

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES SHEET
2001 - 2002

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council, held on Tuesday 3rd April 2001, at 7.30pm in the School.

Present: Cllr W Haynes (Chair), Cllr D Keene, Cllr C Bearman, Cllr D Hyde, Cllr K Hayes, Cllr W Lewis, Cllr Gorf (co-opted at meeting).

1. Apologies: Cllr P Seymour.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting: These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

- a) **Vacancy for Councillor:** There had been no request for an election to fill the vacancy, therefore Mrs Gorf was invited to join the council as a co-opted member. She was welcomed by the councillors.
- b) **Surface Water in Water Lane:** This matter is still unresolved, although Mr Buckle (MKC) has promised to pursue the matter again. Councillors would like to know whether it possible to enforce rectification of this problem.
- c) **Bridge Parapet in Water Lane:** Mr Buckle had been unable to locate the described parapet, however Clerk and supplied further details of location and was awaiting a further reply.
- d) **Verges in Water Lane:** Mr Buckle has advised that he will arrange for broken posts to be replaced.
- e) **Road across Bancroft:** Milton Keynes Council have advised that no planning application has yet been received. Mr Cook was present and asked about the matter, he stated that an application was to be made very shortly.
- f) **Ditch in Church Road:** Mr Buckle had replied to Clerks letter regarding this, he had spoken to the Environment Agency (whose consent would be required), and had been advised that this would be unlikely to be given as the available capacity would be reduced, therefore causing problems upstream. Mr Buckle will write to residents and request that the ditch be kept free of debris. Clerk asked to write to Mrs Hetherington and send a copy of letter from Milton Keynes Council.
- g) **Pavilion, Perry Lane:** There is still a broken pane of glass to be replaced, Cllr Haynes has this matter in hand. Mr Arnold has been asked to by-pass the meters in the showers.
- h) **Mowing Contracts:** A quote for mowing of the Playing Field had been received from Synergy, this being £80 per cut. Cllr Haynes had spoken again to Mr Allan of Sinfield Landscapes, who had agreed to mow this area for £47 per cut. It was agreed by all that this be accepted. Clerk will write to Mr Allan and confirm.
- i) Following further discussion with Mr Ferris, it was agreed by all that the quote for £2,500 per annum, based on a 3 year contract, with Mr Ferris supplying his own equipment, be accepted. Clerk will write and confirm this to Mr Ferris.
- j) **Footpath to Newport Pagnell:** Mr Buckle has advised the Council that he is arranging for the footpath to be sided out, a further inspection will then take place to determine whether the covered surface has been eroded.
- k) **Newport Road:** Mr Buckle had asked for information on owners of fields where the ditches require cleaning. These had been supplied and Milton Keynes Council will now write to them.
- l) **Sale of Mowers:** The mowers were not serviced this winter, there is also some known damage to one. It was agreed that as a three year contract had now been entered into with Mrs Ferris, then the Council mowers would not be required and should be disposed of. A discussion took place as to whether they should be sold in their present condition or whether

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m) service and repair should first take place. Cllr Haynes agreed to obtain a valuation for them. Cllr Bearman asked whether it would be possible to hire them out. It was agreed that this was not practicable.

n) **Edith Lucas Paintings:** Cllr Bearman advise that all but three had now been hung thanks to Mr J Cooke who had provided the fixings and his time. The originals are due back next week.

4. Reports: Sherington School: Cllr Bearman advised that a recent Ofsted inspection had taken place and the report was expected after Easter. The interviews had taken place last Thursday for a new Head Teacher and a name had been put forward. The school had received an Excellence Award following the Stats tests, which put them in the top 5% in the country. The Council agreed that this was a great achievement.

Twinning Association: Cllr Lewis advised that the proposed visit to Sameon in May had been postponed, due to the Foot & Mouth problem. This is now scheduled for October.

5. Finance:

a) **Receipts & Payments 2000/01:** Clerk had produced Receipts & Payments for the year 2000/2001. This was signed by the Chairman as a true record. It was agreed that the Council currently held a very large balance of which some should be spent. There are some outstanding projects, the value of these will be established before the next meeting. Cllr Bearman asked whether some local groups could benefit from a grant, a discussion on this took place. To put on May agenda, when current financial commitments have been further looked into.

b) Cheques for Payment:

Cheque No 101005 -BALC -£116.66-Annual Subscription.

