

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 1st April 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

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  - 12.1 Annual Parish Meeting
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Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington School, Tuesday 1st April 1997

ACTION POINTS

1. PRESENT: Mr B Holliss (in the Chair), Mr M Cook, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr R Smith.  
Apologies received from Mr D Ferris, who is on holiday and Mr A Pilcher who has been unexpectedly delayed in London.  
MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour is attending another meeting and will arrive late.
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 BCC Site - MR STEVE CROWTHER (MK COUNCIL). A letter has been received from Mr Crowther thanking the PC for inviting him to the March meeting. Mr Crowther sent a copy of his notes and copies are available for all councillors. Comments to be made by councillors at the May meeting. JUN '93/01 ONGOING
  - 3.2 Undergrounding. Mr Ryan met with Mr Pilcher, Mr Ferris and the Clerk on the 6th March at Church End. The EME plan was discussed and following the meeting Mr Ryan wrote to EME (a copy of which has been sent to the PC) requesting clarification on certain points. The Clerk read this letter to the meeting. Mrs Haynes expressed concern that a decision, to have the work carried out, had been made without the full support of the council. In the absence of Mr Pilcher and Mr Ferris, the Clerk stated that no agreement had been made with Mr Ryan (in spite of a report in the local press). When EME's reply to Mr Ryan's letter has been received and discussed in council then a proposal will need to be made on whether or not to proceed. ALL CLLRS MAY '93/03 ONGOING  
With regard to the final pole on The Knoll, Mr Pilcher has not yet been able to make enquiries of BT about grants. As suggested earlier in the year, the Clerk has tried to contact Mr Grew, but he is no longer at BT. Mr Grew's replacement is Mr Coulston. The Clerk has not been able to reach Mr Coulston by telephone, but will try again.
  - 3.3 Improvement of Play Area. A 'nil invoice' has been received from Mr Bray and Mr Inskipp for the work of felling and lopping the unsafe trees. Mr Pilcher wished a proposal be put forward at this meeting for an honorarium of £20 to be paid for the work because of expenses involved. The councillors present did not think this appropriate, but wished the Clerk to send a suitable letter of thanks to Mr Bray and Mr Inskipp. (CLERK) JAN '96/01 ACTIONED  
Mr Whatton (from the floor) said the work had been carried out very efficiently and the bulk of the wood taken away. However, there is a small pile of twigs etc (which would be unsuitable for burning) still left on site. Mr Smith agreed to organise the removal of the rubbish. (RS)  
Mr Pilcher had asked the Clerk to put a note in SCAN regarding the lack of help, on the planting days, by parents of children who use the play area and the fact that 50 plants had been unrooted by children and thrown in neighbouring gardens. Mr Pilcher retrieved the plants and re-set them.
  - 3.4 Drugs Awareness Meeting. The Clerk has tried to contact the police, but has been unable to do so recently. A message from North Crawley was received via Cllr Mrs Seymour (later in the meeting). North Crawley PC does not wish to be included in the organisation of a meeting. JAN '97 5.3

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MATTERS ARISING (cont.)ACTION POINTS

- 3.5 Parish Council Offices at the Village Hall. A letter has been sent to the Village Hall Management Committee and a reply received stating the matter of the shared accommodation would be referred to the Trustees. Mr Pilcher had asked the Clerk to put his suggestion that a working party be set up and this to include Mr Ferris, who has the knowledge of what was initially agreed with regard to this matter. Agreed. (AP/DF/CLERK)
- 3.6 Parish Partnership Fund. It has not been possible to get the necessary three quotes for the projects. The following actions were agreed:  
 a) Play equipment. Mrs Haynes with the help of Mr Holliss will select suitable equipment for the sports field to the value of £2000.00. (WH/BH)  
 b) Footway Lights. Investigate the most suitable locations for lamps. Request a quotation for one lamp from EME. (CLERK)  
 c) Timetable Notice Board for Bus Shelter. It was decided the present timetable on the bus stop pole is sufficient. This project to be dropped.  
 d) Perry Lane Car Park. The pipe laying and planting had been urgent, so the labour for this work was carried out voluntarily by councillors. A small amount of money has only been spent on the hire of the excavator. MK Council to be contacted and the above to be discussed with Mr Robinson. The Clerk has had difficulty in contacting various departments at MK because of the change over to Unitary Authority today (1st April). (CLERK)
- 3.7 Perry Lane Sports Field Car Park. No further communication has been received from the Estates Department re the barrier. Mr Pilcher sent a message regarding the Police Liaison Committee. Mr Gerald Mann, who is the representative for our group of villages on the committee, is willing for a Sherington councillor or member of the public to accompany him when he attends the next meeting on *17th April*. The problems experienced in the car park could then be discussed. Mr Ranger (from the floor) said he would like to attend. (CLERK)
- 3.8 Maintenance Items.
- 3.8.1 Verges (S136 Arrangements). Notes have been sent for Mr Pilcher and Mr Ferris who attended the special meeting. Parishes will not be responsible for grass verges between villages. Certificates are likely to be sent to PCs to be signed when cuts have been completed. In general, it appears, PCs wish the verges to have less cuts per year. No further letter has been received regarding number of cuts.
- 3.8.2 Grass Triangle (School Lane). A letter has been received from Mr Churchward regarding this. MK Council to be contacted regarding granite sets suggested for the triangle. (CLERK)
- 3.8.3 Land next to The Rectory. The site has still not been cleared. Cllr Mrs Seymour reported (later in the meeting) that she is in touch with the Housing Department regarding this matter and has put in a bid for money available, to clear the site. Mrs Seymour will report further when there is more information to hand.
4. ROAD SAFETY. Mr Holliss reported on selected items of interest from the minutes of the Consultative Meeting (which was the last one under BCC).  
 The new MK Road Safety Forum will only include representatives from parished areas (not from voluntary organisations). In future road safety problems should be reported in writing.

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ACTION POINTS5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

5.1 Dog Fouling - School Posters. Posters have been designed by 25 children at Sherington School. The councillors and Clerk have voted for five and the three to be given the most votes will be photo-copied, laminated and displayed throughout the village. Various areas for displaying the posters were suggested and the following proposals were agreed:

i) Three book tokens, value £5 each to be purchased for the winners.

ii) Sweets to be purchased for all children in the class and thanks expressed to those taking part in the competition. Letter to be sent to Mrs Fleming, the Headteacher.

iii) Prizes and sweets to be presented by Mr Holliss at the School Assembly on **Friday, 18th April.**

(BH)

iv) Mrs Hayes to purchase prizes and photo-copy posters (3 x 4 A4 sheets) on behalf of the PC.

(KH)

The possibility of obtaining dog litter bins was discussed by the PC and it was agreed that details of costs involved should be investigated and a brochure showing types of bins to be circulated to councillors.

(CLERK)

5.2 Footpaths in Sherington. BCC has sent details, by Recorded Delivery, of footpaths to be removed and new ones to be created. Mr Cook gave a report on this resiting of paths, which has been ongoing for several years. The bridleway will now go over the by-pass bridge. Representations may be sent by the **8th May.** Mr Cook said the new paths are very sensibly sited and should prevent further accidents to walkers and horse-riders. It was agreed the details should be put on circulation.

(CLERK)

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

6.1 MKBC - 'The Management of Sports Grounds and Facilities'.

*Mr Pilcher had asked for all councillors to have a copy.*

CIRCULATED

*Councillors did not think the matter relevant to Sherington PC.*

6.2 OU & U of OXFORD - 'Wildlife in North Bucks Landscape'.

Details of course.

NOTED

6.3 BUCKS CVS - 'Newsletter'. March 1997

CIRCULATION

6.4 SIGNFIX LTD - 'Signposts' Brochure on Signs etc.

FILE

6.5 NALC - 'Local Council Review'. March 1997

CIRCULATION

6.6 BCC - 'Local Government Reorganisation'. Letter re new MK Highway Maintenance Officer (Tony Smith).

NOTED

6.7 GLASDON - 'Environment in Focus'. Buyer's guide to bins etc.

*Details of Dog Litter Bins.*

CIRCULATION

6.8 MKBC - 'Environmental Appraisal of Borough of Milton Keynes Local Plan.' January 1997.

CIRCULATION

6.9 MKBC & OTHERS - 'The Wildlife Corridors of Milton Keynes'. Plan review for public consultation.

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6.10 BCC EDUCATION DEPT - Letter & poster re Nursery Education.

NOTICE BOARD

6.11 SHERINGTON PLAY GROUP - Letter seeking permission for stall on The Knoll - May Day. **Agreed.**

(CLERK)

6.12 CHILDS PLAY - Information leaflet re safe play surfaces.

NOTED

6.13 MK COMMUNITY TRUST - Invitation to official launch of Trust's new Community Profile - 17th April 1997.

NOTED

6.14 MKBC - Bulk Skip Container Service. Perry Lane 29.04.97 - 01.05.97  
Leys View 24.06.97 - 26.06.97

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6.15 MK PLAY ASSOCIATION 'Holiday Play Scheme Survey'. Passed to School.

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ACTION POINTS7. PLANNING:7.1 Planning Lists: 28.02.97, 07.03.97, 14.03.97, 21.03.97 received.

- 7.1.1 97/226/MK. Single & Two Storey Living Room, Bedroom & Garage Extensions  
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20 Gun Lane. Mr C D Lewis.

It was agreed to continue circulation of the above. Comments (if necessary)  
to be sent to the Clerk who would convey them to MK Council. (ALL)

8. ACCOUNTS:

8.1	<u>Further Accounts for March.</u>	£	chq no
	<i>Spoilt cheque (see cheque book)</i>		100693
	SHERINGTON FIRST SCHOOL - Centenary Fund Gift	200.00/	100694
	ACORN (MK) NURSERIES - Shrubs	290.58/	100695
	AUDIT COMMISSION - 1996 Fees	157.92/	100696
	EXTRA TOTAL FOR MARCH	648.50	

8.2 Accounts Payable for April

	BALC - Subs 1997/98 & Publications	99.02	100697
	BALC - 'Local Council Review' 1997/98	8.95	100698
	ANGLIAN WATER - Pav. a/c April-Sept 1997	66.48	100699
	EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY - Pav a/c to 31.03.97	57.92	100700
	MK COUNCIL - Pav a/c 1997/98	199.86	100701
	P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary March 1997	120.00	100702
	P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses March 1997	22.00	100703
	TOTAL FOR APRIL	574.23	

Enterprise Account Middle March 1997 £9603.50

Treasurers Account Middle March 1997 £872.05

Accounts accepted: proposed by Mr Holliss, seconded by Mrs Haynes, all agreed.

Mr Holliss asked if the councillors have a view on the installation of a water meter at the pavilion. Mrs Haynes said she is concerned about the amount of water which is wasted. Enquiries to be made from AW regarding metering. Item for Amenities Committee agenda in June. (CLERK)

Acknowledgements received from 'SAVE THE CHILDREN' AND 'SCAN' for donations.

9. REPORTS:9.1 MKALC. In the absence of Mr Pilcher, Mrs Hayes gave the report.

- a) Grass Cutting and Street Lighting. There was considerable discussion about these matters. Some parishes will need to sort these out with MKC.
- b) Byelaws. The problems of bye-laws was discussed and it is recognised there are no ideas on how to police these.
- c) Housing Needs Survey. This can be undertaken with the help of funding from MKC.
- d) Parish Partnership Fund. Some anger was expressed regarding the amounts being requested from some areas, eg Woughton. The view was put forward that the fund should be for the small rural villages, as the MK area parishes can get funding from other sources. Although not confirmed, the PPF may only be available to those parishes which have signed the PP Convention.
- e) S136 Arrangements. The fact that the parishes have been told the verges between villages will not be included in S136, it was felt by MKALC this may not be a long term promise.
- f) Police Liaison Committee. As mentioned previously (in the minutes), Mr Gerald Mann requested more representation from parishes.

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ACTION POINTS9.2 Clerk's Report

- 9.2.1 Mrs J W Cook. A letter of condolence was sent to Mrs Cook as requested and a reply has been received from Mr and Mrs M Cook. CIRCULATION
- 9.2.2 MK Council - Noise Questionnaire. This to be completed and returned by May 1st. CIRCULATION
- 9.2.3 Parking in Carters Close. A resident has complained about a van being parked on a verge. It is not clear whether the <sup>paved</sup> ~~grassed~~ area is public or private. *BA* **Mr Holliss to check deeds regarding van parking.** (BH)
- 9.2.4 District Audit. As the invoice had been delayed a letter of complaint was sent to the Audit Commission. An acknowledgement has been received.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

- 10.1 Dog Fouling. Mr Ranger asked for a poster to be placed on the gate at the entrance to the football field in Perry Lane.
- 10.2 Parking at the corner Perry Lane/Bedford Road. Mr Pepper said the cars are causing a hazard. Letter to be sent to MK Council and a note in SCAN asking for sensible suggestions of easing the problem. (CLERK)
- 10.3 Planting. Mr Whatton wished to thank those who helped with the planting of hedging. Discussions to take place with Mr Ferris and Mr Pilcher re the tree to be planted on the edge of the play area (to be cared for by the playgroup). Mr Whatton also thanked Mr Cook for the lovely display of daffodils beside the gates to his fields. (AP/DF)
- 10.3 Tree for Hillview. Cllr Mrs Seymour has made enquiries of the Housing Dept regarding the replacement crabapple tree. The Landscaping Dept should be dealing with this.
- 10.4 Road Repair Materials at BCC Site. Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour said she would contact the appropriate department to ask for these materials to be removed.
- 10.5 Grass Triangle and Granite Sets. Mr Stevens asked if it is known how high the sets will be and whether or not the original boundary will be used in School Lane. It is anticipated sets will be as high as a normal pavement and the boundary will be as it was originally.
11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.
- 11.1 Nettles in Corn Close. Mrs Haynes said these need to be cut back or sprayed. (CLERK)
- 11.2 Rockery outside Church gate. Mrs Hayes asked when the rockery will be removed. Miss Field had purchased the stones at the auction. Mr Cook to have a chat with Miss Field. APR '97/01 (MC)
- 11.3 Noisy Jets. Mr Smith said there have been some low flying aeroplanes at night again. This to be monitored. MOD to be notified if there are any further problems. (CLERK)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

- 12.1 Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday, 6th May at 7.00 pm.
- 12.2 May Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, 6th May at 7.30 pm.  
The PC Meeting to include an item on setting up a Millenium Committee. APR '97/02

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed..... *Diana Muri* .....

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# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 6th May 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

## A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
  - 2.1 Chairman
  - 2.2 Vice Chairman
  - 2.3 Other Appointments (see attached list)
  - 2.4 Chairman's Acceptance of Office
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  - 5.2 May Day Arrangements
  - 5.3 Millenium Committee
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  - 7.1 Planning Lists: 28.03.97, 04.04.97, 11.04.97, 18.04.97, 25.04.97 received:
    - 7.1.1 97/00311/MK Notice of Intention to Prune and Remove Dead Wood from One Ash Tree  
5 Park Road, Sherington, Mr Smith,
    - 7.1.2 97/000358/MK Notification of Intention to Prune and Remove Deadwood from One Crack  
Willow Tree and One Ash Tree, 4 Field Close, Mr Hadaway,
8. ACCOUNTS
  - 8.1 Draft R & P Account 1996/97
  - 8.2 Accounts for Payment
9. REPORTS:
  - 9.1 Police Consultative Committee
  - 9.2 Clerk's Report
10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
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Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington School, Tuesday 6th May 1997

ACTION POINTS

1. PRESENT: Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr B Holliss, Mr A Pilcher.  
Also in attendance: MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour (until 8.00 pm)  
Apologies received from Mr R Smith, who is unwell.
2. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.
  - 2.1 Chairman. Mr Pilcher, as past Chairman, invited nominations. Mr Holliss was proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr Cook. No other nominations were proposed. Mr Holliss was unanimously elected and he accepted the office of Chairman.
  - 2.2 Vice-Chairman. Mrs Hayes was proposed by Mr Holliss. All agreed.
  - 2.3 Other Representatives. Mr Ferris proposed all representatives stand as last year. The majority of appointments were agreed with the exception of:
    - i) School Governor, as from December 1996. A letter of resignation has been received from Mrs Feasey.
    - ii) Recreation Committee Chairman. It was thought this post no longer necessary. Agreed.

Sherington First School Governor - Mrs Betty Feasey until December 1996  
 Mrs Frances Parry was nominated by Mr Ferris. Mrs Parry agreed to consider this appointment. Item for next month's agenda. Agreed. MAY '97/01  
Village Hall Committee - Parish Cllr Wendy Haynes  
Twinning Committee - Parish Cllr Katie Hayes  
Road Safety Consultative Committee - Parish Councillor Barry Holliss  
Planning Committee - Parish Cllrs Michael Cook, Derek Ferris, Tony Pilcher  
Amenities Committee - Parish Cllrs Michael Cook, Wendy Haynes, Tony Pilcher  
 Ex-officio - Messrs E Pepper, O Powell, A Whatton (Tree Warden)  
MKALC - Any two members who are free to attend the quarterly mtgs.  
NP Police Consultative Group (new appointment) - Parish Cllr Katie Hayes  
Member Responsible for Internal Audit (new appointment) - Parish Cllr Barry Holliss.
  - 2.4 Chairman's Acceptance of Office was duly signed by Mr Holliss and at this point he took over the Chair of the meeting.

Mr Holliss thanked Mr Pilcher for his Chairmanship during the past year.
3. PREVIOUS MINUTES. After a correction to minute 759/9.2.3 was made, the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 4.1 BCC Site. The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour have both been in contact with Mr Crowther. The starting date of the project may be slightly delayed, but it is hoped the work will be completed during this season. Mr Crowther would like to receive comments of his notes and drawings from the PC. It was proposed a second area, suitable for placing a seat should be provided. Mr Crowther also to be thanked for the work he has already carried out and for his report. Agreed. (CLERK)  
JUN '93/01  
ONGOING
  - 4.2 Undergrounding. Mr Ferris reported on the work planned for Church End. Mr Ferris has met with the Rector and a potential contractor regarding moling through the churchyard. The Rector has also spoken with Mr Ryan at MKC and agreed a Faculty will not be necessary. EME to be requested to carry out the moling work and lay the cables through the churchyard. These to be included in their revised costing. The Church may be willing to give a contribution towards the moling. The scheme is now somewhat more extensive than originally envisaged. The number of poles to be removed is five and two new lamp posts need to be installed, ie in Church End and outside Sherington Place. A new stay will have to be attached to pole no 16. MAY '93/03  
ONGOING

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MATTERS ARISING (cont.)ACTION POINTSUndergrounding (cont.)

It was proposed that MKC be contacted to request two lamp posts as required (FOC under the maintenance contract). Agreed.

Mr Ferris proposed that we obtain a revised quotation from EME via MKC. Agreed.

(DF/CLERK)

Regarding the final pole on The Knoll, a planning survey will be made by BT this month and the ducting, cabling and removal of the pole will be carried out during the summer. This work to be paid for by BT.

(CLERK)

The Clerk to contact BT during June to confirm the work is in hand.

It was agreed a letter to be sent to Mr Wilmin thanking him for setting this project in motion.

(CLERK)

- 4.3 Dog Fouling - School Posters. Mr Holliss reported on his visit to Sherington School to thank the children and award prizes for the posters. Twelve posters have been printed and most have been distributed around the village.

ACTIONED

- 4.4 Tree in Hillview. A sturdy tree has been planted to replace the one which had been cut down and removed.

ACTIONED

- 1.5 Parking (Crofts End/Perry Lane). The Clerk has put a note in SCAN asking for sensible suggestions to alleviate the problem. The new Road Safety Officer at MKC has been contacted. An engineer will look at the area and will contact the PC regarding any ideas he may have.

- 4.6 Parish Partnership Fund. The Clerk has been in contact with Mr Robinson at MKC regarding the projects. He advises we resubmit our revised schemes and estimates, which will then be reappraised by the appropriate committee. It may be agreed that the original grant be reallocated.

OCT '96 4.3  
ONGOING

With regard to the play equipment for the sports field, Mr Holliss and Mrs Haynes have looked at various pieces of equipment. It will be necessary to check whether or not safety surfaces are needed.

(CLERK)

Mrs Haynes suggested the parents of the children in Perry Lane be asked to comment on the equipment. This was agreed.

(WH)

Estimates to be proposed at next month's meeting. Agreed.

- 4.7 Perry Lane Sports Field Car Park. Mrs Hayes mentioned the problems at the recent meeting of the Consultation Group. The police will deal with the matter if the problems re-occur.

AUG '96/01

No further news has been received from the MKC Estates Office regarding the gates. The Clerk to contact the office. This item for next month's agenda.

ONGOING

(CLERK)

- 4.8 Maintenance Items:

4.8.1 Land next to the Rectory. The area to be cleared and surfaced very soon. Mr Ferris said he had comments from various people that they would like to keep the hedge screen on the road boundary. This point to be passed on to Cllr Mrs Seymour.

(CLERK)

4.8.2 Complaints to MKC Landscaping Dept. The nettles in Corn Close have now been strimmed. Corn Close is an unpleasant area to strim because of dog mess. The banks are to be strimmed completely when the next grass-cut is due. It was suggested that perhaps the nettles should be sprayed rather than strimmed. Suggestion to be put to MKC.

(CLERK)

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Grass Cutting. The new chart of the 12 grass cutting cycles (S136) has been received.

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ACTION POINTSGrass Cutting (cont.)

Sinfield Landscapes is willing to continue the contract of grass-cutting the sportsfield. The cost to be £40 per cut, as the previous two seasons. Concern was expressed to the Clerk regarding the damage to the mower, caused by small metal poles being left by the Football Club, when the nets are cleared away. Costs of these repairs have been considerable.

It was proposed by Mr Pilcher, seconded by Mr Ferris that Sinfield Landscapes be asked to cut the grass on the sports field this season. The cost per cut to be £40 and the number of cuts not to exceed 14 per season.

Regarding the metal poles, Mrs Haynes said the Football Club season will soon finish and there should not be any poles left on the field after the end of the season. (MH)

Mr Ferris is of the opinion that foreign objects are left on the field by a variety of folk who use the area. He proposed that Sinfield Landscapes be asked to pass to the PC any article left on the field which damages the mower and the PC will then deal with the matter at it sees fit.

This was agreed. (CLERK)

- 5.2 May Day Arrangements. The Chairman introduced this and outlined the difficulties that had been experienced this year with regard to getting specific equipment. Mr Philip Smith and others who have been involved in the setting up of equipment in previous years, were not available this year. The Chairman suggested the PC take an overview of this village activity. After some discussion it was agreed that no action should be taken regarding this item. NO ACTION

- 5.3 Millenium Committee. The Chairman proposed a Public Meeting be organised at the *School on Tuesday, 9th September at 7.30 pm.* Unanimously agreed. It was also proposed that an amount, up to the limit of £100 be spent during this financial year, on hiring either the School or Village Hall for suitable meetings to discuss Millenium Projects. Unanimously agreed. All organisations in the village to be contacted and a notice put in SCAN inviting all to attend the Public Meeting. The School to be booked and posters advertising the event to be published later. APR '97/02 (CLERK)

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 6.1 RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - 1997 Survey of Rural Services

*The Clerk will need help in completing this.*

Copy of 1994 Survey of Rural Services

- 6.2 MKC (NEIGHBOURHOOD SVS DIR) - 'Community Care Plan 1997.98'

CIRCULATION

- 6.3 THAMES VALLEY POLICE - 'Police Area Boundaries'

CIRCULATION

- 6.4 ECC - 'Definitive Map Statement' details & maps

CIRCULATION

- 6.5 MKC (ENVIRONMENT DIR) - 'Proposed Amendments to Central MK Parking Scheme' Details and Map. *Comments requested by 19.05.97*

CIRCULATION

- 6.6 MK FORUM - No 63 & Annual Report

CIRCULATION

- 6.7 MKC (ENVIRONMENT DIR) - 'A Sustainable Integrated Transport Strategy for MK' Details of meetings. *3 members to attend Olney 08.05.97*

CIRCULATION

- 6.8 BUCKS ART GALLERY - 'Buckinghamshire Landscapes' Poster re Exhibition.

(MC/DF/KH)

NOTICE BOARD

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ACTION POINTS7. PLANNING:7.1 Planning Lists: 28.03.97, 04.04.97, 11.04.97, 18.04.97, 25.04.97 received.7.1.1 97/331/MK. Notice of intention to prune and remove deadwood from One Ash Tree. 5 Park Road. Mr Smith7.1.2 97/358/MK. Notice of intention to prune and remove deadwood from One Crack Willow Tree and One Ash Tree. 4 Field Close. Mr Hadaway.

Mr Whatton has inspected the trees and confirmed they need attention. NO COMMENT

7.1.3 97/283/97. (Omitted in error from agenda)  
Garage Extension. 37 Carters Close. Mr and Mrs G Thomas. NO COMMENT8. ACCOUNTS:8.1 Draft R & P Account 1996/97

The Clerk gave a brief explanation of the prepared draft account sheets which will be circulated to all councillors. Comments requested.

