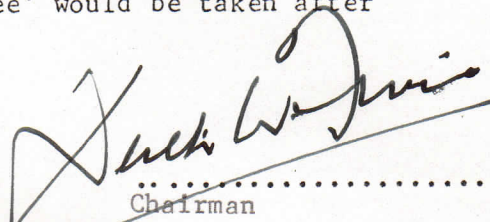
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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 2nd March 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

*** Items 7. and 8. were reversed during the meeting.

Mr. Thomson proposed, Mr. Lanz seconded and all agreed that 'Accounts for Payment' should be taken before Sgt. Jacklin gave his talk, and 'Recreation Field Committee' would be taken after the talk.


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Chairman

2nd March 1993.

COMMUNITY POLICING (A summary of Sgt. Jacklin's talk).

The Chairman introduced Sgt. Jacklin.

Sgt. Jacklin is Officer in Charge of Policing, Newport Pagnell Sector.

The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police set this particular force to be the Leading, Caring, Professional Police Service in a time of change. He set four goals and a number of initiatives. This is called 'Service in Action' and is set to bring out the best in the police to give the best service possible.

One change has been that the Officer in Charge is given responsibility for day to day decisions in his particular area. The Police Officer may go to a local area to talk with people and discuss what is to be done, without having to ask for permission from a higher authority.

Crime usually takes place between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 12 midnight. The total crime for Newport Pagnell, Olney and the surrounding villages works out to be about five crimes per day (compared with 30,000 in the year for Milton Keynes). This figure of five per day is down from last year. There are nine officers at Newport Pagnell and four at Olney, but it is not possible to police the area 24 hours a day. However, whenever there is a problem, the officer tries to give the best response possible. There is more police presence in Sherington now.

Areas are policed on foot more now, so although there is a good service it is not always a fast service (unless it is a matter of life and death, then the problem would go quickly down the line). Some offences cannot be detected. Some are screened-out, e.g. breaking car window, by the Crime Desk. This does not mean the crime is ignored as at some later stage it may be taken into consideration. This screening enables the force to give more resources to the more serious crime. Traffic problems and speeding in villages is usually carried out by local residents. There are crime patterns, i.e. a small number of criminals will commit a large number of crimes. They are usually people who want to make a living out of crime. There is a lack of suitable punishments.

Locally it is possible to contact Newport Pagnell Police Station direct on the local telephone number (686431), so the call does not go through Milton Keynes.

Sgt. Jacklin was thanked by the Chairman, for coming to Sherington and giving his interesting talk on 'Community Policing'.

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

Meeting of Council Members on Tuesday, 2nd March 1993 at
7.30 p.m.

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3. MATTER ARISING:
 - 3.1. Anglian Water (silted ditch)
 - 3.2. Goods Vehicle License - Ridge Farm
 - 3.3. Cross Albans Hill (hedges)
4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
MK/4/93 & MK/32/93 - Sherington Shooting Ground. Mr. P. Gardner
MK/167/93 - 13 School Lane. New Conservatory & Pitch Roof to
Replace Flat Roof. Mr. and Mrs. R. Feasey.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pearl Teasdale 27.02.93
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 2nd March 1993

ACTION

1. **PRESENT:**

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

Mr. Ferris explained to those present in the audience that public participation would not be acceptable until item 8 on the agenda (Public Question Time).

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Amendment: 4. Precept Arrangements (second paragraph). Mr. Lanz said the text should read: 'Two forecasts were given: a precept of £3550.00 gives a minus figure of £1239.49 for 1992-1993.'

This amendment was noted and the minutes were then agreed as a correct record.

Declaration of Interests:

3.2. Goods Vehicle Licence - Ridge Farm. Mr. W. Haynes

4.1. Planning Applications (MK/4/93 & MK/32/93) Shooting Ground. Mr. M. Cook

4.2. Planning Application (MK/167/93) - 13 School Lane. Mrs. B. Feasey

The above named members to withdraw from the meeting as appropriate.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1. Anglian Water (silted ditch). No action from AW to date. A further letter to be sent regarding this problem. Mr. Cook requested AW be asked to contact J. W. Cook & Son before clearing the ditch, as some arrangements need to be made regarding the disposal of the silt. Clerk

3.2. Goods Vehicle Licence - Ridge Farm. Mrs. Haynes withdrew.

DoT Licensing Authority, letter dated 02.02.93 (referring to our correspondence) stating it had been noted Sherington Parish Council had no property or land in the area and that the DoT are minded to grant a licence, as applied for, to C. J. Haynes & Son Ltd.

MKBC Borough Planning Officer, letter dated 19.02.93 requesting observations, regarding the licence applied for, to take into consideration at the Planning Meeting on 03.03.93.