Cheque No 101006-J Risby -£74. 40-Notice Boards

Cheques for signing, Proposed by Cllr Hyde & Seconded by Cllr Keene.

c) **Quotes for Parish Partnership Application:** A quotation had been received for swings for Perry Lane, also received from Milton Keynes Council the names of other companies who supply swings. Clerk will obtain further quotes for these items. The Parish Partnership grant for the Churchyard fencing has been received , although the work is yet to be carried out. Clerk will chase Mr Flack as no reply to our letter has been received.

6. Planning Matters: None

7. **Correspondence:** Still a problem in collating this, and circulation. Cllr Haynes read relevant correspondence. The rest will be circulated to Councillors. Clerk will circulate in small amounts in future.

8. Public Questions:

Mr Ranger asked whether Council were aware of how the windows in the Pavilion were being broken. Councillors advised that they were. Public present were advised that following further communication from Milton Keynes Council and Mr Cook, the Recreation Ground had now re-opened and football had taken place. The Village Hall Play Area was also to be re-opened.

Mrs Smith asked whether, due to the Foot & Mouth restrictions, the vehicles should be going into the fields at Sherington Turn, where the building work is taking place. Mr Cook advised that he had no control over this and had not been consulted.

Mr Pilcher raised the following matters:

Communications Exchange: Parish Council should ensure that the landscaping is carried out, if possible with established plants. Mr Cook stated that he thought that landscaping was on the plans, but that he would check this,

Roundabout: Reminder to Council that Mr J Cook had requested a contribution towards a new Roundabout.

The Knoll: The railings are in need of repair, Mr Pilcher offered to carry out the repair, but will need wood supplied. He also asked whether the Council might look again and metal posts and chains as last time it was discussed finance was not available. The shingle also needs renewing, he also offered his services to carry out this work.

Mower: Last years service cost approx £200, the repair could possible be carried out at the local garage for about £10.

Donations: Mr Pilcher asked that when the subject of donations was discussed again, then the Council should take into account organisations run as businesses.

Mr Ferris: Advice to the Council that the part required for the mower would cost approx £40.

Sherington Mound: Mr Screen had asked whether finance was available to install a metal Height Barrier at this site.

Mr Pepper: Comments that the replacing of posts in Water Lane with wooden ones is useless as the amount of water in the lane causes them to rot. Mr Buckle will be asked to attend a site meeting with regard to the water problem.

Mrs Graham: Concerned about the condition of the verges in the village, a lot of damage is being caused, some by refuse vehicles. Clerk will write to Milton Keynes Council and see what if anything can be done to restore the damage.

Mr Gorf: request that Perry Lane Notice board be replaced.

Councillors Items:

Sherington Bridge Farm:

Cllr Bearman commented on the sale of cars from the gate entrance at Sherington Bridge Farm. This matter had been pursued in the past, but Clerk will write to Planning Department and seek clarification as to the planning use granted on this site.

Queens Gold Jubilee: Reminder that this event takes place in 2002 and should the Council be looking now at events.

Dog Foul Bins: Cllr Hayes advised that following the recent cut-backs the bins were being emptied free of charge by Charlesberry Kennels. To put on May agenda and discuss the possibility of a payment, in order that we may request emptying when full.

43 Crofts End: Cllr Haynes requested that the Clerk make a further application to Milton Keynes Council for a drive at 43 Crofts End. This was rejected previously due to a lack of finance.

Insurance: Clerk requested clarification of buildings for insurance at Recreation Ground. It was also noted that the new Notice Boards were not insured. Clerk will attend to this.

Village Clean Up: This will go ahead as planned on 28th April 2001. Cllr Gorf will supply heavy duty bags, Cllr Haynes gloves, Mr Ferris offered to take rubbish to the tip. Meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next Meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 1st May 2001 at 7.00pm, followed by the Council Meeting.