Item for next month's meeting. (CLERK)

8.2 Further invoice for April

BUCKS CC - Hire of School (January '97) £ chq no

8.00 100704

Accounts Payable for May

MIDLAND BANK - Activity Charge 1.80

MAN WITH A MOWER - Hire of small mower 1996 95.00\* 100705

MAN WITH A MOWER - Grass cutting for March

1 cut each: Church, Knoll, Play Area, Spts Fld 99.50 100706

CORNHILL INSURANCE - Premium for Mower 97/98 58.24 100707

MRS K HAYES (various suppliers) School prizes 26.49 100708

P TEASDALE - Clerk's salary for April 97

plus 8 hours for accouts (RFO) 179.20 100709

P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses for April 97 28.60 100710

TOTAL FOR MAY 488.83

Enterprise Account Middle April 1997 £8947.92

Treasurers Account Middle April 1997 £528.52

Money Maker A/C (Cricket Club Funds) £508.18

Notice has been received of the 1/2 year Precept Payment (£4250.00)

Accounts accepted: proposed by Mr Holliss, seconded by Mrs Hayes, all agreed.

\*Mr Ferris proposed that 50% of small mower charge be passed on to St Laud's

Church Committee. This was agreed. (CLERK)

The Clerk to look into the possibility of reducing paying out more than

10 cheques per month so to avoid paying an activity charge. (CLERK)

9. REPORTS:9.1 POLICE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. Mrs Hayes reported on attending this committee. Mr Mann of Emberton has previously been the only representative for our group of PCs. It is thought that more input by the parishes should be forthcoming. Only members of PCs are allowed to attend. There were several representatives from other parishes at the last meeting.

There is one particular concern: several distraction burglaries have taken place with criminals posing as service workers. Handbills are being printed to pass to vulnerable people in the villages.

Crime figures have dropped considerably - the reason for this may be that the known criminals are now serving time in prison.

Mrs Hayes is not able to attend the next meeting. Mr Holliss will deputise for her. Clerk to notify Sgt Peter Johnstone. (CLERK)

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ACTION POINTS9.2 Clerk's Report

- 9.2.1 Centenary Gift for School. Acknowledgment received from Headteacher.
- 9.2.2 Tree for Play Area. Thanks have been received from Mrs Pam Ward of Sherington Playgroup for the tree which is promised for the Play Area.
- 9.2.3 MKC Chief Executive's Visit. The Clerk reported on this visit which Mr Miller made with Mr Paul Robinson. It was a useful meeting.
- 9.2.4 SLCC Annual Conference. The Clerk reported on attendance at this year's busy, but interesting conference.
- 9.2.5 MKC Information Update. Document received giving new telephone numbers of the various departments in MKC. Many already need correcting.
- 9.2.6 Cornhill Insurance. Invitation to renew the PC's premium. Schedule to be checked. Approval sought to pay the premium when checked. Agreed. (CLERK)
- 9.2.7 MKC Integrated Transport Seminar. Report and questionnaire on last year's seminar received. Passed to Mrs Hayes for attention. (KH)
- 9.2.8 SHAWS. Price list of books for the new accounting system. NOTED
- 9.2.9 THE CLERK JOURNAL. The current issue has been received. CIRCULATION
- 9.2.10 PARKING IN CARTERS CLOSE. Letter of thanks from Mrs King. NOTED

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

- 10.1 Play Equipment. Mr Whatton said that a brochure is available for equipment and fencing from a local company. Brochure to be obtained.
- 10.2 Dangerous Tree in Water Lane. Mr Whatton reported on this. The councillors asked Mr Whatton to speak with Mr Byrne about the problem.
- 10.3 Distraction Burglaries Posters. Mrs King asked when these will be available. Mrs Hayes said posters will be available shortly as they are being re-printed.
- 10.3 Corn Close. Mr Moxham suggested that the problems of the nettles could be solved by extending the tarmac at edge of path. MKC to be contacted. (CLERK)
- 10.4 Rockery outside Church gate. Mr Morgan-Thomas asked when the rockery is APR '97/01 to be removed. Mr Cook has had a word with Miss Field and Mr Ferris said he will mention it to Miss Field again. (DF)
- 10.5 Dog Fouling. Mrs Parry said she hoped the new posters will be successful. There is still a lot of mess outside the school and suggested it may be a suitable place for a dog bin. The matter regarding dog bins is being pursued by the Clerk.
- 10.6 Walkway, Carters Close. Mrs Banyard asked if the hawthorn should be trimmed by MKC. This matter to be queried with the Landscaping Department. (CLERK)

11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.

- 11.1 Window broken at the Pavilion. Mrs Haynes reported a broken window and has asked Mr Risby to repair the damage.
- 11.2 Bridleway. Mr Cook asked if there have been any comments. None received.
- 11.3 Football Club. Mr Holliss reported the reserve team has won the league. Mrs Haynes reported the team has been promoted.
- 11.4 Street Light in Carters Close. Mr Holliss has been asked if the PC will request a shield to deflect light from lamp CC13. MKC to be contacted. (CLERK)
- 11.5 Travel Guide. Mr Holliss said he had seen a new Travel Guide. The PC has not yet received a copy. A copy to be obtained. (CLERK)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Tuesday, 3rd June 1997 at 7.30 pm

The Chairman asked for dates of forthcoming meetings to be agreed:  
 8th July (SECOND TUESDAY), August NO MEETING, 2nd Sept., 7th Oct., 4th Nov.,  
 2nd Dec., 6th January '98, 3rd February '98, 3rd March '98, 7th April '98.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed..........

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# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 3rd June 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

## A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - 2.1 Annual Parish Meeting
  - 2.2 May Parish Council Meeting
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
  - 3.1 BCC Site (Sherington Hill)
  - 3.2 Undergrounding (Church End)
  - 3.3 Street Light CC13 (Carters Close)
  - 3.4 Parish Partnership Fund (Play equipment & Additional Street Lighting)
  - 3.5 Dog Fouling (Bins)
  - 3.6 Parking (Crofts End/Perry Lane)
  - 3.7 Perry Lane Sports Field Car Park
  - 3.8 Maintenance Items:
    - 3.8.1 Land next to The Rectory
    - 3.8.2 Landscaping - various problems
4. MATTER FOR DISCUSSION:
  - 4.1 Summer Letting of Pavilion
5. CORRESPONDENCE (see separate sheet)
6. PLANNING:
  - 6.1 Planning Lists: 02.05.97, 09.05.97, 16.05.97, 23.05.97 received:
    - 6.1.1 97/40/MK Erection of Stable/Store  
44 Water Lane, Mr R & Law
  - 6.2 MK/993/96 Result of Appeal against Milton Keynes Borough Council's decision  
Carisbrook House, Bedford Road, Mr and Mrs M Calamassi,
  - 6.3 MK/571/96 Notification of appeal against enforcement order (date of Public Inquiry)  
The White Hart Inn, Gun Lane  
Mr A Inchbald
7. ACCOUNTS
  - 7.1 Draft R & P Accounts 1996/97 (details circulated)
  - 7.2 Accounts for Payment
8. REPORTS:
  - 8.1 Twinning Association
  - 8.2 School Governors
  - 8.3 Integrated Transport Meeting
  - 8.4 Clerk's Report
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 8th July 1997 (Second Tuesday in the month)

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington School, Tuesday 3rd June 1997

ACTION POINTS

1. PRESENT: Mr B Hollies (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr R Smith.  
Apologies received from Mr A Pilcher, who is unwell; Mrs K Hayes who will be late (8.45 pm).  
MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour is attending an MK Council Meeting.
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:
  - 2.1 Annual Parish Meeting. Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
  - 2.2 May Parish Council Meeting. Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 BCC Site (Sherington Hill). A letter has been sent to Mr Crowther at MKC with comments from PC. The start date of the mound will be a little delayed, but Mr Crowther does not envisage any problems. JUN '93/01  
Cllr Mrs Seymour contacted the Clerk with reference to the Cellnet Tower on the adjacent land. This may be extended to accommodate dishes for 'Orange' and 'Vodafone'. Alternatively these two companies are looking at the BCC site as a possible location for an additional mast. Cllr Mrs Seymour wishes to know if the site is now owned completely by MKC or if Major Chester still owns part of it. The PC is of the opinion that ownership is not in dispute and that the site passed from BCC to MKC when the latter became a Unitary Authority. The councillors noted the information passed to the PC by Cllr Mrs Seymour and suggested that, because of this, the building of the mound should proceed with all due haste. (CLERK)
  - 3.2 Undergrounding (Church End). Letter has been sent to Mr Ryan at MKC requesting a revised costing from EME. MAY '93/03  
With regard to replacement lamp posts for CH1 and CH2, these can be replaced free of charge only if the existing lamps are used. If lantern type lamps are required by the PC (as on The Knoll), then the cost would be £420 each and MKC would look to the PC for £300 each towards the lamps. ONGOING  
No decision to be taken on this matter until the revised costing of the Church End project is received. Agreed.
  - 3.3 Street Light CC13 (Carters Close). The problem of the light from this lamp shining into the conservatory at no 32 Carters Close was passed to the Lighting Maintenance Department, as was a similar problem with the lamp outside no 23 Carters Close (CC14). Both these lamps will be inspected and the problem rectified if at all possible. MAY '97 11.4  
ONGOING
  - 3.4 Parish Partnership Fund (Play Equipment & Additional Street Lighting). OCT '96 4.3  
The Clerk has spoken with Mr Prockter at MKC and forwarded a letter requesting advice on the play equipment chosen and a reply is awaited. ONGOING  
With regard to the additional lighting, this matter to be dealt with when a decision has been made about the lighting in Church End. Agreed.  
It is possible that the MKC committee will allow the agreed grant to be re-allocated. Clerk to consult Mr Paul Robinson. (CLERK)
  - 3.5 Dog Fouling (Bins). Costings have been obtained from MKC with regard to purchase of bins and regular emptying. After considerable discussion on the relative cost and usefulness of bins it was finally agreed that: (CLERK)  
One bin should be purchased through MKC at a cost of approximately £40 and this to be emptied twice weekly for one year at the cost of £100 for the year. Location of bin to be agreed next month.  
It was also agreed that the Clerk should enquire if it would be possible to obtain a grant from the Parish Partnership Fund towards the purchase of a bin. (CLERK)

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MATTERS ARISING (cont.)ACTION POINTS

- 3.6 Parking (Crofts End/Perry Lane). The MKC Road Safety Officer has inspected the area and advised that it would not be possible to police double yellow lines. His suggestion is that if large or other vehicles are parked dangerously then Thames Valley Police should be notified immediately. It was agreed Mr Holliss should take up the matter at the next Police Consult. Grp. mtg.
- 3.7 Perry Lane Sports Field Car Park. A reply to our request, for permission to install a barrier has at last been received from MKC. Permission has been refused on the grounds that the problem would be pushed into the vicinity of other properties. This was noted by the councillors and the Clerk was asked to formally advise the residents, who made the original complaint, of MKC's decision. Agreed. (CLERK)
- 3.8 Maintenance Items:
- 3.8.1 Land next to the Rectory. The start date for clearing this area has been delayed. The work should commence in approximately six weeks. As requested the hedge will be retained.
- 3.8.2 Landscaping - various problems. a) Corn Close. Mrs Porter at MKC advised nettles are not sprayed because of leakage into the bordering gardens. The area to be inspected with a view to the footpath being widened.
- b) The Hawthorn Trees in Carters Close. These are the property of the owners of nos 11, 12 & 13. The Clerk has written to the resident at no 13, who enquired about the ownership. The Chairman asked Mr Ferris if he could clarify the position about ownership of the areas outside the owners' fences. Mr Ferris gave a short resume of the history of the area. It is noted that the owners are responsible for the hedging, but probably do not have the right to remove the hedges, because of the conditions set out, when the area was developed.

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- 4.1 Summer Letting of Pavilion. Mr Jeeves (Beavers' Leader) has requested use of the pavilion, for the Beavers, on Thursday evenings, during the summer. After some discussion it was agreed that the sixteen Beavers be allowed to use the pavilion and sports field for the next few weeks. A small donation be requested from the group for this use. Mrs Fields (from the floor) agreed to pass a verbal message to Mr Jeeves. Confirmation to be sent. (CLERK)

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 5.1 MRS F PARRY - Letter re School Governor Appointment. *Clerk read the letter to the PC. Mrs Feasey to give further information in her report*
- 5.2 HOME OFFICE - 'Civil Protection'. Spring 1997. CIRCULATION
- 5.3 CORNHILL INSURANCE - Local Councils' Information Folder CIRCULATION
- 5.4 TRAVELWISE - Details of Second Travelwise Conference, Nat Bike Week etc. CIRCULATION
- 5.5 MKC - 'COIN' requesting update information. *Confirm previous details.* AGREED
- 5.6 MKC - 'Walkabout'. May/July 1997. CIRCULATION
- 5.7 THAMES VALLEY POLICE - Report of Police Consultative Group Meeting. *Report already given by Mrs Hayes at May Meeting.* NOTED
- 5.8 MKALC - Minutes of mtg held 25.03.97. Agenda for Qtly Mtg 24.06.97. *Mr Ferris & Mr Smith to attend. MKALC Secretary to be advised.* (CLERK)
- Memorandum on Dog Fouling CIRCULATION
- 'Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996'. Notes prepared by Mr Kent. CIRCULATION
- 5.9 MKC - 'Clerks Seminar' 30.06.97. *Clerk unable to attend. Will request details to be sent after the meeting.* (CLERK)
- Notice of 'Qtly Consultative & S 136 Meetings' 26.06.97. NOTED
- Agenda items requested by 11.06.97.*

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ACTION POINTS6. PLANNING.6.1 Planning Lists: 02.05.97, 09.05.97, 16.05.97, 23.05.97 received:

6.1.1 97/40/MK Erection of Stable/Store. 44 Water Lane. Mr R G Law.  
The councillors made a variety of comments on this application and after further discussion it was agreed the following should be sent to MKC:  
As far as the PC can recall, no application was made for the existing building and if this is to be regularised the application should be for that building and not for one which is of a different style and larger proportions. However, if permission is granted for the present application, the PC requests restrictions should be made to preclude any form of kennelling and any form of livery. With regard to drainage, this should be considered properly under Building Regulations.

(CLERK)

Copy of the letter to MKC to be put on circulation to all councillors.

(CLERK)

6.2 MK/993/96 Result of Appeal against MKBC's decision.

Carisbrook House, Bedford Road. Mr and Mrs Calamassi.

The DOE Inspector has refused the appeal made by the owners for two large detached houses to be built on the site.

CIRCULATION

3 MK/571/96 Notification of appeal against enforcement order (date of Public Inquiry). The White Hart Inn, Gun Lane. Mr A Inchbald.

The date of the appeal is set for 8th &amp; 9th July 1997 at the Civic Offices. Mr Ferris reported he had been in touch with the Mr Williams, MKC Solicitor, asking how the PC should respond, ie make representation at the Public Inquiry etc. Mr Williams advised Mr Ferris that a letter may be sent by the appellant withdrawing from the appeal. We have to await notice of this letter being received.

If the appellant does not withdraw from the appeal the PC to continue its support for The White Hart Inn and a letter to be sent to the Inspectorate.

(CLERK)

Mr Ferris also to represent the PC if the Public Inquiry takes place.

(DF)

The councillors unanimously agreed to both of the above mentioned actions.

7. ACCOUNTS.7.1 Draft R & P Accounts 1996/97 (details circulated). The Clerk asked for one small correction to be made on these accounts. There were no queries. Accounts to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

(CLERK)

7.2 Accounts for Payment.Additional invoice for May:

	£	chq no
CORNHILL INSURANCE - PC premium 1997/98	638.01	100711*

Accounts for June:

JOHN F RISBY - Repair of Pavilion Window	32.84	100712
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P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary for May £128.00		
R.F.O (2 hours)                   £12.80	140.80	100713

P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses for May	37.82	100714
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MAN WITH A MOWER - Grass cutting etc April & May		
Cuts: Knollx4, Play Areax3, Spts Fdx2, Churchx3	267.98	100715

TOTAL FOR June	479.44	
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Invoice sent to J W Cook &amp; Son for Stonepits Close rent &amp; Wayleave

Cheque received: £121.00.

\* Does not include Cricket Club equipment - notification of premium cost awaited.

Treasurers Account                                   Middle May 1997                   £1226.89

Enterprise Account                                   Middle May 1997                   £12221.00

Accounts accepted: proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr Smith. All agreed

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ACTION POINTS8. REPORTS:

8.1 Twinning Association. Mrs Hayes reported on an enjoyable and successful visit of the association to Sameon for the Official Twinning Ceremony. Fifty people from Sherington were welcomed in Sameon's Village Hall and presented with programmes and tee-shirts printed with a specially designed Twinning Logo. As Vice-chairman of the PC, Mrs Hayes signed the Charter and presented the Mayor of Sameon with a composite water colour painting of Sherington by Mr Charles Stephens. Mrs Hayes gave a discription of the various events which took place during the weekend, ie Anthems by the Music School Band, Acting Songs by the School Children, an Evening Folk Dance, a visit by some of the Sherington party to the Sameon Polling Station (to witness residents voting in the French General Election), the Unveiling of the Twinning Road Signs and the Ceremony in the Cemetary at the Graves of the First World War British Soldiers. Our local MEP, Mrs Eryl McNally was also in attendance during the weekend. Mrs Hayes was thanked for her report.

8.2 School Governors. Mrs Feasey reported on behalf of the Governors. A new attractive logo has been designed for the school by Mrs Caroline Lesley. A new member of staff, Mr Colin Storey, has been appointed as a full-time class teacher (to commence in September). Mrs Anthony will continue as a part-time teacher of PE and Science. A great event for the school was the arrival of a 'Viking' who gave an illustrated history talk to the children. A reading workshop was held for parents one evening in which a sketch was presented on 'Learning to Read'. The parents were also advised on how to help with children's reading.

With reference to the appointment of a Governor to represent the PC, Mrs Feasey explained she had been advised that her appointment was for four years, so her term of office continues until 1999. *The Chairman said the PC is delighted Mrs Feasey is able to continue as its representative on the School's Governing Body.*

Mrs Feasey was thanked for her report.

8.3 Integrated Transport Meeting. Mr Ferris reported that he had attended this meeting with Mrs Hayes and Mr Cook. Mr Mike Edwards (MKC Planning Officer) presented the meeting which was based on the Buchanan Report. MKC wishes to find a way forward with regard to an Integrated Transport Strategy. A questionnaire was presented with laudable objectives, but as this mainly relates to the MK desinated area it cannot be answered constructively. *The questionnaire be returned unanswered with a covering letter from the Clerk. Unanimously agreed.* (CLERK)

8.4 Clerk's Report.

8.4.1 Bucks SLCC Qtly Meeting. The Clerk attended this meeting on 10th May. Invited Speakers talked on the work of Bucks CVS and Health & Safety. Mr Ashly Gilroy of Zurich Insurance stated that each clerk should be presented with a Policy Statement and every PC is responsible for its clerk's safe working environment.

8.4.2 MK FORUM. Paper no 32 and Bulletin just received. The Bulletin has a new format. It includes a report of the discussion on 'A Sustainable Integrated Transport Strategy'. CIRCULATION

8.4.3 Amenities Committee. This meeting is planned for 10th June, but as Mr Pilcher, (Convenor of the Meeting) is not available on that day, it was suggested the meeting be postponed. The only urgent item on the Amenities Committee agenda is the matter of dangerous tree stumps.

Mr Cook to deal with this problem. (MC)

Members to be notified of another date for the meeting, in due course. (CLERK)

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ACTION POINTS9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

- 9.1 Cross Albans Turn. Mr Stevens reported a near accident on the road from JUN '97/01 Olney to Sherington. Mr Stevens said he thinks there should be a continuous white line (not a broken one) at the turn and some indication to motorists that there should be no overtaking. He suggested signs should be installed on either side of the road. A letter to be sent to Road Safety Officer. (CLERK)
- 9.2 Grass Cutting. Mrs Feasey said the contractors who cut the school grass have a docket system. This system may help the MKC contractors when they maintain the verges in the village.
- 9.3 Dog Fouling Bins. Mr Pepper said he did not consider it wise for the PC to spend money on the purchase of dog litter bins. Owners of dogs should be more responsible, ie pick up and take the dog's litter home. Notices should be put up in the village to this effect. The Chairman said it may be possible to prosecute under the Litter Act. Unfortunately, the messages on the posters, designed by the children, have not had the desired affect and some posters have been removed (by unknown residents) from display.
- 9.4 Trees. Mr Whatton said he has spoken with Mr Byrne about the unsafe JUN '97/02 oak in Water Lane. This tree needs to be felled and he will speak further with Mr Byrne. MKC will have to be notified. The tree in the Play Area will be dealt with. A tree in Village Close has been blown over. This has been staked up, but needs to be replaced. A further tree in School Lane has died and needs to be replaced. Information from MKC to be obtained and this item to be put on next month's agenda. (CLERK)

10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.

- 10.1 Litter Bins. Mrs Haynes stated that these are not emptied regularly. Enquiries to be made of MKC. (CLERK)
- 10.2 Tree Stumps. Mr Cook wants advice on where these are to be located. Mrs Fields has knowledge of where the stumps are to be found in the Play Area. Mr Ferris reported there are also problems on The Knoll. 'Man with a Mower' has complained that he has had to replace the mower blades several times. Mr Ferris to advise Mr Cook of the stumps on The Knoll. (MC/DF)
- 10.3 Drainage Problems in Water Lane. Mr Smith reported no problems with the sewers in Water Lane during the recent heavy rain. However, the problem of water running in the lane outside the stables continues. The Highways Dept at MKC to be advised of the need to renovate the drain. Mr Smith said he would be happy to attend a site meeting with a MKC engineer. (RS/CLERK)
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, 8th July 1997 (second Tuesday in the month) at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.41 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of overbooking at the school, we will be holding the PC meeting on 8th July in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Signed.....Katie Ho.....  
08.07.97

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th July 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

## A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Undergrounding (The Knoll & Church End)
  - 3.2 Parish Partnership Fund
  - 3.3 Dog Fouling (Bins)
  - 3.4 Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill Turn)
  - 3.5 Maintenance Items:
    - 3.5.1 Drainage Problems (Water Lane)
    - 3.5.2 Trees (Water Lane & Play Area)
    - 3.5.3 Tree Stumps (Play Area & The Knoll)
4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:
  - 4.1 Drugs Awareness Evening - suggested date
  - 4.2 Road Safety Problems in Crofts End
5. CORRESPONDENCE (see separate sheet)
6. PLANNING:
  - 6.1 Planning Lists: 30.05.97, 06.06.97, 13.06.97, 20.06.97, 27.06.97 received:
    - 6.1.1 97/513/MK Proposed Garage, Village Farm, High Street, Mr & Mrs P Treasure,
    - 6.1.2 97/536/MK Proposed Loft Conversion & Extensions to Existing Bungalow  
26 Park Road, Mr & Mrs G Shaw,
    - 6.1.3 97/663/MK Determination Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of 6PDD for Erection of  
Freestanding Monopole and Equipment Housing,  
Storage Compound off Bedford Road, Vodafone Ltd,
  - 6.2 MK/571/96 Notice that appeal against enforcement order has been withdrawn  
The White Hart Inn, Gun Lane, Mr A Inchbald,
  - 6.3 97/40/MK Notice that permission has been granted to erect Stable/Store with imposed conditions,  
44 Water Lane, Mr R G Law,
  - 6.4 97/413/MK Importation of Naturally Occurring Waste Materials to Restore Plant Site and Silt Lagoons  
Ravenstone Quarry, Ravenstone, Barton Plant Ltd,
7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
8. REPORTS:
  - 8.1 Village Hall AGM
  - 8.2 MKALC
  - 8.3 Clerk's Report
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2nd September 1997  
NOTE: No Meeting of Sherington Parish Council in August.

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington Village Hall, Tuesday 8th July 1997

ACTION POINTS

1. PRESENT: Mrs K Hayes (In the Chair), Mr M Cook (8.30 pm), Mr D Ferris, Mrs W Haynes, Mr R Smith.  
Apologies received from Mr B Holliss (Chairman) and Mr A Pilcher, who are both away from home.  
MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour was also in attendance.
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES were agreed and signed as a correct record.  
  