A report, prepared for the Planning Committee, had also been received and letter, commenting on the report, from Mr. Barnbrook.

The report stated that unauthorised use of the land by C. J. Haynes in 1990 had been considered, and reconsidered at a meeting on 10.10.90, at which the decision was made to take no action at the time, reflected by the support given by the PC for the use to be allowed to continue. Mr. Ferris said it should be made clear that this had been qualified. Another point is that travellers had sited themselves in the grounds of Carisbrooke House, which is adjacent to the land in question. (These travellers have been given two weeks notice.) Because this is now a sensitive area it needs regularising so the County Structure Plan and Local Plan policies are not circumvented. Discussion took place amongst the councillors, taking into consideration the fact that the Law has now changed. It was thought the land should not be allowed to be used for industrial purposes. Any planning consent should be made in a personal way, ie to the actual person making the application.

Mr. Cook said that this PC should bear in mind and abide by the approval given by a previous PC for the use of the land by C. J. Haynes. Mr. Ferris pointed out that no PC is able to grant planning approval.

DWF

ACTION

A letter to be delivered by hand to MKBC on 03.03.93; comments should include the following: DF/Clerk

1. DoT Licensing Authority are minded to grant the licence to C. J. Haynes.
2. The PC's original comments, agreeing with the inaction, were made on the basis that the planning position was not prejudiced.
3. Because of the current situation at Carisbrooke House, the PC now believes the area needs regularising, so that the County Structure and Local plan policies are not circumvented.
4. Any action by MKBC should not jeopardise the policies in 3. above.

This was proposed by Mr. Lanz, seconded by Mrs. Feasey, agreed by majority of councillors. Mr. Cook abstained from voting on this motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Haynes returned to the meeting.

3.3. Cross Albans Hill (hedges). Enquiries had been made via our Borough Councillor, Mr. Hansford, regarding the preservation of ancient hedges. A private member's bill is to be introduced, but this was not yet in place. Mr. Cook had visited Noah's Ark Nursery and said there was a lack of understanding on how to deal with hedges (they should be layed, not cut down). Mr. Newman, the owner, would be delighted to meet any Parish Councillors at the Nursery.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1. MK/4/93 & MK/32/93 - Sherington Shooting Ground. Mr. P. Gardner.
Mr. Cook withdrew from the meeting.

The Chairman reported that a copy of the application to, and now registered with, BCC for sound attenuation mounds had only been received today (02.03.93) together with additional sections (which some of the councillors would not have seen) showing the proposed planting on the earth bunds. Copies of the appropriate certificates were also to hand and a plan showing the total extent of the site, which the Chairman wished the councillors to observe, especially the position of Stone Pits Close. An amended plan of the site showed the full length of the roadway with an access track of 280 metres long. Now that all the information re planning applications to MKBC and BCC are to hand, the PC is in a position to comment on them, as a whole, as requested by the applicant.

The Chairman read a copy letter from MKBC (21.12.92) to Mr. Gardner and letters (16.02.93 & 02.03.93) from Mr. Gardener to the PC. These gave further background information regarding the applications.

In addition the PC had received seven letters objecting to the planning application (four received today of which one indicated that 270 residents of Sherington and Lathbury supported the objections - these had not been studied by some of the councillors, so they did so during the meeting). Nine letters for the application had also been received.

The councillors then gave their comments individually, based on the information they had gleaned from the plans, applications and representations from residents, both for and against the applications. It was generally felt the majority of residents were against the applications because the shooting ground is too close to the residential area of the village, and many feared the escalation of activities if these further applications were granted.

With regard to the bunding, it was felt that if bunds were built there would be considerable disruption in the village and there was no scientific evidence about the amount of noise reduction they would produce, although '50%' had been stated. The Noise Control Report describes the bunding in a different way to that on the plan, and the actual application does not have any lay-out plan. It was agreed that noise is very subjective, ie bothers some people, but not others. Mr. Gardner had been approached and asked if he would undertake to limit the number of shooting hours, but he would give no such undertaking.

DWF

ACTION

The plan submitted to BCC is unclear as it includes the bottom end of 'Long Field', which is outside the existing Shooting Ground permitted consent. This would entail considerable tipping in this area, which is illogical, especially as that part of the field is to remain agricultural. Extending the area of bunding means the area for which planning permission is requested has been enlarged, without any prior notification to ^{access over} the PC land. This is not acceptable to Sherington Parish Council, as it includes PC land. The notice board requested in the planning application is wrongly sited and as there are special conditions governing advertisements in rural areas of environmental sensitivity, a simple name board 'Mill Lane' should suffice, as this would give sufficient directions to those wishing to use the Shooting Ground. DNF

The replacement shelter would be a great improvement on the present one, but one with such facilities as planned would encourage greater use. The Chairman summarised all the points and asked the councillors to vote. All present voted against all the applications, 'taken in the round', submitted by Mr. Gardner.