SIGNED:

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(Chairman)

DATE:

1 May 2001

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 1st May 2001 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Haynes, Cllr Gorf, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Keene.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bearman, Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council)
2. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:**
 - 2.1 **Chairman:** Cllr Keene was proposed by Cllr Haynes, Seconded by Cllr Gorf and agreed by all. Cllr Keene accepted the position.
 - 2.2 **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Hyde was proposed by Cllr Haynes, seconded by Cllr Hayes and agreed by all. Position accepted.
 - 2.3 **Other Appointments:** It was agreed that the previous appointments should continue:
 - School: Cllr Bearman
 - Village Hall: Cllr Haynes
 - Police Liaison: Cllr Hayes
3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Correction regarding item on Dog Foul Bins, these have always been emptied free of charge by Charlesberry Kennels. The minutes were then signed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 4.1 **Water Lane:** A meeting had taken place between I Buckle and Cllrs Haynes and Hyde and resident Mr Pepper. It is thought that the problem at Mrs Rautas is caused by tree roots in the pipe. Mr Buckle agreed to have this jetted out, which would hopefully solved the problem. There is also a bubbling spring which Mr Buckle felt nothing could be done about, however the same problem in other parts of the village have been corrected, so maybe this should be pursued. The bridge parapet is apparently the responsibility of J W Cook. Mr M Cook agreed to have this repaired. The kerb stones will be repaired by Milton Keynes Council. The black and white marker posts have been replaced and the gap will also be filled. Mr Buckle asked that the Parish Council write to him about any other matters.
 - 4.2 **Mowers:** Still no valuation on these. **ACTION Cllr HAYNES**
 - 4.3 **Playground Equipment:** A brochure for new swings had been circulated and a further one was available at the meeting. This will be circulated and a decision on this made at the next meeting. £1,600 set aside for this purpose. Clerk will check whether a safety surface is required for new swings.
 - 4.4 **Fencing in Churchyard:** Clerk had phoned Mr Flack following the non receipt of the promised reference. Nothing has been received it was therefore agreed to ask MD Fencing in Church Road for a quote. **ACTION Cllr HAYNES.**
Shingle and Posts, The Knoll: Mr T Pilcher had purchased the posts (also for Perry Lane Notice Board). It was agreed that 1 ton of shingle be purchased for the Knoll.
Dog Bins: Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Charlesberry Kennels. It was agreed that some extra bins are required. Cllr Lewis will speak to Charlesberry regarding a possible fee if more bins are installed. **ACTION Cllr LEWIS.**
Hedge in Gun Lane: This was still overgrown. Clerk will write to Mr Pease and ask that this be cut right back. **ACTION CLERK.**
Pavilion: There are now two broken windows. Cllr Haynes to obtain quote from City Glass for these and door repair. Resident has offered to make grills for windows. **ACTION Cllr HAYNES**

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5. **REPORTS:** Cllrs Hayes and Haynes had attended a meeting at Woburn Sands, where the intention was to form a committee, reference plans for housing and industry which include both urban and rural Milton Keynes. As Milton Keynes and Aylesbury Vale Councils had not been invited (only BALC members), a committee was not formed and a further meeting will be held.

6. **FINANCE:**

6.1 Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £17,115.15 in Enterprise Account and £308.33 in Treasurers Account as at 1st May 2001.

6.2 Cheques for Payment:

K Hayes – Replacement Planter	£7.99	Cheque No 101007
Milton Keynes Council-Pavilion Rates	£236.50	Cheque No 101008
Anglian Water- Water Pavilion	£86.21	Cheque No 101009
Cornhill Insurance-Annual Premium	£774. 83	Cheque No 101010
J Sharp-Clerks April Salary	£156.00	Cheque No 101011
T Pilcher- Posts	£19.96	Cheque No 101012

ITEMS REQUIRED: Cllr Haynes requested that consideration be given to the Purchase of the following items: 2 Dog Bins

- Rubbish Bin in Recreation Ground
- Rubbish Bin outside School
- Rubbish Bin in Play Area

7. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

2 & 3 The Knoll: Plans had been received but had not been seen by all Councillors. It should be noted that there is only a few days left to make representations to Milton Keynes Council.

Bancroft Field: These plans have not been received, Mr Cook however offered a copy to the Parish Council for inspection.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Copy of letter from MKC to Pre School: Two trees will need to be felled adjacent to the Village Hall. Suggestion that they be replaced.

PTFA: Phone call received by Cllr Haynes requesting use of the Knoll on 7th May 2001. There were no objections to this.

Bucks Community Action re Appraisal Pack: Cllr Lewis suggested meeting be attended and offered to pursue this. **ACTION Cllr LEWIS.**

Defence of Ouse Valley Environment: A letter had been received regarding proposed gravel extraction. It was agreed that reply should be sent asking that we be kept informed, but that until plans were available, no further action should be taken.

9. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Lighting at Knoll:** Mrs Atkinson commented that it was very badly lit when turning into Church Road, from High Street. Council are aware that several areas of the village are affected in this way, and will look at the issue.