Declaration of Interest. Mrs Haynes declared interest in item 6.1.3. Mrs Haynes to stay in the meeting, but not take part in discussion.  
All agreed.
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Undergrounding (The Knoll & Church End). A copy letter from EME to MKC, MAY '93/03 regarding Church End, has been faxed to the Clerk. EME states the cost of moling the churchyard would be considerable. The PC has previously secured an estimate for this work (£580) and Mr Ferris reminded members that St Laud's Church Committee is aware of this. Mr Ryan at MKC is awaiting further information from EME and will pass this to the PC. With reference to The Knoll, a letter has recently been received from BT informing the PC that the work of removing the final pole is being dealt with by the department at Southend-on-Sea and the job has been further delayed, but BT plan to commence this in four months. ONGOING
  - 3.2 Parish Partnership Fund. No reply has been received to our letter to Alan Prockter regarding play equipment for Perry Lane Sports Field. The Clerk has contacted Paul Robinson at MKC about this matter, also requested information regarding re-allocation of agreed grant funds to another project, ie the purchase of a Dog Litter Bin. Mr Robinson will speak with Mr Ely with regard to the play equipment and the Clerk was advised that no re-allocation of funds would be agreed. All estimates for the present grant should be sent to MKC by the autumn. Mr Ferris proposed a letter be sent to Mr Ely stating that estimates for equipment is delayed because of lack of information available from Mr Prockter. Agreed. (CLERK)  
Another application may be made for a further grant for 1997/98 financial year. As applications need to be returned by **12th August** the Clerk to circulate councillors with a request for suggestions of projects. (CLERK)  
Mrs Haynes said some residents have requested a seat on The Knoll, to replace the one which had been removed when the new bus shelter was built.
  - 3.3 Dog Fouling (Bins). Following the note in SCAN, Mr Holliss has received a telephone call suggesting the bin should be placed in the lay-by outside the school (not too near the school or the post box). The members discussed this item at some length and several areas were suggested, but no definite proposal was made. The Clerk confirmed there is sufficient money available to purchase and service one bin. It was agreed that the service be provided for one year in the first instance. As there was no agreement on a site for the bin, the item to be put on the agenda for September. (CLERK)
  - 3.4 Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill Turn). The Clerk has written to the Road Safety Officer giving details of the near accident, reported by Mr Stevens last month. No reply has been received. The Clerk has telephoned the department and left a message on the answer-phone requesting an officer to contact her about this matter. Clerk was asked to telephone again next week if no reply is received. (CLERK)

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MATTERS ARISING (cont.)ACTION POINTS3.5 Maintenance Items:

3.5.1 Drainage Problems (Water Lane). Mr Smith had a site meeting JUN '97 10.3  
Mr Buckle from MKC. The owner of the stables is responsible for the  
problem and MKC has written to Mr Byrne. MKC will clean and drain the  
pipe. A gully to be installed on the opposite side of the lane. It has  
been noted that there is not only surface water in the lane, but foul water  
from the stables too. The Clerk to acknowledge Mr Buckle's letter and  
request the matter be resolved with Mr Byrne before the onset of winter.  
Agreed. (CLERK)

3.5.1 Trees (Water Lane & Play Area). Mr Whatton reported (from the  
floor) that he has been in touch with Mr Byrne about the removal of the  
dead oak tree and has advised him of names of Tree Felling companies.  
A new tree in the Play Area will be planted in September when the Play-  
group children return. It has been suggested that a silver birch will be  
the most appropriate. Agreed.

The MKC Landscaping Department to be asked to remove the fallen mountain ash  
in Village Close and replace it with another tree. A whitethorn tree in  
School Lane has also died and needs removing and replacing. Clerk to  
contact MKC. (CLERK)

The may tree planted at the corner of Park Road has also died. This will  
be replaced by residents. Another may tree will also be planted on that  
corner.

Mr Whatton will look at all the trees in the village and give a report in  
the autumn about the health of those planted last year.

3.5.2 Tree Stumps (Play Area & The Knoll). Mr Ferris reported that Mr Cook  
is undecided on what to do about the stumps on The Knoll. *Later in the  
meeting* Mr Cook stated the small stumps in the Play Area could be covered  
with soil. These matters to be discussed again in September. (MC/CLERK)  
Mr Ferris has removed one from the Play Area which had caused damage to  
the blades on the mower.

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Drugs Awareness Evening - suggested date. The Clerk has been in touch JAN '97 5.3  
with PC Colin Davies and the date suggested for a Public Meeting in the ONGOING  
Village Hall is: **Tuesday, 18th November at 8.00 pm.** Chicheley Parish  
Meeting, Astwood & Hardmead PC and Stoke Goldington PC are all interested  
in being invited. It was agreed to confirm this date and send invitations  
to those interested in attending. Item for September agenda. (CLERK)

4.2 Road Safety Problems in Crofts End. This matter was discussed at length  
and it was agreed that there was no point in taking it further because  
schemes previous suggested to the Road Safety Committee had always been  
fraught with technical problems. Traffic calming measures are very costly  
and they have not been completely successful in other areas. Mr Keene was  
invited to speak (from the floor) on his request, which he said he had put  
forward as a result of the PC note in SCAN asking for suggestions regarding  
the parking in Crofts End/Perry Lane.

Members agreed not to take any further action on this matter. NO ACTION

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

5.1 SHERINGTON SCHOOL - Letter re PC Meetings CIRCULATED  
5.2 J TOMS LTD (TREE CARE SPECIALISTS) Brochure. *Pass to Mr Whatton.* CIRCULATED  
5.3 BALC - 'Newsletter'. June 1997 CIRCULATED  
5.4 NALC - 'Year Book & Suppliers Guide 1997/98' CIRCULATED

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## ACTION POINTS

## CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- 5.5 MK COMMUNITY TRUST - 'A Profile of Milton Keynes'. Letter & brochures. CIRCULATED
- 5.6 BUCKS CVS - 'Newsletter'. June 1997 CIRCULATED  
Letter re Catherine Hinton (answered by Clerk) CIRCULATED  
Community Care Bulletin No 2 CIRCULATED
- 5.7 MKC - Letter & documents re Seminar 20/02/97 CIRCULATED  
Bulk Skip: Perry Lane 29th-31st July. Leys View 16th-18th Sept CIRCULATED  
Parish Partnership Fund 97/98 CIRCULATED  
Clerks' Seminar 30/06/97 (Clerk unable to attend) CIRCULATED
- 5.8 BUCKS HEALTH AUTHORITY 'Coping with Minor Illnesses'. Brochure & Poster CIRCULATED
- 5.9 MKC - Agenda for Parish Consultative Mtg & S136 Mtg 26/06/97 CIRCULATED  
Minutes of Mtgs 12/12/96
- 5.10 MKC - 'Facilities & Services in the Rural Part of the Borough'  
Letter & Questionnaire CIRCULATED
- 5.11 THE VILLAGE LOCK-UP ASSN. - Register of Lock-ups. *None in Sherington* (CLERK)
- 5.12 LOCAL GVT DRUG FORUM - 'Drug Solutions'. Factsheet for PC's. CIRCULATION
- 5.13 MKC - Brochures on Arts & Leisure Activities. PASS TO VH
- 5.14 MKC - Letter re Integrated Transport Strategy CIRCULATION
- 5.15 CPRE - 'Five Counties' - 'A Forum for the Future' Conference 20.09.97 NOTED
- 5.16 MKC - Questionnaire re MK Local Plan. *Photo-copy for each member.* (CLERK)
- 5.17 MKC - Letter re Conservation Area Character Statement CIRCULATION

6. PLANNING.

- 6.1 Planning Lists: 30.05.97, 06.06.97, 13.06.97, 20.06.97, 27.06.97 received:
- 6.1.1 97/513/MK Proposed Garage. Village Farm. Mr and Mrs P Treasure. NO COMMENT
- 6.1.2 97/536/MK Proposed Loft Conversion & Extension to Existing  
Bungalow. 26 Park Road. Mr & Mrs G Shaw NO COMMENT
- 6.1.3 97/663/MK Determination Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of GPDO for  
Erection of Freestanding Monopole and Equipment Housing.  
Storage Compound off Bedford Road. Vodafone Ltd.  
*Mrs Haynes withdrew from any discussion on this matter.*

After discussion on this application it was agreed that comments sent to the Planning Department should include:

*If it is necessary to have a further telecommunications structure the PC suggests that the site, as detailed on the Vodafone plan, is suitable, but the structure to be painted and sufficient trees be planted to give an adequate screen.*

Further comments to be included in the letter:

*As there may be a need in future for an additional monopole (for another company) the PC would wish MKC to give prudent consideration, in this application, to the opportunity to accommodate a similar pole on the same site so as to avoid any requirement, from such a company, to extend the existing tower with further antennae.* (CLERK)

- 6.2 MK/571/96 Notice that appeal against enforcement order has been withdrawn  
The White Hart Inn, Gun Lane. Mr A Inchbald.  
Mrs Hayes read the letter from MKC giving details that the Enforcement Order came into effect on 2nd June 1997, with a compliance period of 12 months. NOTED
- 6.3 97/40/MK Notice that permission has been granted to erect Stable/Store with imposed conditions. 44 Water Lane. Mr R G Law.  
Mrs Hayes read the letter from the Planning Department. It was agreed that we should write to the Mr Joel seeking clarification of the following: .....  
*it (Stable/Store) should not be used for the kennelling of dogs or for the purpose of livery stables to a degree that is beyond its permitted use.* (CLERK)

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ACTION POINTSPLANNING (cont.)

- 6.4 97/413/MK Importation of Naturally Occuring Waste Materials to Restore Plant Site and Silt Lagoons. Ravenstone Quarry. Barton Plant Ltd. The councillors had been circulated about this matter between PC mtgs and had agreed a letter be sent to MKC on 24th June. An acknowledgment has been received.

Mrs Hayes asked Cllr Mrs Seymour to comment (from the floor). To date 10 objections have been received. Mrs Hayes read another letter from the Planning Department giving further details about the application. After some discussion between members and Cllr Mrs Seymour, it was agreed a letter be sent to the Planning Department confirming the PC's comments already submitted.

(CLERK)

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTAdditional Invoice for June:

	£	chq no
CORNHILL INSURANCE - Premium for Cricket Club equipment.	40.99	100716
<u>Accounts for July:</u>		
EME - Metered electricity. Pavilion a/c qtr end 30.06.97	26.37	100717
SINFIELD LANDSCAPES - Sports Field Grass Cutting x 4	188.00	100718
MAN WITH A MOWER - Grass Cutting etc for June		
Cuts: Knoll x 2, Play Area x 2, Spts Fld x 2, Church x 2	209.00	100719
SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL - Annual Rent 97/98 Office & Store	27.00	100720
SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL - Hire of Hall 08/07/97	10.00	100721
P TEASDALE Clerk's Salary for June £128.00		
R.F.O. (1 hour)	£6.40	100722
P TEASDALE Clerk's Expenses for June	28.00	100723
TOTAL for July	622.77	
Treasurers Account	Middle June 1997	916.07
Enterprise Account	Middle June 1997	11412.68
Moneymaster Account (Cricket Club) June 1997		511.47

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mrs Hayes, all agreed.

8. REPORTS:

- 8.1 Village Hall AGM. Mrs Haynes reported that a number of Trustees attended the meeting. The Committee is mainly as in the previous year with Mr Arnold continuing as Chairman. Several maintenance items were discussed, ie extra gravel for car park; flat roof (which may need attention); second/hand curtains to be purchased. Negotiations are taking place with the Playgroup to increase from four to five mornings per week. Organisations using the VH are requiring storage space for equipment etc. This is causing some concern.

With regard to the PC office, Mrs Haynes said the PC should expect a letter about this matter in the near future as the committee is not happy about the PC having the larger share of the office area.

- 8.2 MKALC. Mr Ferris and Mr Smith attended the last quarterly meeting. Mr Ferris reported on several items. The Local Gvt & Rating Act states PC's may make grants towards local buses and taxis. Concern was expressed about how the Parish Partnership Fund is being organised. Mr Ferris said the meeting was told by Mr Mann that MKC has sent forms to PCs asking how the Fund should be managed. Emberton was the only PC to return the form. **(No such form was received by Sherington PC.)** There is likely to be a Dog Fouling by-law for the whole of MK. We have to await decisions from the appropriate MK committees.

Apologies were given for the next meeting (02.09.97); it is the date of SPC mtg.

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ACTION POINTS

- 8.3 Clerk's Report.
- 8.3.1 Land Next to Rectory. Cllr Mrs Seymour had faxed a letter regarding this. This has been delayed because a better surface is being planned.
- 8.3.2 Sherington Hill (BCC Site). As the Clerk had no information, Cllr Mrs Seymour reported that due to lack of manpower there has been no further progress.
- 8.3.3 Beavers and Cubs. Letter has been sent confirming use of pavilion. The PC needs to consider use by the Cubs as from September. Item for agenda.
- 8.3.4 Clerks' Seminar. Letter of apology for absence sent and a request that plans should be sent directly to PCs who wish to comment on planning applications in their area.
- 8.3.5 Landscaping. Request has been made for nettles in Corn Close to be strimmed. MKC says contractors will be informed.
- 8.3.6 Parish Liaison Committee. Minutes of meeting. CIRCULATION
- 8.3.7 Cheltenham & Gloucester College. Details of courses. CIRCULATION
- 8.3.8 MKC. Letter informing PCs that Drinking Water Report is available from Anglian Water. Request will be sent for a copy. (CLERK)
- 8.3.9 MKC. 'Bothered by Noise'. Letter acknowledging questionnaire. CIRCULATION
- 8.3.10 SHERINGTON SCHOOL. Invitation to Sports Evening 18.07.97. NOTED
- 8.3.11 FOOTBALL CLUB. Nets are to be replaced. Request for funding. JUL '97/01  
Mr Ferris recalled that the PC had agreed in a previous year to help with the funding. There is some misunderstanding on whether or not the Football Club is up to date with payments to PC. This to be resolved and the item re funding for the nets be put on the September Agenda. Agreed. (CLERK)
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.
- 9.1 Surface Dressing. Mr Moxham asked why this had not been completed in Crofts End. It is understood the contractors ran out of materials. The work will be completed shortly.
- 9.2 Vodafone Monopole. Mr Whatton asked for confirmation of where this is planned to be erected. It is on the land owned by C H Haynes & Son.
- 9.3 Sherington Turn. Mr Whatton voiced concern about the Vehicle Repair Shop. Mr Ferris advised that the PC made recommendations to MKC that vehicles should be stored out of sight. It is understood that the applicant has not yet signed the specific section in the an agreement regarding certain conditions.
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.
- 10.1 Land Next to Rectory. Mr Haynes reported that the footpath has been lost during the road surfacing. This needs to be re-instated as it is close to the school and frequently used by children. MKC to be informed. (CLERK)
- 10.2 Water Lane Sewer. Mr Ferris said there is a problem with the outflow. The ditch was one third silted a year ago when it was inspected by Mark Driver of AW. Mr Driver had asked for it to be monitored. It was agreed this should be inspected again. Mr Cook said he will make an inspection and report back to the Clerk. (MC/CLERK)
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, 2nd September 1997 at 7.30 pm in Sherington School.  
NOTE: There will be no PC Meeting in August.
- The meeting closed at 9.47 pm.

Signed.....



02.09.97



# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## School.

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington Village Hall on Tuesday, 2nd September 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

### A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Undergrounding (The Knoll & Church End)
  - 3.2 Parish Partnership Fund; a) 1996/97; b) 1997/98
  - 3.3 Dog Fouling (Bins)
  - 3.4 Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill Turn)
  - 3.5 Drugs Awareness Meeting; VILLAGE HALL 8.00 pm - TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER 1997
  - 3.6 ECC Site (Sherington Hill)
  - 3.7 Maintenance Items:
    - 3.7.1 Drainage Problems (Water Lane)
    - 3.7.2 Trees (Water Lane & Play Area)
4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:
  - 4.1 Village Hall Office
  - 4.2 Water Lane Sewer
  - 4.3 Millenium Meeting; SHERINGTON SCHOOL 7.30 pm - TUESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 1997
  - 4.4 Sale of Cricket Club Equipment
  - 4.5 Village Road Signs
  - 4.6 Pc Printer
5. CORRESPONDENCE (see separate sheet)
6. PLANNING:
  - 6.1 Planning Lists: 04.07.97, 11.07.97, 18.07.97, 25.07.97, 01.08.97, 08.08.97, 16.08.97, 23.08.97 received:
    - 6.1.1 97/670/MK Review of Conditions of Mineral Planning Permission NR/19/1940, Land At Wood Farm, Sherington Road, NEWPORT PAGNELL, 6FX Hartigan Ltd,
    - 6.1.2 97/671/MK Review of Conditions of Mineral Planning Permission NR/45/67, Woodlands Farm, Wood Lane, WESTON UNDERWOOD, M Goss Esq,
    - 6.1.3 97/709/MK Erection of Three Detached Dwellings (Outline), 18 School Lane, Mrs J K Wright,
    - 6.1.4 97/891/MK Rear Conservatory, 2 Water Lane, Mr & Mrs G Fenton
    - 6.1.5 97/892/MK Rear Conservatory, 11 Water Lane, Mr & Mrs Dearman
    - 6.1.6 97/876/MK Part Side, Part Front First Floor Extension, 14 Carters Close, Mr & Mrs I Fields,
  - 6.2 97/663/MK Determination Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of 8P00 for Erection of Freestanding Monopole and Equipment Housing, Storage Compound off Bedford Road, Vodafone Ltd,
  - 6.3 97/413/MK Importation of Naturally Occuring Waste Materials to Restore Plant Site and Silt Lagoons Ravenstone Quarry, Ravenstone, Barton Plant Ltd,
7. ACCOUNTS:
  - 7.1 Final Accounts 1996/97
  - 7.2 Accounts for Payment
8. CLERK'S REPORT
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7th October 1997

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, 2nd September 1997

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## ACTION POINTS

1. **PRESENT** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith  
Apologies were received from MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour

The Chairman said he wished to report, for historical records, that the Union Flag was hoisted at half mast on Sunday, 31st August as a sign of respect for Diana, Princess of Wales. The flag would continue to fly at half mast until after the burial of the Princess on 6th September. All the Parish Councillors and the Clerk were present when the flag was hoisted and a short period of silence was observed.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 **Undergrounding (The Knoll & Church End).**

a) **Church End.** A further quotation for £6770 and plan have just been faxed through from EME. There had not been time to circulate the details to all councillors, but Mr Ferris explained the plan to the members. The quotation includes £1000 for moling through the churchyard. All residents must give consent for the work to be carried out. After considerable discussion it was agreed that:

Copies of the EME letter to be sent to all councillors.

Details of funds available and full picture of the situation (including lighting to be circulated).

An updated quotation to be obtained from private company.

Residents of Church End and Sherington Place to be contacted regarding permission.

Residents also to be asked if they would prefer lantern type lamps to replace present type.

A Public Meeting, to discuss this one item, to be held on Tuesday, 16th September in the School.

b) **The Knoll.** BT has promised to remove the final pole and underground services in November

3.2 **Parish Partnership Fund.**

a) **1996/97**

The estimates/invoices need to be sent to MKC as soon as possible. We are still awaiting details about street lighting.

A letter has been received from MKC approving the 'Playdale' equipment, so an estimate was requested from the company. This has now been received. The estimate for equipment and small bench: £1935 was agreed as being acceptable. MKC's grant towards this will be £760.

A site meeting has been requested by 'Playdale'. Mrs Haynes and Mr Smith agreed to attend this. Clerk to contact Mr John Sandeman of 'Playdale'.

MKC to be sent all information to hand with regard to last year's fund. These are estimate for play equipment, invoice for excavator used in Perry Lane Car Park. (The Bus Timetable Board had been previously withdrawn by the PC.) Lighting estimate to be sent when received from appropriate department.

b) **1997/98**

Councillors had been asked to submit suggestions. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had decided which should be presented to MKC. These are: Bollards around the Village Hall Car Park, Post & Chain Fence for The Knoll, Pictorial Map for Village, Two benches, a Commemorative Tree. Comments made by MKC officers will be sent to Parish Liaison Cttee.

- 3.3 **Dog Fouling (Bin).** Mr Ferris suggested the bin be placed between the post box (outside the school) and the end of the layby (opposite Corn Close). Order to be sent to MKC for one bin and services to empty it, twice a week for one year. Agreed.

3.4 **Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill Turn).**

Letter received from MKC circulated to all councillors and Mr Peter Stevens. Mr Holliss and Mr Smith commented that this matter should be pursued. It was agreed a site meeting be requested (5 pm on a weekday evening would be a suitable time). NP Police be contacted to ask for a speed check (possibly before a site meeting).

- 3.5 **Drugs Awareness Meeting.** This has been arranged for 18th November in the Village Hall. Astwood and Hardmead, Chicheley and Stoke Goldington Parishes to be advised. All young people's organisations/groups to be contacted. The councillors do not have any special requirements to put to the police for this meeting. Mrs Hayes will arrange for posters to be printed. A notice has already been put in SCAN.

MAY '93/03  
ONGOING

OCT '96 4.3  
ONGOING

(WH/RS)  
(CLERK)

(CLERK)  
JUL '97 3.2

MAY '97/10.5  
ONGOING  
(CLERK)  
JUN '97/01

(CLERK)  
JAN '97/5.3  
ONGOING

(KH)  
(CLERK)

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- 3.6 BCC Site (Sherington Hill). Cllr Mrs Seymour has written to Mr John Best, Strategic Director at MKC, re this matter. A letter to the PC has been received from Mr Steve Crowther giving reasons for delay. Councillors expressed concern that planning permission has not yet been sought for the site. The PC needs to know why this has not been carried out yet. Concern was also expressed about the dumped planings at the site. Letter to be sent to Mr Crowther. (CLERK) JUN '93/01 ONGOING
- 3.7 Maintenance Items:
- 3.7.1 Drainage Problems (Water Lane). Mr Buckle of the MKC Highways Department has advised the Clerk that necessary works have been carried out and two gulleys installed. (one outside the stables). Mr Buckle recommends Mr Stephen Byrne fits a pipe into the gully so that the water may be channelled that way. The Clerk has written to Mr Byrne accordingly and Mr Edward Pepper has offered to give professional advice to Mr Byrne if required. Mr Byrne Snr (speaking on behalf of his son, from the floor) said he is of the opinion that Local Authorities charge excessively if water is piped into their systems. Mr Smith explained that the pipe may be fitted into the culvert. After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk should speak with Mr Buckle about this matter, then send another letter to Mr Stephen Byrne with a copy to Mr Buckle at MKC. (CLERK) JUN '97/10.3 ONGOING
- 3.7.2 Trees (Water Lane & Play Area). Mr Whatton is still very concerned about the diseased tree in Water Lane. A tree will be purchased within the next month for planting in the play area. The amount of £20 for the tree has already been agreed and Sherington Playgroup will tend it.
- Matters regarding other trees: the Clerk has been in telephone contact with Mr McPhearson of the Landscaping Department about removal and replacing dead trees in Village Close and School Lane. As no action has yet been taken, the Clerk will follow this up with a letter. (CLERK)
4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:
- 4.1 Village Hall Office. A letter has been received from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding storage at the hall and requesting the PC to allow seasonal equipment to be stored in the office by the Playgroup and Mothers & Toddlers. Four councillors had met for a site meeting in the office and Mr Smith gave a report on their findings. It is agreed that the floor area would not be sufficient for such storage and space available at present is only just large enough for PC use. Mr Pilcher said the Playgroup used to store large seasonal items, eg sandpit, in the old pavilion. The PC agreed that it is happy to store such equipment in the old pavilion. After a short discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to the Secretary putting forward the PC's reasons for, unfortunately, not being able to accede to the Committee's request. (CLERK) MAR '97/01 ACTIONED
- 4.2 Water Lane Sewer. It has been reported that there has been two discharges from inspection chambers during the last ten days. Mr Ferris stated that Anglian Water Services said it is expected there would be approx. 12 blockages per year. Mr Cook suggested that the ditch from The Leys should be cleared before we contact Anglian Water again. This was agreed. Mr Cook and Mr Smith to inspect the area. (MC/RS) SEPT '97/01
- 4.3 Millenium Meeting. This will be held in Sherington School on Tuesday, 9th September at 7.30pm. The Clerk has put a note in SCAN with invitations to all residents in the village. Also nineteen letters have been sent to the various organisations/groups asking them to send representatives to the meeting. Mr Holliss has agreed to Chair the meeting. (BH) APR '97/02 ONGOING
- 4.4 Sale of Cricket Club Equipment. As the PC has already insured this equipment for a year, it was agreed the matter should be put back until the February 1998 meeting. (CLERK) SEPT '97/02
- 4.5 Village Road Signs. Mrs Hayes reported from the Twinning Committee. Now that we have officially twinned with Sameon, it has been suggested that new road signs be purchased. The present Sherington signs are in poor condition. The Clerk has obtained costings from MKC. New Sherington signs will cost £120 each. Signs which incorporate the road safety phrase: "Please drive carefully through the village" and the information: "Twinned with Sameon, France" will cost £200 each. MKC is willing to contribute £120 per sign if the PC pay the remaining £80 per sign. Mr Lewis (Chairman of the Twinning Assn, from the floor) stated the Association would be willing to make a contribution towards the costs. Discussion took place on the acceptability or not of signs which incorporated information about twinning with Sameon. The title of the item on the agenda was thought not to be clear enough for members of the general public to have the opportunity to give their opinions before or during the meeting. The Chairman stated he would not take a vote this meeting, but a full explanatory item would be put on the agenda for October and a vote taken then. This was agreed. (CLERK) SEPT '97/03
- 4.6 Pc Printer. The Clerk stated that her word processor is in very poor condition, so she urgently needs a printer for the personal computer the PC has provided. It was agreed a s/h printer would be provided quickly, but if this is not compatible with the pc then the item will be put on next month's agenda and a new printer be purchased. Agreed. (KH/AP) SEPT '97/04