The Chairman then proposed that letters should be sent to MKBC and BCC summarising all the points relevant to the particular council. The MKBC will be considering the applications on 30th March and the BCC on (or around) the 16th April. All agreed to these letters. BL/Clerk

A letter also to be sent to Mr. Gardner regarding the PC land, included in the plan, for which no permission was sought. Clerk

Mr. Pilcher said that, whilst the majority of the people he spoke to were against extending the shooting facilities in the village, they did not wish to see Mr. Gardner go out of business. Residents are willing to help Mr. Gardner, if he so wished, to find a suitable area to which the Shooting Ground could be re-located.

All letters sent to the PC to be acknowledged individually with a standard letter (with apologies for it being so). All agreed. Clerk

Mr. Cook returned to the meeting.

4.2. MK/167/93 - 13 School Lane. New conservatory and pitch roof to replace flat roof. Mr. and Mrs. R. Feasey

Mrs. Feasey withdrew from the meeting.

No comments. Mrs. Feasey returned to the meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- BCC - County Structure Plan. Report and poster, (posted outside village hall. Report to be circulated. Details of meetings and exhibitions throughout the county.
- BALC - Best Kept Village Competition. Notice to be put in SCAN. BF
- BCC - Litterbliz. Passed to Mrs. Feasey for school. BF
- To be held between 22nd - 31st May. Actual day to be decided taking into consideration the Best Kept Village Comp.
- BCC - 'Watchword' booklet. Passed to Mr. Pilcher.
- BCC - Annual Report of Waste Regulation. Passed to Mr. Lanz.
- MKBC - Letter regarding undergrounding of electricity cables. No prospect of grant towards this work. Letter to be sent to MKBC to request underground cabling of just two areas, ie The Knoll (to preserve the plane tree) and the Church. Clerk
- BCC - Travel Guide. Passed to Mr. Thomson for shop.
- MKBC - Gardening Fare, Easter Monday, 12th April. Notice Board. BF
- BERNHARD'S NURSERIES. Catalogue. Passed to Mr. Whatton.
- BCC - Youth Work Survey. Reply to be sent. Agreed. Clerk
- NALC - Membership forms. These to be completed and returned. Agreed. Clerk
- BCC - Clerks Induction Course. Forms to be completed and returned. Agreed. Clerk
- MR. J. WOOD. Copies of letters between BCC and Mr. Wood regarding obstruction outside Mr. Wood's house. Noted.
- Mr. G. FERRIS. Letter received regarding mowing and requesting an increase in payment for labour. £15.00 flat payment was proposed by Mr. Lanz, seconded by Mrs. Haynes. Agreed. Mr. Lanz to contact Giles Ferris. DNF

6. RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

ACTION

Mr. Pilcher said there was nothing to report this meeting.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| | £ | chq. no. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Sherington Twinning Association - fee + expenses for Seminar. | 25.00 | 100422 |
| BCC - Clerks' Induction Course | 40.00 | 100423 |
| BALC - Subscription + Qty 'Review' | 82.53 | 100424 |
| BALC - Best Kept Village Competition Entrance Fee | 5.00 | 100425 |
| Giles Ferris - Grass Cutting & Petrol | 29.00 | 100426 |
| Total | £181.53 | |

Current Account - End of February 1993: £362.78

Enterprise Account statement not yet received from Midland Bank, for February.
Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr. Pilcher, seconded by Mr. Lanz, agreed.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Footpath from Church. Mrs. Middleton asked if there is a problem with the land drain as the footpath (top end) is in poor condition.

Mr. Soul to be approached by Mr. Ferris about this problem. DF

Play Area Footpath. Mrs. Graham said there was a brick sticking out of the footpath which encouraged people to walk on the grass and so widen the path area. This problem noted and will be dealt with as a maintenance item in the spring.

Baby Swings. Mrs. Graham asked if the slab under the swings is concrete or a suitable safety material. MKBC to be contacted regarding this. Clerk

30 Mile Limit Road Sign, Gun Lane. Mrs. Graham said this has been knocked over (field side). Clerk

Weight Restriction, Illuminated Sign Chicheley Hill is also broken. Clerk

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Footpath to Filgrave. Mr Cook reported that the footpath has now been re-organised. The Ramblers Association are objecting, although the path was originally proposed by them.

Attendance at Meetings. It was agreed by the councillors that it was good to see so many people at this meeting, but sad that so few attended the last meeting when Sgt. Jacklin gave his talk on local crime. Mr. Ferris said he hoped those present had found the business of the Parish Council sufficiently interesting to encourage them to attend the next meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6th April 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.


Chairman

6th April 1993