Car Sales at Sherington Bridge: Clerk advised that she had written two letter to Milton Keynes Council regarding this matter and still awaits the requested information.

Corn Close: Comments were made about the disgraceful condition of the footpath. The agreement being that once work was completed, the path would be made good. Clerk to write to MKC and clarify this. also to contact Vincent Landscapes and request that it be strimmed. **ACTION CLERK:**

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Village Hall Car Park: The mud in this area has now come through the shingle. A lorry load is required to make good, Cllr Haynes will check with the Village Hall, that they have no objections. **ACTION Cllr HAYNES:**

Water at the Woad: Mr Buckle has written to the owners concerned regarding this.

Sherington Mound: Mr Ferris asked that when considering expenditure, could thought be given to tree trunks and a height barrier.

Water Lane: Mr Bearman advised that the wooden posts had been taken away and that a gap had been left which meant there was room to cross the verge and potentially crush the water pipe. It is hoped that this gap is the same one referred to earlier, which Mr Buckle agreed to have filled.

Pipes in Play Area, Village Hall: Cllr Haynes asked if these could either be removed or used as planters. It was agreed that ivy plants would be a good idea.

10. COUNCILLORS ITEMS: Cllr Hyde commented that items took far too long to be resolved, and that this could be rectified by giving a Councillor responsibility for a particular matter, this could then be reported in full at the next meeting and resolved. It was agreed that this was a good idea and will be discussed.

Cllr Gorf had been approached by the family of the late Mrs Temple regarding a Memorial Tree in the Churchyard. It was agreed that the correct course of action would be to speak to the vicar.

ACTION Cllr GORF.

Cllr Haynes asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Andrew Walters, for his work on the Notice Board on The Knoll.

ACTION CLERK.

Correspondence: This was taking far too long to circulate, the current method will be looked into.

Mrs Cook, Mercers Farm had complained about re-cycling bins not being collected. It was appreciated that there is still a problem, but if the Cleansing Dept are phoned they will send someone back for them.

Cllr Keene asked that traffic calming measures be looked at when considering spending.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 5th June 2001, in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.12pm

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1st MAY 2001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. **LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE:** Mr M Cook offered £120.00, it was agreed by all present that this be accepted. Clerk will invoice for this amount plus £1 Wayleave.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Mrs Atkinson raised the question of buses on the Bedford Road and the speed they travel. Cllr Haynes agreed to phone Souls about this. Mr Whatton thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work during the year.

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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PRESENT: Cllr Haynes, Cllr Gorf, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Keene, Cllr Bearman.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Monthly meeting of the Council, both held on 1st May 2001 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Sherington Mound: T Screen has requested a working party for Saturday 9th June. Clerk had made enquiries about the cost of a height barrier but details of specification are required before a firm estimate can be given. Measurements will be obtained on Saturday.

Extension for Pre-School: A letter had been received from the Pre School regarding the felling of two trees. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Bearman that the Parish Council would share the cost of this work. Clerk will obtain quotes for next meeting. **ACTION CLERK.**

New Playground Equipment- Swings for Perry Lane: After seeing the brochures, the swings from Wicksteed Leisure were preferred, the cost is thought to be approx £1,440 including safety surface. Clerk will obtain quote in writing for next meeting.

Roundabout: Mr J Cook is in contact with Mr Perkins (MKC) regarding prices for this item. a Parish Partnership grant of £2,000 has been given with the Millennium Committee making a further donation. **ACTION CLERK.**

Fencing for Churchyard: Cllr Haynes had obtained two further quotes for this work. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Hyde that the quote from S Osborne at a price of £500 + Vat be accepted. Clerk will organise this work to be carried out. **ACTION CLERK**

Mowers: Still no valuation on these, July Agenda. **ACTION Cllr HAYNES**

Dog Bins: Charlesberry Kennels have decided not to continue with this service. Clerk has organised the emptying of the bins via Milton Keynes Council.

Hedge in Gun Lane: Reply has been received from Mr Pease agreeing to have the hedge cut back.

4. REPORTS:

Community Appraisal: Cllr Lewis will attend a meeting on this subject on 12th June 2001.

Water Lane: Cllr Hyde had spoken to I Buckle, the jetting had been unsuccessful, but further measures were now being taken. Cllr Bearman asked about the spring and was advised that Milton Keynes Council felt there was nothing they could do. Mr Buckle had also promised to have the sets in Church Road repaired.