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** 777
- 5.1 MKC - Minutes of Parish Liaison Cttee held 26.06.97 CIRCULATED
- 5.2 MKC - Notice of Rural Affairs Forum Mtg 25.09.97 CIRCULATED
- 5.3 MKC - Letter and details re Car Parking in City Centre CIRCULATED
- 5.4 BUCKS CVS 'Taking Action in Your Community'. Dates of Seminars CIRCULATED
- 5.5 MKALC - Agenda for AGM & Quarterly Mtgs 02.09.97. *Apologies sent to Secretary* CIRCULATED
- 5.6 THAMES VALLEY POLICE - Report of Consultative Group  
Details of Countrywatch Scheme & Date of Next Mtg. CIRCULATED
- 5.7 NALC - 'Local Council Review' July 1997 CIRCULATED
- 5.8 MKC - Bucks Rural Strategy CIRCULATED
- 5.9 BUCKS CVS - Invitation to Seminars re Rural Strategy. *Sherington 11.09.97* CIRCULATED
- 5.10 MKC - Replacement notices re 'Car Parking in CMK' CIRCULATED
- 5.11 MKC - 'Sustainable Development Grants'. Details & application form. CIRCULATION
- 5.12 DOE - 'The Hedgerows Regulations - Your Questions Answered' CIRCULATION
- 5.13 GROOMS - Bulbs catalogue PASS TO AW
- 5.14 BALC - 'Newsletter' August 1997 incl leaflets:  
Clerks' Salaries & Annual Leave Entitlement CIRCULATION
- 5.15 NALC - Annual Report & Accounts 1996/97 CIRCULATION  
Invitation to Conference 'Understanding Agencies & Partnership Local Initiatives. CIRCULATION
- 5.16 ZURICH MUNICIPAL - Leaflet re Local Council Advisory Service FILE
- 5.17 MKC - Bulk Skip Container Service - Perry Lane 21st - 23rd October  
Leys View 16th - 18th December *Note for SCAN* NOTED

6. **PLANNING**

- 6.1 Planning Lists: 04.07.97, 11.07.97, 18.07.97, 25.07.97, 01.08.97, 08.08.97, 15.08.97, 22.08.97
- 6.1.1 97/670/MK Review of Conditions of Mineral Planning Permission NR/19/1948  
Land at Woad Farm, Sherington Road, Newport Pagnell. GFX Hartigan Ltd.  
Details of this application were circulated to all councillors and a letter was sent  
to MKC. No reply has yet been received. Clerk will check if it has gone to Committee. (CLERK)
- 6.1.2 97/671/MK Review of Conditions of Mineral Planning Permission NR/45/67  
Woodlands Farm, Wood Lane, Weston Underwood. M Goss Esq. NO COMMENTS
- 6.1.3 97/709/MK Erection of Three Detached Dwellings (Outline).  
18 School Lane. Mrs J M Wright.  
Letter sent to MKC commenting that two bungalows are preferable rather than  
three chalet bungalows. A further letter was sent by the Chairman (whilst the Clerk  
was on holiday) stating that as there are still problems with Water Lane sewer then  
further developments should not take place. We await replies from MKC.
- 6.1.4 97/831/MK Rear Conservatory. 2 Water Lane. Mr & Mrs Fenton NO COMMENTS
- 6.1.5 97/832/MK Rear Conservatory. 11 Water Lane. Mr & Mrs Bearman NO COMMENTS
- 6.1.6 97/876/MK Part Side Part Front First Floor Extensn. 14 Carters Cl. Mr & Mrs Fields NO COMMENTS
- 6.2 97/663/MK Determination Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of GPDO for Erection of Freestanding  
Monopole and Equipment Housing. Storage Compound off Bedford Road. Vodafone.  
Letter (copy circulated to councillors) sent to MKC. We await a reply.  
Mr Smith had queried the size and positioning of the antennae. The antennae will add  
2 mtrs to the pole, but will be arranged in a point.
- 6.3 97/413/MK Importation of Naturally Occuring Waste Materials to Restore Plant Site and Silt  
Lagoons. Ravenstone Quarry, Ravenstone. Barton Plant Ltd.  
A letter has been received from MKC stating that 200 lorry movements will be used  
for this work not 400 as requested in the application. Sherington Bridge does not  
have to be strengthened for these movements. NOTED

7. **ACCOUNTS**

- 7.1 Final Accounts 1996/97  
These were presented by the Clerk. They were agreed, signed and dated by the Chairman.
- 7.2 Accounts for Payment
- |   | £            | chq no |
|---|--------------|--------|
| C J SERVICES - Photo-copying                              | 1.10         | 100724 |
| SINFIELD LANDSCAPES - Grass cutting (s ports field)       | 141.00       | 100725 |
| P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary July & August & RFO (8 hours) | 307.20       | 100726 |
| P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses July & August               | 50.60        | 100727 |
| SCAN PCC - Five months photo-copying & typing paper       | <u>26.12</u> | 100728 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER                              | 526.02       |        |

Enterprise Account as at 19.08.97 £11484.28. Treasurers Account as at 19.08.97 £253.20.

Bank Reconciliation: After special reserves have been taken into consideration the amount of money  
available to spend following today's payments is: £3810.65. Up-to-date figures to be circulated

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(CLERK)

Accounts (cont.)

An internal audit of this year's accounts will take place before the October PC meeting.  
Accounts accepted: proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr Smith, all agreed.

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(BH/CLERK)

**8 CLERK'S REPORT**

- 8.1 Land Next to Rectory. A very useful car park has been made in this area. A letter of thanks to be sent to John Bate of the Housing Department. All councillors agreed. (CLERK)
- 8.2 Church Graveyard. A letter has just been received from the Rector regarding the problem of insufficient grave spaces for the future. An acknowledgment has been sent. Letter to be put on circulation and item for next month's agenda. CIRCULATION  
SEPT97/05
- 8.3 Traffic Calming in Water Lane. Copy of letter MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour sent to Mrs Elliott of Water Lane who wishes for traffic calming. Letter to be put on circulation. CIRCULATION
- 8.4 MKC - Letter and report from Clerks' Seminar held in July.
- 8.5 MKC - Letter from Paul Robinson regarding the Chief Executive's visit to the Clerk in April. An update is given on all the points raised. One of these is BCC site and the Clerk will respond. (CLERK)  
NOTED
- 8.6 CAB. Notice of CAB Annual General Meeting on 10th September 1997.
- 8.7 TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER. This notice in 'The Citizen' refers to Sherington Bridge only and not to the centre of the village. Weight restriction with regard to lorries continues throughout the village.
- 8.8 MKC. Letter to Clerk regarding various matters. Copy of summary of the Local Government Rating Act 1997 also enclosed. This will be circulated. CIRCULATION
- 8.9 MAYOR'S RECEPTION. Invitations to Chairman and Clerk - Friday, 17.10.97.
- 8.10 PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE AGENDA. This includes details of officers comments on Parish Partnership Funding. CIRCULATION
- 8.11 MKC. Community Plan and leaflets. CIRCULATION
- 8.12 MK LEISURE. Leaflets of various activities. VILLAGE HALL NB

**9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

- 9.1 Village Signs. Mr Moffatt asked how the canvassing of local residents will be carried out so that it is seen to be fair. The Chairman said the PC has no control on how people conduct activities outside the meeting. The item will be fully explained on next month's agenda and members of the general public will have an opportunity to attend the meeting and give their views.
- 9.2 Wood Lane Farm, Ravenstone. Mr Lewis said he noted there were ~~not~~ comments regarding this planning application and would like to know if the work being carried out will mean there will be extra lorry movements over Sherington Bridge. Mr Ferris said the information he has is that there will not be any need for importation of materials. Mr Lewis also made the point that Sherington Bridge is also part of Sherington Village and lorries, which are being diverted from the town bridges are going past the houses on Sherington Bridge. This was noted.
- 9.3 Report from Sherington School. Mrs Feasey reported that a new security system has been fitted. Visitors will need to speak into the system to be allowed into the school by the side entrance. The system has been paid for by the Local Authority and the PTFA. During the school holidays new display boards have been fitted. A new part-time teacher has been appointed. There are now 46 children on the roll. Because of the funeral of Princess Diana the PTFA function will be postponed from Saturday, 6th September until another date. People who have bought tickets are being given the option of money back or transfer to another function.
- 9.4 Road Safety. Mrs Parry <sup>Said</sup> a new village sign incorporating a road safety phrase is very important.
- 9.5 Cross Albans Hill. Mr Morgan-Thomas reported there has been another near fatal accident when a speeding car was overtaking a slow moving lorry. This is noted and will be reported to MKC. (CLERK)

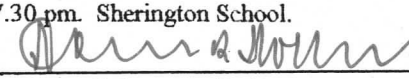
**10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 10.1 Footpath Opposite the Manor House. Mr Smith reported the footpath has still not been repaired. Reminder to be sent to Highways Dept about this and other matters reported by telephone. (CLERK)
- 10.2 Footpath by Sherington Rectory. Mrs Hayes reported the problem of the footpath having been lost. The area needs remarking. Mrs Haynes stated the present white markings give drivers the idea the road is wider than it really is. Letter to be sent to Highways Department. (CLERK)
- 10.3 Hammerhead Turn at the end of Water Lane. Mr Cook asked for a letter to be sent to Mr Buckle. (CLERK)
- 10.4 Plane Tree on The Knoll. Mr Pilcher observed the plane tree is getting very big.

**11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Special Mtg: Tues, 16th Sept at 7.30pm. Full PC Mtg: Tues. 7th Oct at 7.30 pm. Sherington School.  
The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed

  
07. 10. 97

**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**'UNDERGROUNDING IN CHURCH END'**

**to be held in**

**SHERINGTON SCHOOL**

**on**

**TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 1997**

**at**

**7.30pm**

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting for Undergrounding in Church End held at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 16th September 1997.

1. PRESENT: Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith.  
Also in attendance: Eight residents of Church End.

A letter had been sent to all residents of Church End and Sherington Place asking for their permission to the undergrounding and asking whether or not they wished a different style of lamp for the footway lights and if they would be willing to make a contribution towards this. Copies of this letter had been circulated to all councillors. EME plans were available for all those present at the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining the details of the plan, submitted by EME. The poles, to be removed, were identified as were the areas for the main ducting of the underground cables and the moling through St Laud's Churchyard.

The Chairman asked for comments on:

- 1) suggested locations of new lighting columns, and
- 2) types of lamps required.

Pole No 13 (1 CH) outside Sherington Place. It is understood from EME this pole will be removed and there will be no underground service to this particular corner, so the footway light will have to be located in another part of Church End/Church Road.

Pole No 14 (2 CH) outside the Brew House. This would be better in another location, possibly on the opposite side of the road.

Pole No 15 between the Lychgate and Church Farm. This does not hold a lamp. The pole will be removed with the overhead cables.

Poles Nos. 12 (serves Griggs Orchard) and 16 (School Lane). These poles will remain. Considerable discussion took place, both on the location of the two footway lights and the preferred design of the lamps, but no final conclusions were reached.

Costings for moving and replacing lamps are:

- a) Two new columns with existing lamps - no charge to the Parish Council.
- b) Two new columns with lantern type lamps (similar to The Knoll lamp) will cost £420 each - £300 each to be the contribution from Sherington.
- c) Other designs available from MKC are £550 and £700 each.

The Chairman asked councillors to comment on whether or not the scheme (part of a project which included undergrounding services on The Knoll) should go ahead.

After comments from all councillors, Mr Pilcher proposed the quotation from EME should be accepted with the moling work being given to J.A.G. ie

EME undergrounding of Church End ... .. £5770.00

J.A.G. moling of St Laud's Churchyard ... .. £580.00

The Parish Council wish J.A.G. to negotiate with EME and carry out the work according to the contract. EME be requested to oversee the moling work carried out by J.A.G.

This proposal was unanimously agreed.

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SPC Special Mtg 16.09.97 (cont.)

As no decision had been reached regarding the new locations of footway lighting or the design of lamps, it was agreed that:

Residents of Church End, Sherington Place and the corner of Church Road be requested to give their views, on these matters, to the Clerk within 14 days.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

Signed.....  
07.10.97



# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday 7th October 1997 at 7.30 pm

## A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - 2.1 Parish Council Meeting 02.09.97
  - 2.2 Special Meeting 16.09.97
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Undergrounding - Funding of Church End Scheme
  - 3.2 Parish Partnership Fund: a) 1996/97; b) 1997/98
  - 3.3 BCC Site (Sherington Hill)
  - 3.4 Village Road Signs - Incorporating Twinned Village Name & Road Safety Message
  - 3.5 Computer Printer
  - 3.6 Water Lane Sewer
  - 3.7 Church Graveyard
  - 3.8 Hammerhead Turn at the end of Water Lane
  - 3.9 Maintenance Items:
    - 3.9.1 Footpaths
    - 3.9.2 Trees
4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
  - 4.1 Football Club - Grant towards new nets
  - 4.2 Cubs - continued use of Pavilion
  - 4.3 Amenities Committee - date of next meeting
5. CORRESPONDENCE (list to follow)
6. PLANNING
  - 6.1 Planning Lists: 29.08.97, 05.09.97, 12.09.97, 19.09.97, 26.09.97\* received:
    - 6.1.1 97/948/MK Side Conservatory. 17 School Lane. Mr and Mrs Sparks
    - 6.1.2 97/964/MK Demolition of Existing Building and Erection of Single Storey Side Extension 19 Perry Lane. Mr and Mrs Seamarks
  - 6.2 97/663/MK Erection of Freestanding Monopole etc. off Bedford Road. Vodafone Group
  - 6.3 97/670/MK Land at Woad Farm, Sherington Road, Newport Pagnell. GFX Hartigan Ltd
  - 6.4 97/709/MK 3 Detached Chalet Bungalows. 18 School Lane. Mrs J M Wright
7. ACCOUNTS
  - 7.1 Internal Audit
  - 7.2 Accounts for Payment
8. REPORTS
  - 8.1 Millenium Meeting
  - 8.2 Rural Strategy Meeting
  - 8.3 Clerk's Report
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4th November 1997 at 7.30 pm

\*Two extra plans just received:

97/993 & 4/MK Conservation Area Consent for Two Storey Side Extension, Demolition of Existing Outhouse and New Garage. 14 Crofts End. J F Line  
97/1006/MK Erection of Triple Garage and Store in Roof. Gowles Farm, Perry Lane. S Giddings.

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Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, 7th October 1997

## ACTION POINTS

1. **PRESENT** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith  
Apologies were received from MK Cllr Mrs Seymour who will arrive later after another meeting.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 2.1 Parish Council Meeting 02.09.97 minutes were agreed and signed.  
2.2 Special Meeting 16.09.97 minutes were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interests:

- 3.5 Computer Printer. Mrs K Hayes declared an interest in this item.  
6.2 97/663/MK. Erection of Freestanding Monopole etc off Bedford Road.  
Mrs W Haynes declared an interest in this item.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Undergrounding - Funding Church End Scheme. At the Special Meeting to discuss Undergrounding at Church End a proposition to go ahead with the scheme was agreed. Suggestions, from residents of Church End, regarding location and types of footway lamps were requested by the PC. A letter has been received signed by the residents requesting a period style lamp outside the lychgate.  
A letter was also sent to St Laud's Church Committee asking for a contribution towards the moling of the churchyard. A reply has been received offering a contribution of 50%, ie £290. Mr Ferris reported on a site meeting with Mr Watson (MKC). There are no problems with installing a new decorative curved column outside Sherington Place in place of pole 13 and placing a new column by the church lychgate in place of the pole outside the Brew House. After much discussion on several related matters, especially about the design of the lamp to be installed by the lychgate, the following was proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr Pilcher and unanimously agreed:

The Undergrounding at Church End scheme, costing £6800 will be funded as follows:

Amount already set aside for the scheme	... ..	£4733
Contribution from MKC (remainder of grant for The Knoll & Church End)	...	£556
Contribution from St Laud's Church towards moling	... ..	£290
Additional amount PC to make available from reserves	... ..	£1221

The above amount includes £150 towards a new curved column (replacing pole 13) and £300 for a lantern type lamp, (similar to the one on The Knoll) at the lychgate.

If the residents of Church End and the Church agree to pay the remaining £400 needed for the Victorian style lamp, this will be fitted instead of the cheaper lantern type.

Letters to be sent to residents and St Laud's Church Committee.

A letter of intent (regarding the footway lighting) to be sent to Mr Watson when we know the definite date of the commencement of the scheme.

3.2 Parish Partnership Fund

a) 1996/97: The Clerk has sent details to MKC regarding all projects with the exception of new street lights. Details of this project to be sent a.s.a.p. Mr Watson has agreed to move the lamp from no 13 pole in Church End to no 12 pole in Church Road (near Griggs Orchard) at a cost of £120 (new lamp would cost £200). Unfortunately there is not a suitable pole in Gun Lane for a lamp, but the obsolete one from outside the Brew House in Church End can replace a faulty lamp in Crofts End at no cost to the PC. Mr Ferris proposed and Mr Smith seconded the offer be accepted and a quotation for £120 be sent to MKC.

b) 1997/98. A letter has been received informing the PC that grants have been awarded for all the projects put forward. It is not clear whether 100% or 50% grants are being awarded. Clerk to check with Mr Robinson. Three quotations or estimates for all the projects to be sent to Mr Robinson a.s.a.p. Clerk asked councillors to help with submitting these. It was agreed the matter be referred to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

3.3 BCC Site (Sherington Hill). Letter has been sent to Mr Crowther (MKC) asking for information regarding the scheme. No reply has been received as yet.

Mr Ferris referred to a small article in 'The Citizen' newspaper regarding environmental projects. Mr Cook said he had been enlisted to serve on the Environmental Panel.

It was agreed that letters should be sent to the MKC Strategic Director, Mr John Best, and Shanks & McEwan (who are members of the panel) requesting a grant to be used for consultants so the project may be progressed. Concern was expressed that the scheme for the mound may be lost because of lack of funding from, and available personnel at MKC.

MAY '93/03  
ONGOING

(CLERK)

(CLERK)

OCT '97 4.3

ACTIONED  
(CLERK)  
JUL '97 3.2  
ONGOING

(CLERK)  
JUN '93/01  
ONGOING

(DF/CLERK)

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BCC Site (Sherington Hill) [cont.]

The councillors are also concerned about the road repair materials being dumped at the site. The Clerk had mentioned the problem in the letter to Mr Crowther. Cllr Mrs Seymour was asked to contact the Highways Department about this matter.

3.4 Village Road Signs - Incorporating Twinned Village Name & Road Safety Message.SEPT97/03  
ONGOING

The Chairman introduced this item, which had been referred from last meeting.

The Chairman confirmed that the signs would cost £200 each, and MKC are willing to contribute £120 towards each sign with £80 each to be found by Sherington. The Twinning Association is willing to contribute towards the latter amount. It was reported a letter had been received from a resident who is against any new or additional signs in the village.

The Chairman asked councillors to give their views on this item. A variety of views were expressed, eg the present signs do not need renewing at present; several residents in the village are against signs promoting the twinning or even road safety; a formal Twinning Agreement has taken place so as a matter of courtesy the parish should recognise that, especially as the name of Sherington is on the signs in Sameon; the matter of having new signs was being rushed without enough time to consider it fully; the PC should wait until the type of signs could be determined. After conferring with the Clerk, the Chairman invited a member to put the following proposition: "That Sherington Parish Council renews the road signs incorporating road safety message and that we are twinned with Sameon (at a future date)". The Chairman also suggested that the PC should meet with the Twinning Association at some later date so that funding, whole or in part, and the design of the road signs may be discussed. No vote was taken on the aforementioned proposition or any other proposition and after further discussion it was agreed to defer this item to a later date, after a meeting had been arranged between the Twinning Committee and the PC to discuss the design and the funding of the signs.

3.5 Computer Printer. The Clerk reported that a second-hand printer has been donated to the PC. A letter of thanks has been sent to the donor. The Clerk also reported that the computer had been set up and the printer fitted by Andrew Hayes, who had also spend several hours advising the Clerk. The councillors are appreciative of the work that has been carried out. Mr Ferris proposed and Mr Holliss seconded the proposal that an honorarium of £30 should be sent to Andrew Hayes, with a letter of thanks for this work. Agreed.

*Mrs Hayes stayed in the meeting, but did not take any part in the discussion or vote on this item.*

3.6 Water Lane Sewer. Mr Cook and Mr Smith have inspected the ditch in The Leys and Elborough Field. The outlet needs clearing by Anglian Water. Mark Driver of AW had asked the PC monitor the situation and inform him when the ditch needs clearing. Mr Cook wishes to be informed when AW will come to clear the ditch, so that J W Cook & Son may take away the sludge.SEPT97/01  
ONGOING

(CLERK)

Mr Smith also reported blockages which have occurred in Water Lane during the last few weeks.

3.7 Church Graveyard. The letter from the Rector together with Mr Ferris's details of the situation were circulated to all councillors. In answer to the question in the Rector's letter regarding reserving of grave spaces the PC agreed with the PCC that grave spaces should not be reserved. With regard to the reuse of old grave sites in the churchyard, the Clerk advised the PC has the authority to part-fund an archaeological survey in the churchyard. Payment for this would come from 'Section 137'. Mr Ferris proposed a letter be sent to the Rector stating the PC would not be in agreement with the acquisition of additional land for burial, and whilst the councillors would be willing to support the PCC in investigating the opportunity for overburying they would wish to discuss further any contribution the PC would be asked to make towards the cost of an archaeological survey. Agreed.SEPT97 8.2  
ONGING

(CLERK)

3.8 Hammerhead Turn at the end of Water Lane. The Clerk had been in contact with Mr Buckle who wishes a letter to be sent from the PC stating the turn is necessary. MKC also needs to be assured that J W Cook & Son is willing to give the land. If the land is available the work could be put in next year's MKC's Highways Budget. Mr Cook said he agreed in principle to give the land, but needs to discuss this with Mr Buckle. The Clerk to arrange a site meeting between Mr Buckle and Mr Cook.

SEPT97 10.3

(CLERK)

3.9 Maintenance Items:

3.9.1 Footpaths. Reports have been sent to MKC regarding the loss of most of the footpath in School Lane and the poor state of the footpath opposite Manor Farm.

3.9.2 Trees. The overhanging bushes by the footpath in School Lane have been reported to MKC. These should be trimmed. Mr Whatton reported on the tree to be planted in the play area. When the dry spell of weather has passed a tree will be planted.

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4. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- 4.1 **Football Club - Grant towards new nets.** The Chairman asked how many residents of Sherington are members of the Football Club. Mrs Haynes replied that not many members now live in Sherington. Mrs Haynes outlined again the reason for requesting a grant towards the new nets. Mr Ferris said a grant towards new nets had been agreed by the PC some years ago. The Chairman proposed £50 be given to the Football Club, seconded by Mr Smith. All agreed. Mrs Haynes also reported on a break-in at the old pavilion. The Clerk and the police had been notified. Other matters, ie outside lighting, moving doorways and other alterations in the pavilion to be referred to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee. (CLERK)
- 4.2 **Cubs - continued use of Pavilion.** It had been agreed the Cubs should use the pavilion free of charge (in lieu of a grant) from March to September 1997. It was now agreed the Cubs be allowed continual use of the pavilion throughout the winter providing this use does not clash with any sports clubs. It is to be requested that a donation is made for the use of the facilities. (CLERK)
- 4.3 **Amenities Committee - date of next meeting.** Mr Ferris said the Amenities Committee should look at its composition, function and format. The Chairman said this should be first item on the agenda. It was agreed the meeting should be held: *Wednesday, 22nd October at 7.30 pm. Venue: Manor Farm Office.* (CLERK)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 5.1 MKC - Transport Policies & Programme 1998 - 1999. CIRCULATED
- 5.2 NALC - 'Local Council Review' September 1997 CIRCULATED
- 5.3 BUCKS CVS - 'Newsletter' September 1997 CIRCULATED
- 5.4 CAB - 'Working Together for the Community' - Annual Report CIRCULATED
- 5.5 MKC - Agenda for Parish Consultative & 136 Consultative Committees CIRCULATED
- 5.6 MKC - Minutes of Parish Liaison Committee held 04.09.97 CIRCULATED
- 5.7 MKC - Agenda for Rural Affairs Committee CIRCULATED
- 5.8 BCC - Walks & Events. Autumn 1997 CIRCULATION
- 5.9 HELP THE AGED - Millennium Awards Leaflet CIRCULATION
- 5.10 BUCKS CVS - Community Transport Training Day - 21.10.97 in Aylesbury CIRCULATED
- 5.11 BCC - 'Buckinghamshire County Guide' CIRCULATION
- 5.12 MKC - Letter & Poster reminding electors to fill in their electoral registration forms. NOTICE BOARD
- 5.13 MKC - Letter & invitation to Town Centre Regeneration Conference 27.10.97 NOTED
- 5.14 MKC - Letter giving information re 'Changes to Area Development Control Team' CIRCULATION
- 5.15 MK FORUM - Bulletin, winter programme etc. CIRCULATION
- 5.16 BUCKS CVS - Community Transport Day programme & Advert for post of Director NOTED
- 5.17 MKC - Details of new arrangements as from 6th October 1997 CIRCULATION
- 5.18 MKC - 'Review of the Borough of MK Local Plan'. Details of meetings to be held (nearest - Olney Centre 13.11.97 at 7.00 pm). *Councillors to notify Clerk if they wish to attend.* (CLERK)

6. **PLANNING**

- 6.1 **Planning Lists: 29.08.97, 05.09.97, 12.09.97, 19.09.97, 26.09.97 received.**
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- 6.1.4 97/1006/MK Erection of Triple Garage and Store in Roof. Gowles Farm, Perry Lane. S Giddings. NO COMMENTS
- 6.2 97/663/MK Erection of Freestanding Monopole etc. off Bedford Road. Vodaphone Group. It was reported by councillors that this monopole has now been erected. No notification about the granting of permission has been received from MKC. Cllr Mrs Seymour (from the floor) said she should contact the planning office about this oversight. *Mrs Haynes stayed in the meeting, but did not enter any discussion with regard to this item.*
- 6.3 97/670/MK Land at Wood Farm, Sherington Road, Newport Pagnell. GFX Hartigan Ltd No notification has been received from MKC regarding the granting or refusing of this application. Cllr Mrs Seymour (from the floor) said she did not know if the application has yet gone to Committee. She would notify the Clerk when she has some information.
- 6.4 97/709/MK 3 Detached Chalet Bungalows. 18 School Lane. Mrs J M Wright. Letter from MKC stating planning permission has been refused. NOTED

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7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 Internal Audit. Unfortunately, the Clerk and Chairman had not been able to fix a suitable date convenient to both. Therefore, the Internal Audit will take place during October.

(BH/CLERK)

7.2 Accounts for Payment

	£	chq no
EME - Electricity (Pavilion A/C) Qtr End 30.09.97	25.83	100729
ANGLIAN WATER - (Pavilion A/C) 6th month Oct 97/Apr 98	66.47	100730
J W COOK & SON - Rent for Sports Field Sept 97/Sept 98	100.00	100731
MAN WITH A MOWER - Grass Cutting for Jul/Aug/Sept	<u>413.55</u>	100732
Cuts: Play Area x 5; Knoll x 4; Field x 4; Church x 4 plus petrol and tyre		
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER	605.85	

Enterprise Account as at 19.09.97: £10510.63. Treasurers Account as at 19.09.97: £754.92  
 Moneymaker Account (Cricket Club) 26.09.97: £515.28

Notification has been received that the half yearly precept (£4250) has been credited to the PC's A/C.

The Clerk reported that no cash has been received recently from the pavilion meter.  
 Mrs Haynes to collect and pass on this money.

(WH)

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

An invoice and statement has been received from Rogers Engineers. Mr Ferris advised the Clerk not to pay the invoice as the tyre has to be returned. The Clerk sent a letter to Rogers regarding this matter. Mr Ferris confirmed the tyre has now been returned.

8 REPORTS

8.1 Millennium Meeting. Mr Pilcher said the committee meeting is planned for the following day (08.10.97) so he is unable to give a report. Another Public Meeting will be held *in the School on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.30 pm.* A report will be given to the PC next month.

APR '97/02

(AP)

8.2 Rural Strategy Meeting. Mr Ferris, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Haynes and Mr Smith attended with the Clerk. The meeting, which had representatives from local areas, discussed (in groups) the various outline booklets on different strategies, eg transport, culture, economy & employment etc. Further comments to be made in writing by 31st October to Bucks CVS. Cllr Mrs Seymour, (from the floor), commented that, at the Rural Affairs Forum, strategies were discussed and MKC would like parishes to prioritise, but this is only a paper exercise as there is unlikely to be funding available!

8.3 Clerk's Report.

8.3.1 MKC 'Facts & Figures' document.

CIRCULATION

8.3.2 Dog Bins. MKC consider we need to have a campaign with posters before bins are installed. If there is not a suitable pole for a £40 bin, then a free standing bin (larger in capacity) will cost £80 - £90, as previously stated. Information/samples of posters, scoops and liners are being sent to the PC.

JUN '97 3.5

ONGOING

8.3.3 Drainage Problems (Water Lane Stables). A site meeting has been suggested by Mr Buckle of MKC. A letter has been written to Mr Byrne and to Mr Buckle regarding fixing a pipe to the gully. A copy of the letter to Mr Buckle is enclosed with Mr Byrne's letter.

JUN '97 10.3

ONGOING

8.3.4 Football Club - Use of Facilities. A letter has been written to Mr and Mrs Haynes reminding the Football Club that a donation towards the cost maintaining the sports field and pavilion is usually sent to the PC.

8.3.5 MKC - Clerks Update. Certain information, useful to councillors, will be passed to them.

CIRCULATION

8.3.6 Cross Albans Hill - Road Safety. Sgt Johnstone at NP Police Station has been informed of the near accidents and been asked to carry out a speed check. Sgt Johnstone promised to inform the Road Safety Officer, but nothing further has been heard.

JUN '97/01

ONGOING

8.3.7 Clerks' Training Day - 1st November. The fee for this is £6. Mr Holliss proposed, Mr Ferris seconded, all agreed the fee should be paid by the PC.

(CLERK)

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**9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

9.1 Village Signs. Mr Lewis said the Twinning Association will welcome a meeting with the PC to discuss the matter. A letter was sent to the Chairman in June suggesting new signs, so he felt the matter is not being rushed through. Members of the association have obtained 60 signatures from local residents stating they are in favour of new signs as described.

Mr Lewis asked for a date to be set for the planned meeting. It was agreed this should be:

**Tuesday, 25th November. Time and Venue to be decided.**

Some other members of the General Public and some councillors gave their opinions during Public Question Time about: a) the signs incorporating the Safety and Twinning message, b) how and why the Twinning Association was set up, c) the way the PC handled the matter during this and the previous meeting.

The Chairman said the PC is not unsympathetic and is willing to listen to all views expressed.

9.2 Donation to Football Club. Mr Whatton objected to £50 being awarded to the Football Club for new nets. He preferred the money to be spent on other items in the village. Comments noted.

9.3 Footpath in School Lane. Mrs Feasey said the loss of the footpath is a safety hazard and would like a letter to be sent to Mr Buckle. She would be willing to have a site meeting with him if this could be arranged. Letter to be sent.

(CLERK)

9.4 Church End. Mr Stevens asked for clarification regarding the new lighting arrangements.

The residents of Church End consider the type of lamp on The Knoll totally unsuitable for the lychgate. The Chairman confirmed the difference in cost between the lamp required by the residents of Church End and the lamp the PC is willing to purchase is £400. Mr Stevens was advised the Church Committee has also indicated a willingness to contribute.

**10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.**

10.1 Alterations at the Pavilion. Mr Smith asked if the alterations to the pavilion could be passed as there had already been a site meeting. The Chairman explained that there was a legal requirement for such matters to be listed on the Agenda. Mr Ferris said he would draw a plan of what is required and the details could go on circulation. The Football Club have agreed to carry out the work required.

(DF/CLERK)

The item will be on next month's agenda, after it has been discussed at the Amenities Committee.

(CLERK)

10.2 Grass Cutting. Mr Pilcher asked if the number of cuts carried out by 'The Man with a Mower' is as set out in the agreement. This will be checked during the Internal Audit.

CLERK)

10.3 Tree and Bulb Planting. Mr Pilcher said that no tree or bulb planting has been planned for this autumn. It was agreed the matter should be put on next month's agenda.

(CLERK)

**11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

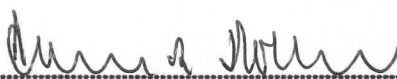
Full PC Meeting: Tuesday, 4th November at 7.30 pm. Venue: Sherington School

Amenities Committee: Wednesday, 22nd October at 7.30 pm. Venue: Manor Farm Office

Combined PC & Twinning Committee Meeting : Tuesday, 25th November. Time & Venue: TBA

The Meeting closed at 9.59 pm.

Signed.....



04.11.97

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday 4th November 1997 at 7.30 pm

## AGENDA

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - 2.1 Parish Council Meeting 07.10.97
  - 2.2 Amenities Committee Meeting 22.10.97
3. MATTERS ARISING
  - 3.1 Parish Council Meeting 07.10.97
    - 3.1.1 BCC Site - Dumping of Highway Repair Materials
    - 3.1.2 Village Road Signs. Proposal by PC Chairman: "The two Sherington name signs be replaced by new signs incorporating a road safety message and the name of our twinned village of Sameon."
  - 3.2 Amenities Committee 22.10.97
    - 3.2.1 All matters as per Minutes of Amenities Committee (circulated to all councillors)
4. REPORTS:
  - 4.1 School Governors
  - 4.2 Millennium Committee
  - 4.3 Clerk's Report
5. MAINTENANCE ITEMS:
  - 5.1 Footway Light (footpath from Crofts End to High Street)
  - 5.2 Tree on Triangle, School Lane - need for professional pruning
  - 5.3 Surface Water in Church Road
6. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
  - 6.1 Tree and Bulb Planting
  - 6.2 Clerk's Salary (recommended increase from SLCC/NALC April 1997)
  - 6.3 Welcome to New Residents - Parish Council Information Leaflet
  - 6.4 Drugs Awareness Evening, 18th November.
7. CORRESPONDENCE (see separate sheet)
8. PLANNING
  - 8.1 Planning Lists: 03.10.97, 10.10.97, 17.10.97, 24.10.97 received
    - 8.1.1 97/1049/MK Erection of Agricultural Building for Storage of Farm Implements & Crops Sherington Bridge Farm. Mr Sharpe
    - 8.1.2 97/1112 & 1125/MK Listed Bldg Consent for the Demolition of Existing Outbuildings & Erection of Single Storey Side Extn. The Old Rectory, School Lane. Mr J J P Hine
    - 8.1.3 97/1128 & 1129/MK Listed Bldg Consent for the Alterations to Stable Block and Erection of Double Garage with Loft Storage & Garden Shed. Church Farm, Church End. Mr & Mrs D Pease.
9. ACCOUNTS
  - 9.1 Internal Audit (1st April - 30th September 1997)
  - 9.2 Accounts for Payment
10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
  - 12.1 Joint Meeting with Twinning Committee - Tuesday, 25th November 1997
  - 12.2 Next PC Meeting - Tuesday, 2nd December 1997 at 7.30 pm.

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, 4th November 1997

ACTION POINTS

1. **PRESENT** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook,  Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith  
 Apologies were received from Mr Pilcher, who will be late and Mr Ferris, who is away from home. MK Cllr Mrs Seymour also sent apologies; she will arrive later after another meeting.
  
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - 2.1 Parish Council Meeting 07.10.97 minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
  - 2.2 Amenities Committee Meeting 22.10.97. After some discussion about the report of this meeting, sent in the form of minutes, by the Clerk, it was agreed the minutes were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
  
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - 3.1 Parish Council Meeting 07.10.97.
    - 3.3.1 BCC Site - Dumping of Highway Repair Materials. Cllr Mrs Seymour had requested this item be postponed until she arrives and is able to give a report. Agreed.
    - 3.1.2 Village Road Signs. Proposal by PC Chairman "The two Sherington name signs be replaced by new signs incorporating a road safety message and the name of our twinned village of Sameon." The Chairman apologised for not taking this forward at the last meeting. MKC will pay £120 towards each sign and the Twinning Association will pay the remainder of the costs. There will be no charges made to the PC. It was agreed to ask MKC to install the new signs. SEPT'97/03
  - 3.2 Amenities Committee 22.10.97.
    - 3.2.1 All matters as per Minutes of Amenities Committee:
      - Grass Cutting. Thanks to the contractors. 'Man with a Mower' and Sinfield Landscapes to be asked if they wish to renew their contracts. AM/4.1
      - Mower. After further discussion the following was proposed: Odell's be asked i) the trade in value of the mower against a new mower and ii) what the cost would be of servicing the present mower to bring it up to an acceptable standard. (AP/CLERK)
      - Gravel on The Knoll. It was agreed £100 be spent on purchasing pea shingle. Letter to be sent to Mr Waters at no 1 The Knoll to ask if he would be willing to offer voluntary help. AM4.2  
(CLERK)
      - Undergrounding (The Knoll & Church End). AM4.3
      - Church End. Letters have been received from the residents and St Laud's Church agreeing to pay the extra £400 for a period style lamp.
      - The Knoll. BT to be contacted about removing the final pole - the work had been promised for first week in November 1997.
      - Parish Partnership Fund 1997/98. AM/5.1
      - Bollards Around Village Hall/Play Area Car Park. Quotations to be requested from contractors for 18 and 24 bollards. Agreed.
      - Commemorative Tree. Quotations to be requested from three nurserymen. Mr and Mrs Locke to be asked if they are in agreement with the tree being planted on the corner of Park Road. It was agreed the Chairman to decide between meetings about which quotation to accept, so the tree may be planted a.s.a.p. (CLERK)  
(KH)
      - Two Seats. Quotations to be requested from three companies for a seat to be installed by the bus shelter and a seat to be installed opposite Manor Farm. Agreed.
      - Fence Around The Knoll. It was agreed not to go ahead with this project.
      - Village Map. The Chairman said he wished this project to be progressed and outlined the type of map he envisaged. Cost of a case for the map to be investigated and an honorarium to the artist The councillors to decide on a suitable place for the map in the village. All Agreed. (BH/CLERK)
      - Dog Bins. It was agreed to order one dog bin. Leaflets and posters to be circulated once the bin is in place. Prices of scoops to be obtained and the owners of Virginia House Stores asked to stock them for sale. Agreed. AM 5.3  
(CLERK)



Football Club. The PC agreed the drawings for the alterations to the pavilion. Considerable discussion on this item took place. It was finally agreed that the Football Club will give to the PC a name of a responsible person who is willing to give guidance with regard to the work to be carried out.

(WH)

External Lighting at the Sports Field. A socket will be installed in a metal box in the field. A site meeting to be arranged at a suitable time for the Football Club and the councillors.

(WH)

Hammerhead Turn, Water Lane. Mr Buckle (MKC) will provide drawings. It is unlikely tarmac will be laid yet, but the area will be covered with rubble and kerb stones.

AM 5.5.1

Water Lane Sewer. Anglian Water have identified tree roots in the area near Smiths Yard. It is also noted that there is a great deal of fat in the pipe. AW will send leaflets so that residents are advised what not to deposit into the sewage system.

AM/5.5.2

It is understood the pipe has been jetted through, the video taken and there are no tree roots in the part of the pipe which had been replaced and lined. It is the opinion of some councillors that tree roots are not the complete problem and that a new pipe is required.

The Clerk reported that three copy letters from residents, sent to MKC and AW had been received. The Chairman asked if any councillors could suggest the next way forward. After further discussion the Clerk was directed to:

i) request from AW that a copy of the video is made available for the PC,  
ii) ensure an engineer from AW is available to talk through the video with the councillors and answer questions,

iii) to obtain leaflets for local people, so they are aware of what to avoid flushing into the system,

The Clerk reported that the ditch through The Leys has been inspected by AW and she has been advised that it does not need clearing at this point in time. The area of the ditch will be monitored and it will be cleared at the appropriate time. The Chairman said the PC had noted these comments.

The Chairman said the PC looks to local residents for mutual support in writing letters and complaining to the appropriate bodies about parish problems.

Nursery Sign, Olney Road. The MKC Planning Department to be notified of our concern.

AM/5.5.3

Future of Amenities Committee. The Chairman proposed the following:

The Amenities Committee to continue to meet as an advisory committee to discuss matters, ie grass cutting, as requested by the PC and to advise the PC. The meetings to be scheduled as and when required. All parish councillors, who wish to attend, to be appointed to the committee and three ex-officio members to be nominated as before. This was agreed.

The matter of unminuted meetings of councillors was not resolved. The Chairman suggested that a draft agenda could be prepared a week before the PC meeting and any councillors who wished could meet with him and the Clerk to discuss the agenda. No further action was taken on this matter.

#### 4. REPORTS:

4.1 School Governors. Mrs Feasey is not able to be present and wishes her report to be postponed until the next meeting. An election for a new Parent Governor is to take place this week and that will be reported to the PC in December.

4.2 Millennium Committee. Mr Pilcher did not have anything to report at this time.

#### 4.3 Clerk's Report.

4.3.1 Sherington Stables. Letter from Mr Buckle (MKC) stating that Mr Byrne may connect into storm water gully at no charge. A site meeting can be arranged if Mr Byrne telephones him.

4.3.2 Footpaths. The footpath in School Lane and the one opposite Manor Farm will be reinstated.

4.3.3 Meeting re Local Plan. Reminder of the meeting to be held on Thursday, 13th November at the Olney Centre. The meeting commences at 7.00 pm.

4.3.4 Woad Farm. The Development Control Committee will consider this matter at their meeting on 12th November.

4.3.5 Clerks' Training Day. The Clerk reported she had attended this day and gave a short resume of the training given on the audit, planning, organisation of work, spotting mistakes in minutes and on agendas.

#### Report from MK Cllr - postponed from earlier in the meeting

##### 3.1.1 BCC Site - Dumping of Highway Repair Materials

Cllr Mrs Seymour reported she had spoken with Mr McGregor about the matter but no action had been taken. Mr Buckle was put on to the matter and reported back that the dumping was being carried out by a private company (JPCS of Cheshire) who had been previous contractors for BCC, but are not now. They have no authority to dump the materials at the site and have been given 7days to remove it. After it is removed Mr Buckle will have the site cleaned.

BCC Site (cont.)

Cllr Mrs Seymour did not have any further information about the Mound. Mr Cook said he had attended the Environmental Panel and it was not as we had expected. Mr Johnson at Bucks CVS may have some information. This to be requested.

(CLERK)

**5. MAINTENANCE ITEMS:**

5.1 Footway Light (footpath from Crofts End to High Street). MKC to be asked to turn lamp 45 so the light shines over the footway. Mr Cook also asked to investigate trimming the tree that obscures the lamp.

(CLERK)  
(MC)

5.2 Tree on Triangle, School Lane - need for professional pruning. Mr Whatton said he has now looked at the tree and he thinks he may be able to prune the tree with the help of Mr Ferris and Mr Smith.

(DF/RS)

5.3 Surface Water in Church Road. This problem is being dealt with by Mr Buckle at MKC. Salt has been provided to put on the road on frosty nights. Mr Kingswell, from the floor, reported there is very little salt left now. The water is still running in the road, but the source of the problem has not yet been ascertained, although it is thought to be a spring. The Clerk is continuing to monitor the situation.

(CLERK)

**6. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

6.1 Tree and Bulb Planting. It is too late to plant bulbs now. Trees in the recreation field need moving to make way for the new play equipment. These to be moved. Agreed. It was also agreed to precept for bulbs next year.

(AP/RS)

The play area shrubs have not grown. These also to be considered at the precept meeting.

(CLERK)

6.2 Clerk's Salary (recommended increase from SLCC/NALC April 1997) Recommended that the Clerk's salary be increased from £6.40 per hour to £6.56 per hour. The Chairman proposed the increase take effect as from 1st April 1997. All agreed.

6.3 Welcome to New Residents - Parish Council Information Leaflet The Chairman suggested the PC produce such a leaflet. However, the Church has already prepared an information and welcome pack and these are being delivered to new residents by Mrs Evelyn Goss. If anyone knows of new residents please let Mrs Goss know.

6.4 Drugs Awareness Evening, 18th November. The Clerk has sent letters and posters to 15 organisations in the village. Letters of invitation have also been sent to Chicheley, Astwood and Hardmead, Stoke Goldington. It was agreed that the PC should provide refreshments during the evening. The Vice-Chairman, Mrs Katie Hayes, will Chair the meeting, as the Chairman will not be able to attend (he is involved in another important function linked with Milton Keynes hospital).

(CLERK)  
(KH)**7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

7.1 JOHN WALLER & CO. - Re Mr Nigel Richard Aisthorpe. Letter & Notice of Application of Transfer of Justices License on 12th November.

NOTED

*It was agreed a letter of thanks to MKC be sent after the 22nd November (when it is hoped The White Hart will reopen) for the help the officers of the Planning and Legal Departments gave in assisting us to regain our village pub.*

*It was also agreed that the Inspectorate at Bristol should be notified when The White Hart has reopened.*

7.2 MKC - Letter re Road Safety Forum on Thursday, 6th November at 7.30. Apologies to be sent - councillors not available to attend.

NOTED  
(CLERK)

7.3 MKC - Copy letter sent to Vodafone re Monopole.

CIRCULATION

7.4 BALC - 'Newsletter'. October 1997

CIRCULATION

7.5 MKC - Local Agenda 21 leaflet 'Your People, Your Place, Your Future'

CIRCULATION

7.6 THAMES VALLEY POLICE - Report of Consultative Group, which met on 11th September  
Leaflets re MK Neighbour Mediation. Crime figures for Sherington & NP Area.  
Letter re Countrywatch.

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(CLERK)

7.7 BUCKS HEALTH AUTHORITY - 'An Acute Services Strategy for Buckinghamshire'  
Letter and Document

CIRCULATION

7.8 MKC - 'Walkabout'. Oct/Dec 1997.

CIRCULATION

7.9 MKC - Letter to Clerk re 'Learning & Development Priorities' Seminar on 24th November

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7.10 MKC - Minutes of Rural Affairs Committee held on 25th September

CIRCULATION

Minutes of Consultative Committee held on 18th September

CIRCULATION

Leaflet on 'The Rights of Parish Councils to Address MK Council Meetings'

CIRCULATION

'Understanding the Development Jigsaw' Leaflet about a new book - user's guide etc.

CIRCULATION

7.11 ODELL & CO LTD - Letter and leaflet re Lawn Mower Servicing

CIRCULATION

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**8. PLANNING****8.1 Planning Lists 03.10.97, 10.10.97, 17.10.97 24.10.97 received.****8.1.1 97/1049/MK Erection of Agricultural Buildings for Storage of Farm Implements and Crops. Sherington Bridge Farm. Mr Sharpe.**

The Clerk reported she had been in touch with Mr Duncan Fox at the Planning Department. Mr Fox is concerned because the planned building is very large - bigger than permitted development limits. MKC will be requesting Mr Sharpe to give additional information in writing. Section 106 agreement has not been signed by Mr Sharpe. The application will probably be considered at the Development Meeting in December. Brief comments made by councillors to be sent to MKC.

(CLERK)

**8.1.2 97/1112 & 1125/MK Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Outbuildings & Erection of Single Storey Side Extension.**

The Old Rectory, School Lane. Mr J J P Hine

NO COMMENT

Cllr Mrs Seymour (from the floor) said she had been asked to inspect the site, especially with regard to the yew tree to be felled. It is thought the loss of the yew will not be too noticeable. This application will go to committee in December.

**8.1.3 97/1128 & 1129/MK Listed Building Consent for the Alteration to Stable Block and Erection of Double Garage with Loft Storage & Garden Shed.**

Church Farm, Church End. Mr and Mrs D Pease.

This application had only just been received by the PC, so it will continue on circulation. It will be considered by MKC at committee in December or January.

**7. ACCOUNTS****7.1 Internal Audit (1st April - 30th September 1997). Clerk prepared a Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliation which was signed by the Chairman. Copy will be circulated to all councillors.**

CIRCULATION

**7.2 Accounts for Payment.**

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**7.2.1 Additional payments for October:**

SLCC BUCKS BRANCH - Clerks' Training Day (1st November 1997)	6.00
ANDREW HAYES - Honorarium (help with setting up computer)	30.00
SHERINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB - Donation towards new nets	50.00
TOTAL FOR OCTOBER ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS	86.00

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**7.2.2 Payments for November**

MKC - Hire of School for PC Mtgs & Millennium Mtgs (May-Dec)	56.00
MAN WITH A MOWER - Grass Cutting (Oct & Nov) +mower hire	
Cuts: Church x 2; Knoll x 1; Spts Fd x 1; Play Area x 1;	258.49
SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL - Drugs Awareness Evening Hire	10.50
SINFIELD LANDSCAPES - Grass Cutting Sports Field	47.00
P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary (2 months - 40 hours + RFO 10 hours)	320.00
P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses (2 months)	61.30
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER	753.20

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Enterprise Account - Middle October £13790.84

Treasurers Account - Middle October £1149.63

Received from Sherington Football Club: £60 donation towards use of pavilion and field 97/98 season

" " " £71 from electricity meters

Notice received of VAT refund: £225.46

Accounts accepted: proposed by Mr Holliss, seconded by Mr Pilcher, all agreed.

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.****10.1 Water Lane Sewer.** Mr Pepper said this should be dealt with by Environmental Health. A letter to be sent to MKC Environment Directorate from the PC. Agreed.

(CLERK)

Mr Whatton asked if a video could be taken when problems arise. Mr Pepper said it is very difficult to photograph sewage in the lane.

Mr Morgan-Thomas recommended that the Water Lane residents set up an Action Group. He said that much had been achieved in Sherington through various Action Groups. It is important to keep the problem constantly in front of the authorities. When local residents and local people work together then progress is made.

Mr Morgan-Thomas was thanked for his recommendation.

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**11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.**

11.1 Play Equipment at the Recreation Field. Mr Smith asked how this matter is progressing. The Clerk has tried to contact Mr Prockter at MKC without success. Mr Ferris has suggested to the Clerk that the PC asks MKC to confirm that it will take over the maintenance of the play equipment once it is installed.

Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour (from the floor) confirmed it is difficult to make contact with Mr Prockter as he is so often out on site, but letters should be acknowledged within 10 or 14 days.

The Clerk to write to MKC accordingly and ask for a reply within 10 days.

(CLERK)

11.2 New Bulbs for the Christmas Tree. Mrs Hayes said it had been agreed to purchase new light bulbs. Mr Hollis to ask Mr Ferris whether it will be cheaper to replace the bulbs or purchase a new set. Money has already been set aside for this purpose.

(DF/BH)

11.3 Christmas Tree. This to be obtained by Mr Pilcher and Mr Ferris.

(DF/AP)

11.3 Replacement of Broken Glass at the Pavilion. Mrs Haynes has obtained an estimate. Item for next meeting.

(CLERK)

11.4 Cleaning <sup>up</sup> the Pavilion. Mr Smith asked for this to be put on next month's agenda.

(CLERK)

Mr Archie Whatton was offered congratulations for his forthcoming special birthday.

**12. DATES IF NEXT MEETINGS:**

12.1 Joint Meeting with Twinning Committee to be cancelled as there is nothing further to discuss.

12.2 Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 9.52 pm.

Signed.....