Hustings: A successful event was held on 3rd June. The Parish Council had agreed to meet the cost of the Village Hall. Clerk will write and thank Mr Brewis for organising this.

5. FINANCE:

5.1 Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £15,642.18 in Enterprise Account and £638.92 in Treasurers Account as at 5th June 2001.

5.2 Cheques for Payment:

Cornhill Insurance-Mower Premium	£63.00	Cheque No 101013
Sinfield Landscapes-Mowing	£58.75	Cheque No 101014
MK Glaziers-Glass for Pavilion	£105.75	Cheque No 101015
Audit Commission-Fees 98/99 & 99/00	£1589.89	Cheque No 101016

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J Sharp-Clerks May Salary

£156.00 Cheque No 101017

J Sharp-Expences 1st Mar-1st June

£43.90 Cheque No 101018

Cheques proposed for payment by Cllr Haynes, seconded by Cllr Hyde.

St Lauds Church: Letter received requesting participation by the Parish Council in the Flower Festival. It was agreed that a maximum of £35 be spent on flowers for this.

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

St Lauds Church: Whilst all Councillors were in favour of the project, some were not happy with the design. The Parish Council was advised that only experts in the field were allowed to draw up plans for churches and these would not only need approval from Milton Keynes Council, but other authorities. A vote was taken and it was agreed to approve the application.

Outdoor Event Centre, Chicheley Hill: The Planning application was considered together with the supporting letter from Berrys. The Council felt that present information was insufficient to make a decision and that the Clerk should request further details regarding intensity of use, noise issues, danger of microlites on dual carriageway, number of visitors expected and the lack of landscaping. Once this information is available, then the matter will be discussed again.

Sherington Place: These plans had not been seen by all councillors, Clerk will advise Milton Keynes Council of this.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

MKC, Summer Fun Days: No suggested venue on this letter, Clerk will clarify.

Shingle at Knoll & Village Hall Car Park: Mr Pilcher had advised the Parish Council that the Village Hall Committee were prepared to contribute £150 towards the car park. It was agreed that once confirmation in writing was received and volunteers arranged this should go ahead.

ACTION Cllr HAYNES.

St Lauds Church-Re Fete: It was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Gorf that approval be given for this event.

8. Public Question:

There were no questions. Mr R Sharpe gave his support to the proposals for Chicheley Hill and also commented on the interest by the Parish Council on his selling of vehicles from Sherington Bridge Farm.

9. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Keys for Notice Boards: Cllr Haynes had ordered a further 4 keys as access to the boards was a problem. Knob has been taken from Carters Close boards, this to be replaced.

Fly Tipping, Perry Lane Car Park: Large concrete items have been left, Clerk will ask Milton Keynes Council to remove.

Grass Cuttings in Churchyard: Mr Ferris to be asked if possible to mow in the Opposite direction in order that the cuttings are not left on the path.

Overhanging Trees, Carters Close Footpath: It was agreed that the responsibility for cutting these was the owners of the land they are on.

Golden Jubilee: Cllr Bearman advised that the Bank Holidays in 2002 for this purpose would be 3rd & 4th June.

Scan: Cllr Lewis will send Parish Council report to Scan magazine.

Playground Slide: Mr D Coles has offered to build some steps. Clerk will seek advice B Perkins on specification for these.

Memorial Tree: Cllr Gorf advised that the Temple family had decided against a Tree in

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the Churchyard, but would like to put one either on the corner of Perry Lane or by the Car Park in Perry Lane. It was thought that vandalism might be a problem in either location. Mr M Cook asked Cllr Gorf to contact him and he would arrange a safer place.

Condition of Village: Cllr Gorf commented on the untidy state of the village so soon after the clean up. Apparently the mowing had been carried out today, which had somewhat improved the appearance.

Village Appraisal: Cllr Lewis asked that since approval had been given for the Parish Partnership Grant for this purpose, then this item should be put on the July Agenda.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 3rd July 2001, in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 4th July 2001 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Haynes, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Keene, Cllr Bearman.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Gorf

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th June 2001 were signed as a true record. Cllr Hyde pointed out that the jetting was not unsuccessful, but that no blockage had been found. The process will be carried out again.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Hedge in Gun Lane: This has now been cut.