02.12.97

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 2nd December 1997 at 7.30 pm

## AGENDA

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 BCC Site - Sherington Mound
  - 3.2 Undergrounding
    - 3.2.1 The Knoll - see attached letter (appendix 1)
    - 3.2.2 Church End
  - 3.3 The future of the Amenities Committee - see attached note from AP (appendix 2)
  - 3.4 Dog Bin - exact siting of bin
  - 3.5 Water Lane Sewer - see attached letter (appendix 3)
  - 3.6 Nursery Sign - Olney Road
  - 3.7 Parish Partnership Fund 1997/98
  - 3.8 Maintenance Items:
    - 3.8.1 Broken Window at the Pavilion
    - 3.8.2 Cleaning of Pavilion
4. REPORTS:
  - 4.1 School Governors
  - 4.2 Millenium Committee
  - 4.3 Drug Awareness Meeting
  - 4.4 Local Plan Meeting - oral report & paper presented by AP (appendix 3A)
  - 4.5 Clerk's Report
5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:
  - 5.1 Recreation Field and Pavilion - see attached note from BH (appendix 4)
  - 5.2 SLCC Annual Conference - Bournemouth, 17/19 April 1998  
- copy of programme enclosed (appendix 5)
  - 5.3 Hire of School for PC meetings - see attached letter (appendix 6)
6. CORRESPONDENCE - see separate sheet (appendix 7)
7. PLANNING:
  - 7.1 Planning Lists: 31.10.97, 07.11.97, 14.11.97 received  
No applications for Sherington on the above mentioned lists.
  - 7.2 97/1049/MK Erection of Agricultural Building for Storage of Farm Implements & Crops  
Sherington Bridge Farm. Mr Sharpe.  
TO BE CONSIDERED AT MKC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETING, 12.12.97
  - 7.3 Report of pre-planning meeting at C J HAYNES site, Bedford Road re ORANGE  
telecommunications pole (appendix 8)
8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:
  - 11.1 PC Meeting: 6th January 1998
  - 11.2 Annual Precept Meeting TBA

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, Tuesday, 2nd December 1997

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## ACTION POINTS

1. **PRESENT.** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith. Apologies from MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour who will arrive later.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** confirmed and signed as a correct record after the addition of the word "up" to item 11.4.  
**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.** Mrs W Haynes declared interested in item 7.3.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 3.1 **BCC Site (Sherington Mound).** The Clerk has written to the MKC Chief Executive regarding the non-reply of PC letters to Mr S Crowther and Mr J Best. An acknowledgment of this letter has been received from the Chief Executive's personal assistant. A further reply awaited. Information received from BUCKS CVS is that an environmental body has been set up in MK, under the title of 'E B Milton Keynes Ltd'.  
Mr Ferris reported he and Mrs Hayes were at a site meeting unrelated to this item, with Cllr Mrs Seymour and Mr Ian Prosser (responsible at MKC for minerals). The opportunity presented itself to acquaint Mr Prosser with the situation regarding Sherington Mound. Mr Prosser has a contact at Shanks and McEwan and will making enquiries. It was agreed a letter be sent from the PC to, enclosing our copies of letters sent to Shanks and McEwan and Mr J Best.  
(CLERK)  
JUN '93/01  
ONGOING
  - 3.2 **Undergrounding:**
    - 3.2.1 **The Knoll.** Recent letter received from BT has been circulated. The PC is unhappy that it is now expected to partly fund the removal of the pole and undergrounding of cables. Mr Ferris proposed a letter stating the PC's dissatisfaction and asking for the necessary works to be carried out without any cost to the PC or MKC, be sent to the Chairman of BT, Sir Iain Vallance. This was unanimously agreed. Copies to be sent to Mr Brian White MP and Cllr Mrs Seymour.  
(CLERK)  
MAY '93/03  
ONGOING
    - 3.2.2 **Church End.** The Clerk has contacted Mr Wilkinson at EME and asked for assurance the the work will commence during December as promised. A new Project Manager has been appointed so there may be some delay. Mr Wilkinson to contact PC again with a definite date. Mr Watson at MKC has ordered the new footway lighting as requested.  
EME to be notified that under no circumstances will the PC agree to any further increase in cost if the work is delayed. EME to be requested to progress the work as soon as possible. Agreed.  
(CLERK)  
ONGOING
  - 3.3 **The future of the Amenities Committee.** Mr Pilcher has put forward a paper to councillors about this matter. Mr Ferris suggested the following: that the Amenities Committee be dissolved and be discontinued; that an item 'Management of Facilities' appears quarterly on the PC Agenda scheduled to follow the Accounts item commencing at the January 1998 meeting. Matters to be discussed under this item to include the preparation and approval of programmes, estimates etc for new projects also for ongoing service, routine management, maintenance and replacements of items for which the PC is responsible. Mr Ferris also suggested that two members have special responsibilities to liaise with the users of the Perry Lane Sports Field facilities and report accordingly under the 'Management of Facilities' item. After a short discussion Mr Ferris put his suggestion as a proposal. The proposal was agreed unanimously.  
Mr Ferris proposed Mrs Haynes and Mr Smith be the councillors responsible to liaise with the users of the sports field and pavilion. After noting Mrs Haynes (family) interest with regard to the Football Club, this proposal was agreed.  
**Tractor Mower.** A rough estimate for a new deck and servicing of the mower has been received from Odell's. The inclusive cost is approximately £250. The approximate trade-in price against a new mower would be £300-£350. A new mower would cost £1500 (there is £500 in the Capital Fund towards a new mower). After some discussion it was agreed that Odell's be asked to inspect the mower and give more definite costings, then a decision will be made.  
(CLERK)  
JUN '97 3,5
- 3.4 **Dog Bin - exact siting of bin.** Mr Ferris said he had erected a small pole in a suitable position outside the school. MKC to be asked to fit bin to this pole.  
(CLERK)  
SEPT'97/01
- 3.5 **Water Lane Sewer.** Some councillors and the Clerk have viewed the video taken by Anglian Water. J C Environmental has been asked to clear more fat and tree roots from the sewer. This will be carried out at a convenient time to residents and other users of the lane, ie overnight. Environmental Health Officer has assured the PC, in a letter, that AW will carry out all necessary works. Mr P Woolley of AW has written in a similar vein, so it is hoped this matter will reach a satisfactory conclusion before too long.  
ONGOING
- 3.6 **Nursery Sign - Olney Road.** This has been reported to the Planning Department, who will investigate whether or not planning permission is necessary. The Chairman pointed out that there was some confusion about which sign was the subject of the complaint.  
ACTIONED

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3.7 Parish Partnership Fund 1997/98.

- a) Double May Tree. The Clerk has been in touch with Acorn Nurseries, Wyevale and Frost Garden Centres. Clerk to obtain written quotations.
- b) Bollards for Play Area (VH) Car Park and Two Seats. Mr Ferris has obtained prices of bollards and seats. Draft specifications have been prepared by Mr Ferris for the installation of bollards and seats. These to be sent to three contractors. It was agreed the seats to be purchased should be: 'Beckbury' (to seat 4 persons). Locations of the seats were agreed, ie on The Knoll, near the bus shelter and opposite Manor Farm (both High Street). Specifications to contractors to be sent out by the Clerk to be returned by the January 1998 meeting.

(CLERK)

3.8 Maintenance Items:

- 3.8.1 Broken Window at the Pavilion. This has now been repaired and it was agreed to pay the cost, which is likely to be no more than £75. Invoice awaited.
- 3.8.2 Cleaning of the Pavilion. The cleaning up of this area to be discussed under 'Management of Facilities' at the January 1998 meeting.
- 3.8.3 Footway Light (footpath from Crofts End to High Street). Mr Cook has trimmed back the tree and MKC will turn the lamp 45 degrees as requested. If this is not suitable it may be possible to erect another column nearer the footpath. Chairman to inspect area with Mr Cook.

(CLERK)

(BH/MC)

4 REPORTS:

- 4.1 School Governors. Mrs Feasey gave a very full report. Mr Stephen Kenedy has been elected as a new Parent Governor, replacing Mr Philip Mason, whose term of office ended. The election of the Vice-Chairman has been deferred. Terms of reference regarding meetings were discussed and amended. Letting fees are to be re-assessed and it is likely these will increase. There has been a Fire Inspection and as a result of this the EXIT signs have been altered. The Headteacher has been attending various training courses. Mrs Feasey has attended a Governors' Course and learned how to 'sell' the school. There was an underspend last year. Mrs Parry, a new Parent Governor is attending a course for new governors. Some money has been granted to the school, so the sports store will be extended. Mrs Feasey gave details of the members of the various school committees. Sherington Care is a before and after-school group and this is very popular. This group is inspected by Social Services, who are not happy about the fact the school does not have safety glass in the windows. The Governors' Report to parents will be sent out next Monday. Mrs Caroline Allen has been appointed caretaker and Mrs Jill Spring as midday supervisor. The Chairman thanked Mrs Feasey for her report.

- 4.2 Millennium Committee. Mr Pilcher reported that notes have been sent out to all interested folk. There is still a need for women and young people on the committee. The next meeting will be on 10th December. The Clerk passed information to Mr Pilcher regarding 100% funding available from the government for planting trees for the millennium.

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- 4.3 Drug Awareness Meeting. Mrs Hayes reported that only fourteen people attended, which included councillors and the Clerk. The presentation was given by PC Colin Davies and this was most useful and interesting. Cllr Mrs Seymour wished her thanks to the PC, for arranging the evening, to be recorded. It was agreed a letter should be sent to Sgt Peter Johnstone at Newport Pagnell Police Station asking him to thank PC Davies for an excellent and informative evening.

(CLERK)

- 4.4 Local Plan Meeting. Mr Pilcher gave a report in addition to the paper (which had been circulated) on the meeting attended by four councillors and the Clerk. MKC arranged this exploratory meeting to receive views from local people. The Local Plan will extend into the next century. There will be a need for additional dwellings in the local area. Mr Pilcher suggested that it may be useful for councillors to walk around the village to take stock of what may be needed within the next ten years or so.

Mr Ferris reminded the PC of the Village Appraisal which was undertaken by an under-graduate some years ago and suggested that perhaps something similar should be planned in the near future. It was further suggested that college graduates be invited and a small bursary offered. It is an ideal way to find out local needs.

Mr Ferris proposed that the PC investigate the opportunities to secure a review of the Village Appraisal in an endeavour to secure a modern consensus of residents of Sherington. Agreed. The Chairman asked councillors to find out contact names of suitable colleges and students and pass them to the Clerk. The Clerk to obtain information from BUCKS CVS with regard to Village Appraisals.

(ALL CLLRS)

(CLERK)

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4.5 Clerk's Report.

- 4.5.1 Parish Partnership Fund 96/97. The grant has been agreed; the total being £864.00. The Clerk has spoken with Mr Smith of MKC about the play equipment and he has confirmed that safety surfaces are unnecessary. MKC is likely to take over the maintenance of play equipment when purchased and installed. Mr Smith will confirm this in writing.

(CLERK)

- 4.5.2 The White Hart. Letters of thanks have been sent to Planning and Legal Departments for their help and a note in a letter to Howard Miller (Chief Executive MKC). A letter has also been sent to the Inspectorate informing them of the re-opening of The White Hart as a pub. ACTIONED
- 4.5.3 Highways. Letter of thanks has been sent to Mr Buckle with regard to all the work he has carried out in the village recently. ACTIONED
- 4.5.4 Further Planning List (21.11.97). This has been received. An alteration to recent plans for Church Farm was noted, but new plans were found to be identical with the original plans. NO COMMENT
- 4.5.5 Churchyard Mowing. An invoice needs to be sent to St Laud's this month, as the church's financial year ends 31.12.97. (CLERK)
- 4.5.6 Balance Sheets 1996/1997 Accounts. These need to be displayed even though the accounts have not been audited. A notice to be put on Parish Council Notice Board and copies of balance sheet and associated papers to be deposited in Virginia House Stores & Post Office. (CLERK)
- 4.5.7 Poop Scoops. Virginia House Stores and Post Office to be asked to stock these items. (CLERK)
5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:
- 5.1 Recreation Field and Pavilion. The Chairman's paper on this matter had been circulated, but he stated that after discussion with Mr Ferris between meetings he wished an alternative proposal to be made. Mr Ferris proposed a letter from the PC to Sherington Football Club outlining an agreement between the PC and the Football Club with regard to the hire of the field and pavilion and the renovation works to be carried out. Mr Ferris read a draft of such a letter which would be signed by both parties and displayed at the pavilion. He reminded the PC there is an agreement with the Football Club in existence so it is not necessary to make a new one. The Chairman said he was not aware this document existed, but it will need to be updated. All above agreed. (DF/CLERK)
- 5.2 SLCC Conference, Bournemouth 17/19 April 1998. The Chairman proposed the Clerk attends the conference and the PC pay the fee and accommodation (total £155) and this will be put into next year's precept. Mr Ferris said he is prepared to second the motion if the Clerk will give a resume of two lectures of particular interest, ie 'Future Traffic Management in our Villages and Towns' and 'New Access to the Countryside and Leisure'. All agreed. (CLERK)
- 5.3 Hire of School for PC Meeting. A letter had been received from the Headteacher reminding the PC of the hours for which it had hired the school for meetings. It was agreed that, as from January 1998, the PC will hire the school from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm. (CLERK)
6. CORRESPONDENCE.
- 6.1 MK FORUM - Details of Forum 70 'The Funding of the Health Services in MK' 28.11.97 NOTED
- 6.2 MKC - 'Cleansing Section Services Financial Year 1998/99'. Letter re additional skips. CIRCULATION
- 6.3 MKC - 'Parish Boundary Review'. *Comments to MKC by 16 January 1998* CIRCULATION
- 6.4 MKC - 'Community Safety Initiative - "Rural Peace of Mind". Funding available for initiatives for the elderly in rural areas. CIRCULATION
- 6.5 MKC - 'Rural Liaison Committee'. Agenda for mtg 27.11.97 & minutes of mtg 04.09.97 CIRCULATION
- 6.6 NALC- 'Local Council Review'. November 1997 CIRCULATION
- 6.7 SLCC- Letter re Clerks Salaries & Minutes of Liaison Committee between the NALC & SLCC CIRCULATION
- 6.8 SHERINGTON CE FIRST SCHOOL - Invitation to attend performance: 16.12.97 or 17.12.97 CIRCULATION
- 6.9 MKC - Draft register of electors. *Persons wishing to make claims or objections must do so before 16.12.97 on forms available from MKC.* NOTED
- 6.10 MKC - 'Parish Financing Arrangements 1998/99'. Letter re Section 136 arrangements. *Councillors asked to note the increase to £3560 from £2400 (50% increase) Cllr Mrs Seymour said another PC is asking Mr Colyer from the MKC to attend a meeting to explain increases. It was agreed to invite Mr Colyer to Sherington.* CIRCULATION
- 6.11 MKC - 'Local Plan Review - Advisory Panel'. *If PC wishes to be represented at the next mtg on 12.12.97 reply has to be with MKC by 05.12.97* (CLERK)
- 6.12 MKC - 'Parish Consultative Committee - Dog Fouling' Letter giving times of meeting on 11.12.97. *Any councillor may attend the meeting on 11.12.97* NOTED
7. PLANNING:
- Mrs Haynes abstained from any discussion on item 7.3, which the Chairman took first.
- 7.1 Planning Lists: 31.10.97, 07.11.97, 14.11.97 received: No applications for Sherington on lists.
- 7.2 97/1049/MK Erection for Agricultural Building for Storage of Farm Implements & Crops. Sherington Bridge Farm. Mr Sharpe.
- It was agreed a letter be sent to Mr Duncan Fox at MKC, endorsing his requests to Mr Sharpe to have previous matters regularised before the current planning matter is considered.
- Cllr Mrs Seymour (from the floor) stated she had been to a very useful site meeting with Mr Fox.

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- 7.3 Report of pre-planning meeting at C J HAYNES site, Bedford Road re ORANGE telecom. pole. Since the meeting, plans have been received from the agents. There was considerable discussion on this matter and Mr Pilcher wished it to be noted that he is against any form of aerial. Present Government Legislation is such that telecommunication aerials have to be generally accepted by local councils. It was agreed a letter should be sent to MKC stating that the PC does not object to the ORANGE pole as details received, but the pole to be at least 20 mtrs from the VODAFONE monopole. The structure to be painted in a suitable colour and the area landscaped. The PC is concerned the landscaping and painting of the monopole has not yet been carried out.

(CLERK)

<u>8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.</u>	£	chq. no.
SLCC - Annual Subscription 1997/1998	40.00	100742
D W FERRIS (for GIBBS & DANDY) - Christmas lights	45.12	100743
P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary + RFO 4 hrs for Nov '97 and back pay April - October 1997	184.48	100744
P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expense for Nov '97	23.60	100745
SLCC - Conference Fee & Accommodation	<u>155.00</u>	100746
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER	448.20	

Credit Note received from Rogers for tractor tyre: £29.08

Acknowledgment received from Andrew Hayes for £30.00 honorarium

Treasurers (Current) Account Middle November £321.72

Enterprise (Deposit) Account Middle November £14182.87

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr Holliss, seconded by Mr Ferris, all agreed.

#### 9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

- 9.1 Trees. Mr Whatton reported that trees have been trimmed
- 9.2 Traffic Accident. Mr Whatton witnessed a nasty accident on the Chicheley roundabout recently. Mr Pepper also commented on the hazard of the large roundabout on Chicheley Hill. Mr Morgan-Thomas added that drivers from Newport Pagnell direction do not slow down at the approach to the roundabout. All the above to send details to Cllr Mrs Seymour, who will pass them on to Newport Pagnell Police.
- 9.3 Thanks to Councillors. Mr Whatton thanked councillors for their hard work throughout the year.

#### 10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.

- 10.1 Cross Albans Turn. Mr Cook reminded the PC of continuing safety hazard at Cross Albans Turn. It was agreed a letter be sent to MKC again regarding this matter, as the PC is not satisfied with the previous reply received from Mr Roche.
- 10.2 Hammerhead Turn. Mr Cook reported that Mr Buckle (MKC) has arranged for the turn area to be marked out. Tarmac will not be applied as yet because of the lack of funds.
- 10.3 Telephone Line. Mr Smith reported that the telephone line near the sewer beds in Water Lane is not of regulation height. Because of large lorries turning in the area, this may be a hazard.
- 10.4 Mr Edwin Lack. Mr Ferris asked for a note of the death of Mr Lack, Church Organist, to be recorded. The Chairman said Mr Lack will be sadly missed, not only by the choir at Sherington, but many other musical societies in the area. He informed the PC that Mr Lack's funeral is to be held on Monday, 8th December at Newport Pagnell Parish Church.
- 10.5 Professor John Fielding. The Chairman also reported that Prof. Fielding, who is Lay Reader at St Lauds Church, also suffered a heart attack and was in the next hospital bed to Mr Lack.
- 10.5 G F X Hartigan Ltd. Mr Ferris reported on the site meeting he and Mrs Hayes attended. Hartigans have agreed that, if a Certificate of Lawful Use is granted, in respect of a small rectangular area at their Newport Pagnell site, for storage of road materials, vehicle maintenance and repair only, they will discontinue all other activities. They will restore the area to environmental use within a period of 12 months. Vehicle movements anticipated to be approximately 25 per month (at present 60 per day).

(CLERK)

#### 11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

11.1 PC Meeting: Tuesday, 6th January 1998 (7.30 pm - 10.00 pm)

11.2 Annual Budget (Precept) Meeting: Tuesday 10th January 1998. *BO*

The Chairman thanked Councillors and General Public for their attendance at meetings and wished them a Happy Christmas and Peaceful 1998.

Mr Whatton (from the floor) thanked the Chairman for conducting the meetings and wished the PC a Happy Christmas.

The Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed *Donna Holliss*

06.01.98

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on 6th January 1998 at 7.30 pm

## AGENDA

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 BCC Site - Sherington Mound (see Appendix 1)
  - 3.2 Undergrounding:
    - 3.2.1 The Knoll (see Appendix 2)
    - 3.2.2 Church End (work due to start first week in January '98)
  - 3.3 Local Plan (Village Appraisal)
  - 3.4 Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill)
  - 3.5 Dog Bin/Scoops (see Appendix 3)
4. REPORTS
  - 4.1 Millenium Committee
  - 4.2 Clerk's Report
5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
  - 5.1 Parish Boundary Review (details already circulated)
  - 5.2 Other Bulk Skips (details already circulated)
  - 5.3 Community Safety (details already circulated)
  - 5.4 Dog Warden Costs (details already circulated)
  - 5.5 Village Hall Extension (see Appendix 4)
6. CORRESPONDENCE (see separate sheet - Appendix 5)
7. PLANNING:
  - 7.1 Planning Lists 28.11.97, 05.12.97, 12.12.97, 19.12.97, 26.12.97 received
    - 7.1.1 97/1345/MK Determination Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of GPDO for Erection of 15M Monopole and Associated Equipment Housing, Storage Compound off Bedford Road. for ORANGE PCS Ltd
8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
9. MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES
  - 9.1 Tractor Mower (report of service)
  - 9.2 Section 136 Arrangements (letter circulated)
  - 9.3 Renewal of PC Grass Cutting Contracts
  - 9.4 Pavilion & Surrounding Area (Mrs W Haynes & Mr R Smith to report)
10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:
  - 12.1 Annual Precept (Budget) Meeting: 20.01.97
  - 12.2 PC Meeting: 03.02.97
  - 12.3 Councillors' walk around the village (re Local Plan)

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS THE SCHOOL MUST BE VACATED BY 10.00 pm  
THE CHAIRMAN WILL PLAN TO FINISH THE MEETING AT 9.45 pm.  
IT IS HOPED ALL BUSINESS WILL BE CONCLUDED BY THAT TIME.

Pearl Teasdale  
Clerk to Sherington Parish Council

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, on Tuesday 6th January 1998

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## ACTION POINTS

1. **PRESENT.** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr R Smith. Apologies received from Mr A Pilcher, who is away on business. Apologies also from MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour who will arrive later.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES.** After an amendment to minute 791/5.1 line 6 and a correction to a typing error was made to minute 792/11.2 the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 3.1 **BCC Site - Sherington Mound.** MKC letter from Paul Robinson with details of the timetable from Steve Crowther had been circulated. The Clerk will check on planning sheets that a planning application is put before the Development Control Committee on 4th February 1998. A letter of acknowledgment had been received from Mr I Prosser regarding the Environmental Body. Application forms will be available in due course. It is recognised that it is not for the PC to make an application to the Environmental Body, but for MKC to do this on behalf of the PC. JUN '93/01  
ONGOING  
(CLERK)
  - 3.2 **Undergrounding.** MAY '93/03  
ONGOING
    - 3.2.1 **The Knoll.** As the result of our letter to Sir Iain Vallance, BT have indicated (in a letter already circulated) that the area will be surveyed and the job assessed. Mrs Haynes said The Knoll has been surveyed and the local residents contacted. It is understood that the Clerk will be contacted further within the next few months. Our MP, Brian White, has also contacted BT regarding this matter. ONGOING
    - 3.2.2 **Church End.** EME has promised the work will commence 12th January 1998. Mr Peter Stevens (from the floor) said the local residents have not yet been contacted. The Clerk to investigate further. Clerk also requested to contact JAG, who will be moling through the churchyard. (CLERK)
  - 3.3 **Local Plan (Village Appraisal).** The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Deidre Bethune at the OU, to ask if she has any suitable students, in her discipline, to carry out or up date Sherington Village Appraisal. The Clerk has received a copy of notes taken at the recent Local Plan Review meeting. This to be circulated to all councillors. (CLERK)  
Mr Cook reported that he had been to the recent meeting of the Local Plan Panel. He said comments were made that PCs had not been properly invited. Invitations have now been sent but as they are held weekday mornings it is not possible for any councillors to attend. Mr Cook said that the second meeting was more interesting than the first, but it was mostly about transport. Mr Cook (who represents the National Farmers Union) said that the organisers are officers from Bedfordshire Council. DEC '97 4.4  
(CLERK)
  - 3.4 **Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill).** The Chairman reported that Cllr Mrs Seymour has taken up this matter with Mr Trevor Dove (MKC Transport & Traffic Manager). A site meeting is being arranged for this area and the Chicheley Hill Roundabout. The Chairman hopes to be at the site meeting. Mr Smith reported a further accident at Cross Albans Hill on 10th December 1997. The Clerk has also put a note in the January SCAN asking residents for information regarding accidents or near accidents at both black spots to be sent to Cllr Mrs Seymour. JAN '97 10.1  
(BH)
  - 3.5 **Dog B in/Scoop.** A rough draft of a circular to be sent to all household has been circulated to all councillors for their comments. The Clerk reported that both Sherington Post Office and Virginia House Stores are willing to stock dog scoops and bags. VHS already stocks Pedigree bags. Councillors commented on the circular and agreed 300/A5 to be photo-copied. These will be delivered, one per household, by all members of the council. JUN '97/01  
ONGOING  
The PC to purchase bags and scoops and these to be given to the two shops to resell. The PC would not want the owners to be out-of-pocket if these do not sell. This was agreed. (CLERK)  
The bin has been ordered and the Clerk has checked that the price is still £40 per bin and £100 per year for emptying twice a week by MKC.
4. **REPORTS.**
  - 4.1 **Millennium Committee.** Mr Pilcher had sent through a report for the Clerk to give to the PC. The PC is asked to hold over the funding set aside for Millennium Meetings at the school until next financial year and for the PC to consider precepting for additional funding for further meetings as necessary and to help with starting off publicity and fundraising. The Millennium Committee wish to hold meetings once a month. The rates of hiring the school would be £5.25 per hour. There has been an increase in the numbers on the committee. It was agreed to discuss the requests for funding at the Precept Meeting to be held on 20th January 1998.

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Millennium (cont.)

2000 Trees. There was some discussion about where the two thousand trees should be planted. It has been noted that some local land owners have had trees planted on private land (which is inaccessible to the general public) as part of the 2000 trees, it had been agreed to plant for the village. It was agreed that it would be better to plant the trees in several plantations, as 2000 trees in one place would need a considerable amount of land, ie approximately 5 acres.

It was agreed the following suggestions should be put to the Millennium Committee:

- i) Avenues of trees to be planted on approach to the village (as J W Cook & Son had started on the road from Sherington Turn).
- ii) Major Chester be asked if he has some suitable land in the village for a small plantation of trees which would be accessible and/or visible to the general public.
- iii) Specimen trees (about six or ten varieties) to be planted in Stone pits.

(AP/CLERK)

4.2 Clerk's Report.

4.2.1 Rural Affairs Committee. Meeting has been postponed from 15th January to 12th February 1998.

4.2.2 Highways. Letter of acknowledgment from Mr Buckle. He appreciated our letter of thanks and would pass it to all concerned.

4.2.3 Local Plan Review Panel. When this was circulated comments were made that there is concern regarding MK Cllr Tapp's promotion of further rural development. Mr Ferris asked that the PC pass Sherington's concern to Cllr Mrs Seymour, as all parishes do not share Cllr Tapp's views. Agreed.

(CLERK)

4.2.4 Parish Partnership Fund. Three specifications regarding bollards and seats were sent to contractors. With the Chairman's permission the Clerk sent these to Kings End Construction, Brian West and Synergy (as MKC require a quote from a DSO where possible). Also with the Chairman's permission the Clerk changed the date, quotations are to be received, from 6th January to 20th January, because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. A fax is awaited from Acorn Nurseries regarding the price of a pot grown double may tree. A verbal quote has been given (£80), but this needs to be in writing. Two other quotes have been received from Wyevale and Frosts. Clerk to contact Acorn Nurseries again.

(CLERK)

5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

5.1 Parish Boundary Review. Comments need to be sent to MKC by 16th January 1998.

NO COMMENTS  
NO ACTION

5.2 Other Bulk Skips. No further skips required.

5.3 Community Safety. The Chairman asked for comments on this as it is to raise awareness amongst older, vulnerable people about bogus callers. Mrs Hayes reported that the Police Consultative Committee had also discussed this matter. It was agreed that the PC should ask for leaflets from the NP Police and these to be given to older people via the various clubs and organisations in the village.

(CLERK)

5.4 Dog Warden Costs. The MK Consultative Committee recommends that 40p per household (band D) be paid through S.136 Arrangements to fund a scheme for one Dog Warden. It would only be the parishes that would be asked to pay for this. Those in unparished areas would have the scheme, but payment for these areas would come from general fund. The PC does not think that just one Dog Warden will be sufficient for the whole of Milton Keynes area. The PC agrees with the principle of the scheme, but considers it should not be funded in a disproportionate manner. Agreed.

(CLERK)

5.5 Village Hall Extension. A rough drawing and letter has been received and circulated to all councillors. The councillors agreed that the proposed office is too big for the Parish Council and the planned two storey extension out of character with the remainder of the building. Comments to be sent to Village Hall Management Committee to include the following:

- i) The present office is sufficient for Parish Council use.
- ii) The PC would be willing to support the VH with an application for a pitched roof single storey extension, with access for reaching storage space (from the extension) in the pitched roof area.

(CLERK)

The Parish Partnership Fund would be happy to consider a one-off large application (as from Emberton this financial year). It is hoped that one parish per year would be allocated such a grant.

Mr Ferris reminded the PC that if the VH wished to make an application for a loan, it may be done through the PC to the Local Authority (as on the previous two occasions).

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**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

6.1 MKC - 'Mapping of Landscape Maintenance Areas.' Letter and plan. <i>Matter to be discussed under item 9.2 (Management of Facilities).</i>	CIRCULATED
6.2 MKC - 'MK Bus Map & Service Guide'	CIRCULATED
6.3 MKC - Agenda & Minutes of Consultative Committee 'Travel to School'. Survey results.	CIRCULATED CIRCULATED
6.4 MKC - 'The White Hart'. Letter of acknowledgment from Mr A Williams	NOTED
6.5 BUCKS CVS - 'Newsletter' December 1997	CIRCULATED
6.6 EME - Letter re new number for Electricity meter at Pavilion	NOTED
6.7 MKC - Budget Questionnaire. <i>Comments requested from councillors.</i>	CIRCULATION
6.8 MK FORUM - Bulletin No. 66	NOTED
6.9 MKC - Details of Arts Events etc. January - February 1998.	CIRCULATION
6.10 MKC - Letter re EUROPE DAY, Saturday 9th May 1998.	CIRCULATION
6.11 STOREY SONS & PARKER - Letter re rated valuation	NOTED
6.12 MILTON KEYNES CARERS PROJECT - Newsletter Winter 1997	CIRCULATION
6.13 MKC - Minutes of Parish Liaison Committee 27.11.97.	CIRCULATION
6.14 MKC - Letter re Special Meeting of MK Consultative Committee on DOG FOULING.	NOTED
6.15 TRAVELWISE - Winter Issue 1997/98	CIRCULATION

**7. PLANNING:****7.1 Planning Lists 18.11.97, 05.12.97, 12.12.97, 26.12.97 received:**

**Mrs Haynes declares an interest in the following planning application and did not take part in any discussion on the matter.**

7.1.1 97/1345/MK Determination Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of GPDO Erection of  
15M Monopole and Associated Equipment Housing.  
Storage Compound off Bedford Road for ORANGE PCS Ltd

The Clerk reported that MKC is concerned, that it appears from the plan, ORANGE has not left 5 metres as required for landscaping.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the PC has no further comments to make about this planning application.

NO COMMENTS

**8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

	£	chq no.
8.1 EME - Electricity (Pavilion Account) qrtr end 31.12.97	32.46	100747
8.2 ODELL & CO LTD - Mower repair and service	320.07	100748
8.3 SCAN PCC - Photocopying	29.54	100749
8.4 P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary plus 8 hrs RFO for December '97	183.68	100750
8.5 P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses for December 1997	22.17	100751
8.6 COMBINED GLAZING SERVICES - Repair of Pavilion Window	61.10	100752
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY	<u>649.02</u>	

Notification from MKC that the bank account has been credited for £864.00  
(being payment of Parish  
Partnership Fund grant 1996/97).

Acknowledgment from the Football Club for £50.00 donation towards new nets.

Enterprise Account - Middle December £14078.97

Treasurers Account - Middle December £1017.56

Moneymaker Account (money held in Trust for Cricket Club) £519.72

Acceptance of account proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr Smith, all agreed.

An invoice has been sent to St Laud's Church for grass cutting in the churchyard.  
The amount due is £882.39 (includes all labour costs & 50% contribution of other costs).

**9. MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES.**

The Chairman reported he had asked the Clerk to write to Mr. Pepper, Mr Powell and Mr Whatton thanking them for their help on the Amenities Committee. The Chairman explained that this part of the Agenda could be considered to be as 'Part B'. 'Part A' (up to Accounts) is for councillors' discussions and proposals only. During 'Part B' of an agenda members of the public may be invited to take part in discussion. The Chairman proposed that during 'Management of Facilities' Mr Pepper, Mr Powell and Mr Whatton be asked to contribute (when they are present) to anything which is of special interest to them. Agreed.

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- 9.1. Tractor Mower (report on service). Mr Pilcher had sent in a report on the mower. He had checked the mower after its repair and service. It is now in 'as new condition', as far as he can tell. Mr Pilcher has offered to check the mower every month and recharge the battery, whilst it is in store during the winter. The mower was left in a disappointing state before it was repaired and Mr Pilcher thinks the repair bill has some bearing on the state of the mower. The Chairman voiced concern about this and suggested that perhaps the care of the mower, by a contractor, should be included in a new contract. This to be discussed under item 9.3.

It was agreed to take up Mr Pilcher's offer of checking the mower and recharging the battery. The Clerk read out details of the repair and service of the mower.

(AP)

- 9.2. Section 136 Arrangements. The Chairman said he would personally like to acquaint himself with information from MKC relating to previous costs. He considered that the PC may be blinded by figures when someone from MKC comes to talk to the PC about Parish Funding so he hopes he can look at these beforehand and advise the PC so that councillors may ask realistic questions.

(BH)

It was agreed the plan sent from MKC is incorrect and these matters should be pointed out as the PC will be paying for mowing which is not carried out. The Clerk pointed out that the area was originally checked in previous years and clear details of the grassed areas to be cut under S.136 have been given. MKC to be asked to refer to the corrected map and reduce costs accordingly. The Clerk noted the areas cut by local residents.

(CLERK)

- 9.3. Renewal of PC Grass Cutting Contracts. The Clerk has been informed by Sinfield Landscapes that they are willing to continue the contract for mowing the Recreation Field at £40 per cut as in previous years. It was agreed to accept this.

(CLERK)

The Man with a Mower has not replied to our letter asking if he would like to renew the present contract for cutting other grassed areas.

Letter to be sent to Giles Ferris asking him to reply within fourteen days. The letter also to state that renewal of the contract to include leaving the mower in a clean and tidy state. This was agreed by the majority of councillors, but Mr Cook wished a verbal message be given, rather than a letter be sent.

(CLERK)

- 9.4. Pavilion and Surrounding Field. Mr Smith reported that the field had been inspected and Mr Pilcher had made a list of work to be carried out.

Electricity Cable for outside Lighting. The electrical point to be put into a covered metal container (similar to that for a water meter).

Rope around the Pitch. Mr Haynes would like to fit a fluorescent rope, so that it can be seen more easily. He would like to know where this can be obtained.

Area around the Pavilion. This is in bad state, with weeds, junk etc and needs clearing.

Pavilion. Exterior woodwork needs restaining.

Car Park. Several pot holes, which need filling. Weeds need removing.

General. Mr Smith thought that there was nothing vital, but the whole looks a bit jaded.

Electricity Meter Cover. Mrs Haynes reported this has been broken off its hinges.

Home Team shower area. Tiles are bulging from the wall and this needs investigating.

Mr Ferris said these items should be put in a programme of works to be carried out during the year. This did not happen last year. Mr Ferris also mentioned the seat in Church Road

also needs repairing. The Chairman wished to carry on discussing the Recreation Facilities. The Chairman said he had also inspected the Pavilion and surrounding area. He is concerned

about the dirty state of the outside of the pavilion, but commented that the inside of the pavilion is very clean. The Chairman also voiced concern that, in the past, decisions have been made regarding the Recreation Facilities outside the Parish Council.

There was considerable discussion on several of the problems mentioned and the fact that children play on the field.

The following points to be noted:

Mrs Haynes will clean the mud off the pavilion walls. The PC does not wish Mrs Haynes to have to carry out this task, but the Football Club to be requested not to knock out boots on the brickwork.

Mrs Haynes said the rope around the pitch will be removed between matches.

Mr Cook suggested mud on football boots should be knocked off on a post.

Mr Cook also suggested the posts which hold the rope around the pitch to be fitted so they may be lifted out and placed on the ground to avoid accidents.

Children will be using the field more in the future, when the new play equipment is installed.

Other repairs/renovations to be carried out:

Old Pavilion (store). Some slats need replacing and the wood need creosoting.

Car park repairs. The maintenance of the car park is the responsibility of MKC, but the PC should pay 50% of the costs.

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Management of Facilities (cont.)

Councillors were asked to note any other repairs etc. which need to be carried out during the coming year, to the Precept Meeting on 20th January 1998.

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

- 10.1 May Day Celebrations. Mrs Feasey asked whose responsibility will it be for organising the events on May Day. The PC has no objections to Sherington School and the PTFA taking over the organisation of events on The Knoll. Letter to be sent to Mrs Fleming stating the PC is willing for the School and other organisations to use The Knoll on May Day. Any enquiries from other organisations who wish to have events to be directed to the School.
- 10.2 Specimen Trees. Mr Whatton said he thought it an excellent idea to plant specimen trees for the Millennium in Stonepits. The prices of trees are going up rapidly, so orders should be put in as soon as possible.

(CLERK)

**11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 11.1 Christmas Tree. Mrs Hayes wished thanks to the councillors and their helpers to be minuted. Thanks also to the people who supplied the tree. The Clerk reported that she had put thanks in December SCAN from the PC, to Mr Powell, Mr Philip Smith, Mr Inskipp and Mr Morris who helped put up and take down the tree. Also a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr and Mrs Hodgkins for supplying the tree.
- A note regarding payment for the electricity for the tree lights will be dealt with at the Precept Meeting, as Mr Pilcher is not able to be present at this meeting. He usually requests a donation is sent to a charity.
- 11.2 The Grumpy Sheep. Mr Smith reported he and Mr Ferris went to the School's performance.

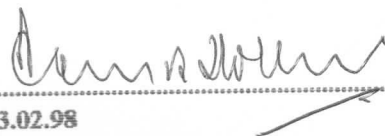
**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 12.1 Annual Precept (Budget) Meeting: Tuesday, 20th January 1998 at 7.30 pm
- 12.2 Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, 3rd February 1998 at 7.30 pm
- 12.3 Councillors' walk around the village (re Local Plan): Sunday, 1st March 1998 at 11.00 am.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed.....

03.02.98



# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 3rd February 1998 at 7.30 pm

## A G E N D A

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - 2.1 Parish Council Meeting - 6th January 1998
  - 2.2 Special Meeting for Precept - 20th January 1998. (Minutes attached).
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Section 136 Arrangements  
MR ALEX COLYER, ASSISTANT TREASURER (CORPORATE FINANCE), MKC will address the Parish Council on the Funding of S.136. (See Appendix 1)
  - 3.2 Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill & Chicheley Roundabout) - Report of site meeting.
  - 3.3 Dog Bins. (See Appendix 2)
4. REPORTS
  - 4.1 Millennium Committee
  - 4.2 Clerk's Report
5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
  - 5.1 Notification of Grant for Countryside Watch (see Appendix 3)
6. PLANNING
  - 6.1 Planning Lists 02.01.98, 09.01.98, 16.01.98, 23.01.98 received:
    - 6.1.1 98/05/MK Detached Dwelling with Associated Access (Approval of Reserved Matters Following Outline Planning Permission MK/463/96)  
Land adjacent to 24 Gun Lane. Roxley Estates.
    - 6.1.2 98/07/MK Erection of Detached Dwelling and New Vehicular Access.  
18 School Lane. J W Associates.
    - 6.1.3 98/09/MK Construction of First Floor to Existing Bungalow and Erection of Two Storey Side Extension. 18 School Lane. J W Associates.
7. CORRESPONDENCE (see Appendix 4)
8. ACCOUNTS
  - 8.1 Precept Arrangements and Council Tax Figure 1998/1999
  - 8.2 Notification of Audit of 1996/1997 Accounts
  - 8.3 Proposed payment for Electricity to Christmas Tree Lights on The Knoll
  - 8.4 Accounts for Payment.
9. MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES.
  - 9.1 Renewal of Grass Cutting Contracts (see Appendix 5)
  - 9.2 Agreed work to be carried out at Recreation Field and Pavilion 1998/1999.
  - 9.3 Agreed other repair and renewal work to be carried out throughout Sherington 1998/1999.
  - 9.4 Heads of Agreement Between Sherington PC and Sherington FC (see Appendix 6)
10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:
  - 12.1 PC Meeting: 03.03.98.
  - 12.2 Walk Around the Village by Councillors (Local Plan) to be postponed from 01.03.98.



# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, on Tuesday 3rd February 1998.

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## ACTION POINTS

1. **PRESENT.** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Hayes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith.  
Also in attendance: MK Cllr Mrs Seymour until 8.30 pm. & Pc Reg Webster.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

- 2.1 Parish Council Meeting - 6th January 1998. Agreed and signed as a correct record.  
2.2 Special Meeting for Precept - 20th January 1998. Agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING.**

- 3.1 Section 136 Arrangements. MR ALEX COLYER, ASSISTANT TREASURER (CORPORATE FINANCE) MKC had been invited to address the meeting and was welcome by the Chairman.

Mr Colyer began his talk by explaining that MKC is a 'Capped' Council in that its expenditure is greater than the government allows it to spend. He continued by outlining the general financial situation of MKC. MK is the fastest growing area in the country at the present time and the government assessment is two years out of date, (MK has a population of 10,000 more than in 1996) so there will be a £12million deficit in the financial year 1998/99 (would be £13million if parishes did not take part in Agency Agreements). Some of the current year's £8million deficit is included in this figure, but savings have been made by not recruiting extra staff as well as other cost cutting activities.

Parish Councils have spending powers of their own, and they are able to decide what tax to levy at the householders in their own parishes. This is not capped. In 1991 the Director of Finance looked at ways the Parish Councils could help. The Section 136 Arrangements (under the 1972 Local Government Act) allows District and Parish Council to share costs in certain areas, ie landscaping. Because the expenditure is put on the Parish Councils who enter an Agency Agreement the money is not capped. Footway lighting has always been funded by the District Council. (previously by refunding money paid to EME). Sherington now has an Agency Agreement with MKC for footway lighting, this benefits the parish (MKC is able to negotiate a better price for electricity) and MKC who saves on capping.

Mr Colyer presented two papers regarding the S136 arrangements. He explained that the landscaped areas are now put on the Council's digital mapping system (they had previously been measured manually). This has made a difference and in Sherington has shown a reduction in cost. The PC followed through the figures on the 'Sherington Summary' sheet and 'Rural Areas Contract' sheet with Mr Colyer, who explained the details to those present. The costs are based on rates per square metre. Sherington will be asked to pay £2440.00 next year, which is a similar amount to that which had been precepted for this year (£2400.00). The number of cuts has been reduced from 14 to 12 per year. Mr Colyer stated that Mr Prockter and Mr Ely have agreed that the contractors will be better than in previous years.

MKC will be asking each Parish Council to nominate someone who will be around during the day who can receive and sign a certificate to state the grass cutting has been carried out.

The Clerk has not yet received notification of this arrangement. Mr Colyer said he will follow this up.

The Chairman thanked Mr Colyer for his attendance and presentation.

- 3.2 Road Safety (Cross Albans Hill & Chicheley Rounabout). The Chairman reported on the site meeting he attended with Cllr Mrs Seymour, Mr Roche (MKC), Mrs Blamines (Clerk to Chicheley Parish Meeting), and (from Thames Valley Police) Pc Briggs. The Chairman read from a copy of the letter sent to Cllr Mrs Seymour, after the meeting. Mr Roche appreciated the points made regarding the Chicheley Roundabout, but MKC will not undertake any works at the present time. With regard to Cross Albans Hill, there is no money available to undertake major works at this junction and Pc Briggs is of the opinion that the markings on the road are sufficient. The Chairman pointed out that, although these are visible in daylight, they cannot be seen on a dark night. Both the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Seymour are very disappointed with the comments from both the Police and MKC. Cllr Mrs Seymour will be replying to the letter. JAN '97 10.1

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MATTERS ARISING (cont.)

- 3.3 Dog Bins. Two additional bins have been ordered at a cost of £40.00 each. The cleansing by MKC at £100.00 pa has been cancelled. A letter has been sent to Mr Stuart Clarke at Charlesberry Kennels thanking him for his kind offer and accepting it on behalf of the PC. The two further locations to be in Church Road near the Village Hall and in the High Street on the corner with Crofts End. All agreed. Mr Cook will supply the posts and Mr Ferris will fit them.

JUN '97/01  
ONGOING

Dog Warden. A letter has been sent to MKC stating the PC agrees in principle that a dog warden should be appointed, although questions the usefulness of one warden for the whole of MK. The PC would not agree to the project being funded out of the S136 Arrangements.

(The Chairman agreed to take Item 6. PLANNING next at the request of Cllr Mrs Seymour, but the item is minuted in number sequence.)

4. REPORTS:

- 4.1 Millennium Committee. Mr Pilcher reported that the Millennium Committee will seek champions for the series of events which have been planned. Regular meetings are being set up and the next one will be on 24 February at Sherington School. All are open meetings. There is now a smaller list of projects going ahead.

Mr Ferris reminded Mr Pilcher there is some conflict of interests and opinions between the Parish Council and the person who initially suggested the tree planting. The Millennium Committee is championing the planting of 2000 trees ~~with open access~~. Some trees have already been planted but not all of these are in areas of public access.

Because of some misunderstanding of what was agreed at the last PC meeting and what was stated at the recent Millennium Meeting, it was proposed by Mr Pilcher that a letter be sent to Mr John Cook, as Chair of the Millennium Committee, enclosing a copy of the minute (794/ 4.1) relating to the 2000 trees. Agreed. (CLERK)

Cllr Mr Michael Cook would like a member of the Millennium Committee to get in touch with him to discuss tree planting. Agreed. (CLERK)

4.2 Clerk's Report.

4.2.1 Village Hall Extension. A letter has been sent to the Secretary giving the PC's views on the proposed extension. Awaiting a reply.

4.2.2. Church End Undergrounding. Work will be completely within the next few days. With regard to the lamp from Church End being transferred to pole no. 12 in Church Road, this work will be carried out as soon as the Church End project is completed. No reminder to MKC is necessary.

4.2.3 MKC Rural Affairs Committee. Minutes and agenda received to be circulated. (CLERK)

4.2.4 MKC Clerks' Seminar 23.02.98. This will be on the S136 Arrangements. Clerk will attend.

4.2.5 MKC Acknowledgement of our letter re the landscaping map.

5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

- 5.1 Notification of Grant for Countryside Watch. The Chairman welcome Pc Reg Webster to the meeting. Mr Pilcher had made an application to BT for a grant towards the Countryside Watch initiative. An award of £500.00 has been made by BT. From the floor, Pc Webster stated the Countryside Watch Scheme will be launched at *at Emberton Park on 23 March 1998, 10.30am.*

It is proposed to purchase two cell-phones and pay for one year's rental from the award.

Pc Webster gave details of how the scheme will work and asked if Sherington Parish Council would set up the scheme and operate it during the first year. The Clerk has taken legal advice from BALC and it has been established that Parish Councils are authorised to spend money on Crime Prevention. Sherington Parish Council may act as Trustees for Countryside Watch, open a separate bank account with the award, purchase the cell-phones and pay rentals from this a/c. Pc Webster would like the cell-phones to be presented at the launch on 23 March, (invitations from Thames Valley Police). A campaign will be conducted for future funding.

Insurance of the phones will be covered by the money already awarded.

Mr Holliss proposed the award of £500.00 be accepted on behalf of Countryside Watch, and a bank account be opened with Midland Bank plc, by Sherington PC for the scheme. He further proposed the SPC should act as Trustees, purchase two cell-phones, pay the rentals and insurance from this award. These proposals were seconded by Mr Ferris. All agreed. (CLERK)

Mr Pilcher will enquire if the insurance will cover misuse of the 'phones if they are stolen.

Mr Pilcher passed the £500.00 cheque to the Clerk who will deposit it in the Enterprise account until the new account is opened. An official letter of thanks will be sent to BT. (CLERK)

In answering further questions about the scheme, Pc Webster confirmed that Land Rover is supplying vehicles and sponsoring the scheme. When the cell-phones are set up, the numbers will be given to all those who may need to contact Pc Webster or Pc Colin Davis.

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## 6. PLANNING.

### 6.1 Planning Lists 02.01.98, 09.01.98, 16.01.98, 23.01.98 received.

- 6.1.1 98/05/MK. Detached Dwelling with Associated Access (Approval of Reserved Matters Following Outline Planning Permission MK/463/96). Land adjacent to 24 Gun Lane. Roxley Estates  
Only one comment to be sent to MKC with regards to the appendage on the roof, which is out of keeping with the design of the bungalow.
- 6.1.2 98/07/MK. Erection of Detached Dwelling and New Vehicular Access  
18 School Lane. J W Associates.
- 6.1.3 98/09/MK. Construction of First Floor to Existing Bungalow and Erection of Two Storey Side Extension. 18 School Lane. J W Associates.

The Chairman had asked the Clerk to write to MKC with comments made by councillors when the plans were circulating, ie both properties are out of scale and character with surrounding development and the elevated site is only suitable for one-storey dwellings without steeply pitched roofs. These comments have been sent to MKC. Mr Ferris said he has received several objections about the plans and suggested a further letter be sent reminding MKC of the approval given previously with regard to the outline planning application. It was agreed a further letter be sent.

(DF/CLERK)

*CLLR MRS PAT SEYMOUR ASKED IF SHE MAY COMMENT ON A FEW MATTERS BEFORE SHE HAD TO LEAVE THE MEETING TO ATTEND THE PC AT NORTH CRAWLEY. THE CHAIRMAN GAVE HIS PERMISSION FOR THIS.*

Sherington Mound. Plans have not yet been submitted for planning approval. Cllr Mrs Seymour understands from Mr Crowther that MKC is awaiting a response from the Environment Agency. A reply is expect in time for the March meeting. It was agreed the PC should send a letter to Mr Crowther stating that, it is hoped, the programme for completing the mound this year will not be changed.