Playground Slide: Specification for repair had been obtained from Milton Keynes Council and a site meeting has taken place. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Bearman that Mr Coles be asked to repair the steps at a cost of £260. **ACTION Cllr KEENE**

Sherington Mound: The hard surface is now down and Picnic Benches awaited. Only one quote had been forthcoming for the barrier to date, the design of which was not thought to be in keeping with the area. Clerk will pursue this for the next meeting. **ACTION CLERK**

Extension for Pre-School: Two quotes for the tree work had been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Hayes that the quote of £680 + vat from Sports Ground Services be accepted. Clerk asked to instruct that this be carried out as quickly as possible.

ACTION CLERK

New Playground Equipment:

Roundabout: Three quotes had been received, the lower of which was the one of £4,620 + vat & delivery from Record Play Equipment. It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Hayes that this be ordered and that the Parish Council meet the shortfall. The Parish Council thanked Mr J Cook for his work on this matter. **ACTION CLERK**

Swings: It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Lewis that the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure be accepted. Safety surface to be clarified with B Perkins before order placed. **ACTION CLERK**

Fencing for Churchyard: It had now been discovered that the quotation from Osborne Fencing did not include the cost of removal of the old fence, (this would be a further £180). After discussion with MD Fencing (who will charge an additional £35), It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Hyde that MD Fencing be instructed to carry out the work at a total cost of £635. **ACTION Cllr HAYES**

Mower: Verbal valuations had been received, Odells £500, Advanced Machinery £400-£700. No decision reached on whether to retain or sell.

Shingle for Knoll & Village Hall Car Park: Mr Pilcher had submitted a price from B West of approx £314 (including vat). The Village Hall Committee had agreed to contribute £150 towards this. Once a working party has been arranged, Clerk will arrange delivery of shingle.

ACTION Cllr KEENE & CLERK

4. REPORTS:

Village Appraisal: Cllr Lewis had attended the meeting organised by MK Community Action and had obtained the guidance pack. Someone from the group will come to the village and give a talk on what is required. A date in the week beginning 24th September was agreed as a good time, village organisations will be asked to attend this meeting in the Village Hall. Item to be placed in Scan.

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Police Liaison: Cllr Hayes had attended the meeting last week, Sgt Johnstone now back at Newport Pagnell. There are to be more officers on the beat and more undercover police. The station at Newport Pagnell is currently closed during the hours of 1am-6am. School buses using unsuitable roads was discussed. If information is given to the Police, then they will take up the matter.

Highways: Cllr Hyde confirmed that Water Lane will be jetted again, this time supervised by I Buckle. The new plastic markers had been broken, thought probably by the re-cycling lorry. The sets in Church Road have now been replaced. Cllr Hyde had asked again about the footpath from Newport Pagnell, but had been informed that this was a low priority job. Enquiries about road sweeping on this road reveal that it should be carried out two weekly, but this could either mean sweeping or litter picking.

5. FINANCE:

Annual Accounts: Clerk produced the Accounts for the year 2000/2001. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £14,288.30 in Enterprise Account and £262.40 in Treasurers Account as at 3rd July 2001.

Cheques for Payment:

Sherington Village Hall Committee	£15.75	Cheque No 101019
J Sharp (Clerks June Salary)	£156.00	Cheque No 101020
P Teasdale (Flowers for Festival)	£30.53	Cheque No 101020

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

22 Carters Close - There are no objections, Clerk will inform Milton Keynes Council
Hi- Adventure, Chicheley Hill- Clerk informed the Council that a site visit had been made by members of Milton Keynes Council Planning Committee and that the main planning concern was that of noise caused by some of the proposed activities. No decision has yet been reached on this application.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

MKC, Summer Fun Days: This to be held at the Perry Lane Recreation Ground. A request has been made to use the toilets in the Pavilion. Clerk will inform that these to be left in acceptable condition.

Flood Meeting: Clerk will advise that evening in September be preferred.

BALC In Focus re Village Greens: Clerk asked to clarify that The Knoll is registered.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Lights: Some street lights are not working correctly. Cllr Hyde will pursue this with Milton Keynes Council.

ACTION Cllr HYDE

Growth Between Sets: Mr Ferris commented on this, it is the understanding of the Parish Council that due to cut backs, Milton Keynes Council will not be spraying this year.

Corn Close: The footpath issue has not been resolved, nor the making good of the ground level. The drain opposite the house in School Lane is filled with sand and will be a potential problem if not sorted before winter. Clerk will contact Nick Brown again regarding these matters.