(CLERK)

Grassed Area by Car Park nex to Rectory in School Lane. The Clerk had mentioned the state of this area to Cllr Mrs Seymour who had taken it up with Mr John Bate at the Housing Department. The area will be cleared as soon as possible. Mr Ferris reported that councillors had removed the chairs that had been dumped in this area.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 7.1 MKC - Bulk Skip: Perry Lane 10/12 February; Leys View 24/26 March 1998. NOTED
- 7.2 NALC - 'Local Council Review' January 1998. CIRCULATED
- 7.3 MKALC - Minutes of GM 7 Qtly Mtg held 02.09.97. CIRCULATED  
Agenda for Qtly Mtg 20.01.98. *Apologies sent to Secretary.* CIRCULATED
- 7.4 MKC - Milton Keynes Lottery Event'. Letter re meeting to be held 02.02.98. CIRCULATED
- 7.5 MKC - Sports Ground Questionnaire - COPY PASSED TO FOOTBALL CLUB. NOTED
- 7.6 MKC - 'Planning Enforcement'. Letter informing council there will be no Enforcement Officer until mid-February 1998. FILE
- 7.7 MKC - 'Working in Partnership for the Future of Milton Keynes' Invitation to Conference 31.03.98 1998; 9.15 am - 4.15 pm. *Councillors not free to attend.* NOTED
- 7.8 BRIAN WEST - Return of Specifications for Bollards & Seats. *Unable to Quote.* FILE
- 7.9 THAMES VALLEY POLICE -Notice of Meeting 22.01.98 (received 24.01.98).  
Report of Consultative Group Meeting 20.11.97.  
Paper on Distraction Burglary Initiative.  
Reported crime for Sherington 01.01.97. - 31.12.97. CIRCULATION
- 7.10 SHERINGTON SCHOOL - Letter giving new letting charges. £5.25 per hour. FILE  
*This is the charge relating to the Millennium Committee meetings.*
- 7.11 MKC - 'Sustainable Transport and Road Safety Forum' Notice of Meeting 29.01.98 (received 24.01.98). *Clerk to contact Paul Robinson (Corporate Officer MKC) regarding late notifications of meetings.* (CLERK)
- 7.12 SHERINGTON SCHOOL - Letter giving notice of special hire rates for Parish Council Meetings £10.00 per meeting.

## 8. ACCOUNTS

### 8.1 Precept Arrangements and Council Tax Figure.

At the Special Meeting the Precept set for Sherington 1998/1999 is: £9350.00  
The amount charged by MKC for S136(Landscaping) 1998/1999 is: £2440.00  
The Clerk to return form to MKC confirming these figures.  
The MK Council Tax Figure for 1998/1999 is £418.43 (Band D equivalent)  
All figures noted and confirmed by members of the PC.

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8.2 Notification of Audit of 1996/1997 Accounts.

The audit will be in March. Accounts due to be with auditor 02.03.98 and Clerk requested to attend the audit on 20.03.98. The Clerk is not available on 20 March, so the auditor will confirm a time on the 19.03.98 when the accounts are deposited on 2 March.

The Clerk has just received details of working papers which the District Audit wish Clerks to complete. The Clerk reported to the PC that she had not kept working papers, but had prepared the accounts as suggested by following the CIPFA Guidance Notes. Clerk will circulate a copy of the instructions recently received from District Audit to all councillors. The Chairman proposed that he should write a letter to the Auditor stating that the instructions were received far too late for the Clerk to follow them now and sending objections from the PC that the accounts for 1996/1997 are being audited very late in this present financial year. Agreed

(BH)

8.3 Proposed payment for Electricity to Christmas Tree Lights on The Knoll.

Mr Pilcher declared interest and did not take part in any of the discussion relating to this item.

The electricity for the Christmas Lights in December 1997 was supplied from no 2 The Knoll.

The Chairman proposed a donation of £20.00, towards the cost of the electricity, be given to Mr Pilcher. Unanimously agreed.

(CLERK)

8.4 Accounts for Payment

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8.4.1 SHERINGTON SCHOOL - Hire Feb, Mar, Apr '97	24.00	100753
8.4.2 MKC - Hire of School for Millenium Mtg Dec '97	10.50	100754
8.4.3 EME - Undergrounding at Church End	3525.00	100755
8.4.4 *JAG CIVIL ENG. - Moling for Undergrounding	681.50	100756
8.4.5 P TEASDALE - Clerk' Salary & 8 hrs RFO, Jan '98	183.68	100757
8.4.6 P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses Jan '98	33.94	100758
8.4.7 A J PILCHER - Donation towards electricity used for Christmas Tree Lights, Dec 97.	20.00	100759
8.4.8 *EME - Undergrounding at Church End	3172.50	100760
TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY	7651.12	

Enterprise Account Middle of January

£14996.12

Treasurers Account Middle of January

£278.83

The Clerk asked for permission to transfer £8000.00 from Enterprise Account to Treasurers A/C so the above invoices may be met. All agreed.

\*Letter to be sent to the EME Contractors to thank them for the excellent way they worked and for the courtesy of the employees. JAG also to be thanked.

(CLERK)

A cheque has been received from St Laud's Church for 1997 curchyard mowing (£882.39).

Notification has been received that MKC is refunding £346.00 for 1996/1997 S136 Arrangements.

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mrs Hayes, all agreed.

9. MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES

9.1 Renewal of Grass Cutting Contracts. Sinfield Landscapes and Man with a Mower have both agreed to renew contracts with PC. Contracts will be as for the last two years. No extra costs are involved. The Chairman proposed we accept renewal of both contracts. Agreed.

9.2 Agreed work to be carried out at Recreation Field and Pavilion 1998/1999 Items are as agreed at the Precept Meeting (minute 3.2). The Chairman read the list to remind the PC of the agreed repairs and renewals. Items to be agreed during walk around the village. Amended date to be *Sunday, 22nd February - 10.00 am at The Pavilion.*

ALL CLLRS.

9.3 Agreed other repair and renewal work to be carried out throughout Sherington 1998/1999. Only two quotations have been received to supply and fix bollards and seats. These quotes are greatly in excess of the funding available (ie £1700 PPF/PC; quotes approx £2500). Three quotations have been received for the May trees, but the PC has been advised a very large tree would be unsuitable for planting, even if it had been pot grown. It was suggested the projects are put on hold for the time being. The Clerk to contact Paul Robinson at MKC stating PC's problems with regard to the correct funding of the projects and asking for a suggested way forward.

(CLERK)

9.4 Heads of Agreement Between Sherington. Mr Ferris proposed this be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the PC, and it be passed to the Football Club for signing. All agreed. The Chairman signed both copies of the Agreement and these were given to Mrs Haynes to pass to the Football Club who will keep one copy and return the other copy to the PC.

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**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

- 10.1 2000 Trees for the Millennium. Mr Williams commented that the trees should just be for the improvement for the environment.
- 10.2 Improvement of Church End. Mr Williams is of the opinion that the improvement has been marred by the two large 'no through road' signs outside his home. Mr Morgan-Thomas said the signs have prevented a number of vehicles from entering Church End mistaking it for Gun Lane. The councillors agreed that after spending several thousands of pounds on improving Church End it is unfortunate that the two large signs spoil the area. Mr Ryan (responsible for the conservation areas) and Mr Buckle (Highways Dept) to be contacted. The PC is of the opinion the Highways Department should have consulted the PC before installing the new signs. The Clerk will also inform MKC at the Clerks' Seminar about the problem on lack of consultations.
- 10.3 Cross Albans Hill. Mr Moxham referred to the disappointing meeting regarding the Road Safety problem. He wished to know if there is anything more that can be done. The Clerk has already put a note in SCAN asking residents who have been involved or witnessed accidents/near accidents to contact Cllr Mrs Seymour.

(CLERK)

(CLERK)

**11. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 11.1 Cross Albans Hill. Mr Pilcher said there is a very similar problem in Deanshanger.
- 11.2 Sale of Cricket Equipment. Mr Smith reminded the PC that it had previously planned to make a decision about this matter in the spring. Item for next month's agenda.
- 11.3 No Entry Sign at Sherington Turn. Mr Ferris reported that the 'no entry sign' has been removed at Sherington Turn. This problem has caused some motorists to use the wrong lane into the main road.

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(CLERK)

**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 12.1 PC Meeting: Tuesday, 3rd March 1998 at 7.30 pm
- 12.2 Walk Around the Village: Sunday, 22nd February 1998 at 10.00. Meet at Pavilion, Perry Lane.

The Meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

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03.03.98

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Council Members at Sherington First School on Tuesday, 3rd March 1998 at 7.30 pm

## AGENDA

1. PRESENT
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES
3. MATTERS ARISING:
  - 3.1 Dog Bins (See Appendix 1)
  - 3.2 Countryside Watch
  - 3.3 Church End (See Appendix 2)
  - 3.4 Parish Partnership Fund 1997/98 (See Appendix 3)
4. REPORTS:
  - 4.1 School Governors
  - 4.2 Millennium Committee
  - 4.3 Walk Around the Village by Councillors (See Appendix 4)
  - 4.4 Clerk's Report
5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
  - 5.1 Water Lane Sewer
  - 5.2 Sale of Cricket Club Equipment (see Appendix 5)
6. CORRESPONDENCE (See Appendix 6)
7. PLANNING
  - 7.1 Planning Lists 30.01.98, 06.12.98, 13.02.98, 20.02.98 received
    - 7.1.1 98/159/MK. Single Storey Side, Two Storey Rear Extension and Single Storey Garage Extension. 44 Carters Close. Mr A I Smith
    - 7.1.2 98/160/MK. Importation of Inert Waste Materials to Create Viewing Mound and Ancillary Car Park. Viewing Mound, Bedford Road. Milton Keynes Council.
  - 7.2 98/07/MK & 98/09 MK. Construction of Detached Dwelling & Construction of First Floor Extension etc. to Existing Bungalow. 18 School Lane. J W Associates
8. ACCOUNTS
  - 8.1 Date for Clerk to attend 1996/1997 Audit
  - 8.2 Annual Donations
    - 8.2.1 SCAN - for one page per month available to PC (£150 included in 1997/98 Precept)
    - 8.2.2 ST LAUD'S CHURCH - for graveyard maintenance & floodlighting (£120 " " )
  - 8.3 Accounts for Payment
9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 07.04.98
12. DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Sherington First School, on Tuesday 3rd March 1998

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1. **PRESENT:** Mr B Holliss (Chairman), Mr M Cook, Mr D Ferris, Mrs K Haynes, Mrs W Haynes, Mr A Pilcher, Mr R Smith. **ACTION POINTS**  
Apologies received from MK Cllr Mrs Pat Seymour who is attending a full MKC mtg.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES.** Mr Ferris asked for the words "*with open access*" to be deleted from minute 799/4.1 - line 7. After this amendment, the minutes were signed as a correct record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 3.1 **Dog Bins.** Leaflets have been printed and a copy sent to each councillor. Mrs Haynes proposed the councillors use their discretion on the delivery of the leaflets as they may not be suitable for all residents, ie elderly folk who do not own dogs. This was agreed. Leaflets to be given to councillors for distribution when the bins are in situ. **JUN '97/01 ONGOING**  
Mr Ferris proposed the Clerk prepares twelve black and white posters on the computer and these be displayed at the appropriate time. **(CLERK)**  
Bins have been ordered from MKC (to be confirmed in writing). Charlesberry Kennels will donate £150.00 for the bins.
  - 3.2 **Countryside Watch.** Two cellphones have been ordered from BT. The Chairman, Clerk and Mr Pilcher have been invited to the launch of the scheme in Emberton Park on 23rd March 1998. **MAR '98 5.1 ONGOING**
  - 3.3 **Church End.** All has been completed. EME and JAG invoices have been paid. Invoice from MKC for the lamps still to be received. The Clerk has been advised that the amount for the two lamps is likely to be less than the original estimate as MKC still have money left in the Maintenance Contract fund. The residents and church committee still to be asked to make donations towards the light at the lychgate as formally agreed.  
**'No Entry Signs'**. Letters regarding this matter have been circulated to councillors. A further letter has been received from Mr P W Bowen (Transport & Infrastructure Dept, MKC) stating the matter is being investigated. The Clerk has reported lack of communication between MKC and PC to the Corporate Officer.
  - 3.4 **Parish Partnership Fund 1997/98.** MKC has informed the Clerk that the amount agreed as an award, ie £1550.00, may be used for one or more projects already submitted. The PC will need to match this amount as the grant is 50% of the full cost of any project. The Clerk confirmed that this amount is available in the funds.  
Only two quotations have been received from contractors to supply and fit bollards around the car park and two seats in the High Street. Both quotations are approximately £2400.00. Mrs Arnold, a resident in the village, is applying for a Millennium grant towards seats. The Chairman proposed that Synergy and Dragon Plant be asked to quote for bollards only around the Play Area/Village Hall car park. (The specification to be amended) Mr Ferris seconded this and all agreed. **(CLERK)**  
It was also agreed that if there are sufficient funds a commemorative tree be purchased, but a smaller May than originally suggested.
4. **REPORTS:**
  - 4.1 **School Governors.** Mrs Feasey is indisposed so not able to attend the meeting and give her report.
  - 4.2 **Millennium Committee.** Mr Pilcher reported on the meeting held at the end of February. The issue over the 2000 trees is being resolved within the Millennium Committee. General work is moving on and the members will be going out to the village to tell residents what has been planned and to seek help with projects.
  - 4.3 **Walk Around the Village by Councillors.** The Chairman thanked Mr Pilcher for his written comments.  
**Recreations Field - play equipment.** Mr Perkins informed the PC in his letter that MKC will take over responsibility for the play equipment and will insure it, providing the equipment conforms to British Standards. Mr Smith (MKC) advises that safety surfaces are preferable. The grassed area will become very muddy and because the 'twister' is more than 2 metres high it will need a safety surface. Mr Smith said (off the record) it may be likely that MKC will be able to pay for a surface around the 'twister'.  
Playdale has asked for the concrete pad to be removed. The PC does not wish to remove this pad. The councillors will arrange to take out the trees so that the play equipment may be fitted. **(ALL CLLRS)**  
Mr Ferris proposed the play equipment be ordered and its installation coincide with the fitting of the safe surfacing under the 'twister'. All agreed. **(CLERK)**

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Walk Around the Village by Councillors (cont.)

Dead tree outside 7/9 School Lane. Mr Ferris and Mr Pilcher to remove this tree. MKC to be informed another tree is required.

(DF/AP)  
(CLERK)

Dead may tree. This to be removed prior to planting a replacement. As previously suggested a tree smaller than 14ft/16ft be ordered. All agreed a 6ft tree would be suitable.

(CLERK)

Bins for play area. Plastic liners for the bins (17 ins dia.) to be obtained. MKC Cleasing Dept may have suitable liners.

(CLERK)

Pea shingle on The Knoll. The Clerk to be advised how much pea shingle to order.

(AP/RS)

Dead tree opposite Rickyard entrance. Mr Stephen Byrne has already been notified of this.

Spring water collecting on the road by stables. The council advised that local residents should not put salt on this area of road when the surface is icy. It is Mr Byrne's responsibility to deal with the matter and he has been offered help and advice. Mr Smith to contract Mr Byrne regarding this matter.

(RS)

Sewerage collected in storm drain (Water Lane). The Clerk has advised AW. MKC is piping a small area (at the site of construction of turning bay).

Outlet in Elborough. AW has been advised and the area has been cleared of debris as far as possible. The hedge was a problem. Mr Cook (as landowner) requested Jackie Lawrence (AW) contact him so the matter may be discussed on site.

(CLERK)

Programme of works to be carried out during the next year, with costs, to be discussed at next PC meeting under the item 'Management of Facilities'.

#### 4.4 Clerk's Report

4.4.1 Clerks' Seminar. The Clerk reported on the seminar she attended at MKC, 23.02.98. A talk on 'S136 Arrangements' was given by Alex Colyer which was followed by an Open Forum. The topics covered were 'Dog Fouling', 'Review of Parish Arrangements', 'Greater support for Parish Councils', 'Parish Partnership Fund 1998/99'. The latter is likely to be £100,000. Neighbourhood Councils will also be able to apply. Papers will be out in April and a response will be requested by July 1998.

A monthly newsletter will be published to keep Clerks better informed.

4.4.2 MKC Leisure & Arts Leaflets. These will be circulated.

4.4.3 Bucks CVS. Extra-ordinary General Meeting 23rd March 1998.

4.4.4 Best Kept Village Competition. Item to be put on next month's agenda.

(CLERK)

**At this point the Chairman requested item no. 7 be taken. All agreed.**

### 5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Water Lane Sewer. The Chairman reported on a meeting he and the Clerk had with Mr Alan Dewey, Appraisal Engineer, Anglian Water, who reported on the investigations that had recently taken place.

All the tree roots have been removed and the sewer is now in the best condition that AW can make it. A regular routine programme of jetting is suggested, probably commencing in April 1998. This would continue at three monthly intervals to keep the sewer clear.

Any further problems in Water Lane should be passed to the Emergency Service and details be given to the Clerk to pass on to Mr Dewey as he wishes to be kept informed and up to date with the situation.

If the present circumstances alter and the problem of flooding or raw sewage in the lane begin again, then a plan for an improvement scheme will be reviewed. Before this capital project can be undertaken (which would affect local residents by the closure of Water Lane for some considerable time) a public meeting will be held.

Some discussion took place about the condition of the sewer, but there was general agreement that, at last, the problem is being addressed.

5.2 Sale of Cricket Club Equipment. Mr Ferris proposed that the PC, as Trustee of the Cricket Club funds, get the best prices possible for the equipment. It was also proposed the following items should be removed from the old pavilion, as soon as possible, and delivered to Peacocks for public auction:

Green practise mat, various nets, measuring chain, templates, vibrating roller, twenty boundary markers, crease marker, Ransoms 24" matador, Atco 18", scoreboard. All agreed.

(ALL CLLRS)



**6. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 6.1 MKC - 'Parish Boundary Review'. Acknowledgement of our letter re no change required. FILE
- 6.2 BALC - 'Newsletter' January 1998 CIRCULATED  
Various leaflets giving information on a variety of topics CIRCULATED
- 6.3 BALC - 'Best Kept Village Competition' - details for 1998. CIRCULATED
- 6.4 WINGLED FELLOWSHIP - Letter requesting donation. *Declined request.* NOTED
- 6.5 MKC - 'Register of Electors' FILE
- 6.6 MKC - 'Mapping of Landscape Areas'. Letter and plan. CIRCULATED
- 6.7 SIGNFIX - 'Signpost' Newsletter of Signfix Ltd NOTED
- 6.8 MK CLLR MRS PAT SEYMOUR - Copy letters sent to MKC re Chicheley Roundabout and Cross Albans Hill, also 18 School Lane. FILE
- 6.9 OPEN SPACES SOCIETY - Invitation to PC to become a member. *Declined.* CIRCULATED
- 6.10 MKC - 'De-prime of A509'. Letter and documents. CIRCULATED
- 6.11 MKC - 'Local Plan Review: Issue Papers' *Comments by 01.06.98.* CIRCULATED
- 6.12 MKC - 'Sustainable Transport and Road Safety Forum' *Items for 09.04.98 meeting to be sent by 26.03.98. No items for agenda. Councillors not available to attend mtg.*
- 6.13 MK SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM - Letter and information. Donation requested. CIRCULATION
- 6.14 ACTVaR - Thames Valley Newsletter 'White Paper on Regionalism' CIRCULATION
- 6.15 MKC - 'Parish Liaison Committee' Agenda for meeting 26.02.98. CIRCULATION
- 6.16 MKC - 'Gardening Evening' Wilton Hall, Bletchley 18.03.98 CIRCULATION  
'Chelsea Flower Show' Coach Trip 21.05.98. Leaflet CIRCULATION
- 6.17 MKC LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE - 'Wider Use Fund - Youth & Community Groups'. Letter and details CIRCULATION
- 6.18 SHERINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION - Invitation to Chairman, PC Councillors & Clerk (and spouses/partners) to attend Reception at the Village Hall 02.05.98 11.00 am  
*Councillors to notify Clerk if they are able to attend.* (CLERK)

**7. PLANNING. (Discussion on 18 School Lane was taken after item 4.4, then remainder of planning items, before going back to item 5 on the agenda.)**

- 7.1 Planning Lists 30.01.98, 06.02.98, 13.02.98, 20.02.98 received:
- 7.1.1 98/159/MK. Single Storey Side and Single Storey Garage Extension. 44 Carters Close Mr A I Smith. The Clerk advised the PC that the information on the planning sheet was not correct. Councillors had noted this. NO COMMENT
- 7.1.2 98/160/MK. Importation of Inert Waste Materials to Create Viewing Mound and Ancillary Car Park. Viewing Mound, Bedford Road. Milton Keynes Council. *This item will be discussed fully at the next PC meeting, as it is not yet due to go to the Development Control Committee. Date of this meeting to be advised.* (CLERK)
- 7.2 98/07/MK & 98/09/MK. Construction of Detached Dwelling & Construction of First Floor Extension etc. to Existing Bungalow. 18 School Lane. J W Associates. *This application has now been withdrawn by the owners.*

18 School Lane.

*The Chairman introduced Mr Jonathon Woollerton, agent for the owners, who had requested to meet the PC to discuss other drawings of plans, not yet submitted to MKC, so as to obtain some idea of what type of bungalows the council and residents would like to see on the site. As this particular item was not on the agenda and the plans had not yet been submitted to MKC, the Chairman reminded councillors that no specific proposals could be made. The councillors inspected the revised sketches. These included a more traditional roof on the present property at 18 School Lane. The proposed other bungalow would have roof-lights only (not dormer windows). The councillors made various suggestions about what they thought would be acceptable in Sherington.*

*The PC is encouraged by the change of proposals on this site, as they are more in line with the original outline planning permission and the council awaits receipt of the formal application.*

*The Chairman thanked Mr Woollerton for attending and giving the PC the opportunity to comment on the current drawings.*

**8. ACCOUNTS**

8.1 Date for Clerk to attend 1996/1997 Audit. This is to be 19th March 1998, but the time has still to be confirmed. There has been difficulty in contacting the auditor by telephone. The Clerk reported on the chaos at the Treasurers' Department when the accounts were delivered. The Chairman has written to the District Audit commenting on the fact that instructions had been sent very late and the PC hoped the costs would not be greatly increased. An acknowledgment has been received, which the Chairman read to the meeting.

**8.2 Annual Donations.**

8.2.1 SCAN - for one page per month available to PC (£150.00)

8.2.2 ST LAUD'S CHURCH - for graveyard maintenance & floodlighting (£120.00)

Both the above were included in the 1997/98 Precept. The Chairman proposed these amounts be paid. All agreed. It was also agreed to pay Mr O Powell £6.50 for photographs he took on behalf of the PC on the Councillors' Walkabout through the village.

**8.3 Accounts for Payment.**

	£	chq no.
P TEASDALE - Clerk's Salary & 8 hrs RFO for February 1998	183.68	100761
P TEASDALE - Clerk's Expenses for February 1998	17.00	100762
MKC - School Hire (6th & 20th Jan, 3rd Feb 1998) @ £10 per mtg.	30.00	100763
MKC - School Hire for January 1998 Millennium Meeting	10.50	100764
SCAN - Donation for 1997/98	150.00	100765
ST LAUD'S CHURCH - Donation towards graveyard & floodlight	120.00	100766
O POWELL - Photographs on behalf of PC	6.50	100767
TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY 1998	517.68	

Enterprise Account - middle February 1998 £7870.84

(includes refund for S136 Arrangement 1996/97)

Treasurers Account - middle February 1998 £564.86

In addition to the above:

Notification from Customs & Excise that VAT (£1190.68) refund has been deposited

Notification from MKC that residue of grant for undergrounding (£556.00) has been deposited.

Taking this into account the Clerk has carried out a bank reconciliation. The approximate amount to be carried forward to 1998/1999 Financial Year will be: £9747.00

Acceptance of accounts proposed by Mr Ferris, seconded by Mr Pilcher. All agreed.

**9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

There were no questions from the General Public this month.

**10. COUNCILLORS' OTHER BUSINESS.**

10.1 Anglian Water's Bus. Mrs Haynes asked if this had arrived in the village during January. The bus was situated in the Village Hall car park as arranged.

10.2 Chicheley Hill Roundabout. Mrs Haynes reported another accident.

10.3 New Village Signs. Mrs Haynes had noted a slight omission from one of the signs.

10.4 Erosion of Ditch in Gun Lane. Mr Cook asked for this to be reported.

(CLERK)

10.5 Citizens' Panel. Mrs Hayes reported she had been invited to be part of this panel which will be discussing Crime and Community Safety in Milton Keynes on 10th March 1998.

10.6 Letter re S136 Arrangements. Mr Ferris said he made some comments on the letters from MKC. The Chairman read these to the meeting. Comments to be sent to MKC. All agreed.

(CLERK)

10.7 Request for Footway Light in School Lane. Mr Smith said that Mr Whatton would like a light outside his property (no.7).

10.8 Road Safety. Mr Smith also reported that Mr Whatton wished him to state that he is disappointed with the reply Cllr Mrs Seymour had received from MKC with reference to Chicheley Roundabout and Cross Albans Hill.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, 7th April 1998 at 7.30 pm

**12. DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

Tuesday, 5th May 1998 at 7.00 pm.

The May Parish Council meeting will follow on directly after the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

Signed .....



07.04.98