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: Councillors to decide who will attend various external meetings.

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10. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Football Club: Cllr Haynes had received a letter from the Football Club asking whether the football pitch could be better maintained as mowing only takes place during the summer months when it was not in use. Clerk will obtain a quote for next meeting as to what would be required to keep it at an acceptable standard.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 4th September 2001, in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 4th September 2001 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Haynes, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Keene, Cllr Bearman, Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Gorf.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th July 2001 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Sherington Mound: The picnic tables and benches have been uprooted and taken to the top of the mound. It was agreed after discussion that they should not be brought down until arrangements are in place for more vandal proof fixing. Mr T Screen has indicated that the Parish Council should consider financing this as the Milton Keynes budget will not cover this. Clerk asked to obtain a quote for this. Fly-tipping is also taking place on this site, measures to stop this were also discussed. A further quote for an arched barrier green in colour had been received, this was £1160. Councillors not familiar with the barrier, will inspect a similar one at Willen Lake before the next meeting.

ACTION CLERK

New Playground Equipment:

Roundabout: This is due to be installed during the week beginning 11th September. Confirmation is still awaited.

Swings: Provisional installation date, last week in September.

Fencing for Churchyard: Cllr Hayes reported that work was due to be carried out in October. This will be chased.

ACTION Cllr HAYES

Shingle for Knoll & Village Hall Car Park: This has been organised for 8th September 2001. Working party has been arranged.

Slide: This work has now been completed.

Corn Close: Clerk has been advised by Milton Keynes Council that a final notice has been served and MKC now intend to carry out the work on charge JW Associates.

Pavilion: This has been broken into and bags of lime spread around. An electrical wire has also been torn from the side. It was agreed that Milton Keynes City Glaziers quote of £129.58 (net), to laminate the door should be actioned. There is also a lot of rubbish and weeds in the area.

Mowing, Football Field: Only one cut has been invoiced for this summer and the Football Club, needed to mow themselves before the first game could be played. It was agreed by all that £120 be allocated for a further 2 cuts during the next month. Clerk will ask Sports Ground Services if they can carry out the work.

ACTION CLERK

INSURANCE FOR NEW PRE SCHOOL PLAY AREA: A reply has been received from the Parish Councils insurers. This had been circulated to all councillors. Councillors not happy with contents as it seems to conflict with the information Mr Cook has from Milton Keynes Council. Clerk & Mr Cook will exchange letters and go back to the relevant bodies for clarification.

5. VILLAGE APPRAISAL: Mr Lewis has a provisional date of 11th October for the meeting in the Village Hall. A draft letter has been produced. It was agreed that the letter be distributed to all residents and local organisations. Mr F Gomme of Milton Keynes Community Action will address the meeting.

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6. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £60.12 in the Treasurers Account and £14,288.30 in the Enterprise Account.

Cheques for Payment:

Milton Keynes Council-School Hire	£60. 00	Cheque No 101022
Sports Ground Services-Tree Surgery	£799. 00	Cheque No 101023
J Sharp (Clerks Jul/Aug Salary)	£312.00	Cheque No 101024
J Sharp (Expences June/Jly/Aug)	£32.33	Cheque No 101025
G Ferris- Mowing	£2,500.00	Cheque No 101026
D Coles – Slide Repair	£247.00	Cheque No 101027

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

Hi- Adventure, Chicheley Hill- Cllr Seymour advised that no decision had yet been made on this application.

Smiths Yard: Cllr Bearman advised that no decision had yet been made on the B2 useage. Parish Council will be informed before the Development Meeting takes place.

Manor Farm: Mr M Cook had advised Cllr Keene that permission had been granted for Light Industrial Use (cattle shed). He invited the Councillors to discuss this further. It was decided that this was not appropriate at the present time, until there are some firm proposals to be discussed. Cllr Keene will advise Mr Cook. **ACTION Cllr KEENE**

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Pre –School: Letter received by Cllr Keene regarding possible funding. This will be circulated and put on October Agenda.

Section 136: Following the letter, Cllr Keene had attended the meeting on this subject and the re-organisation of the Landscape Department. It was agreed that a letter be sent stating that the prime concern of the Parish Council was the standard of the work and the monitoring of it.

Village Hall Committee: Letter received, this will be circulated.

Grass Mowing Contract: A letter had been received from Mr G Ferris stating that all 12 cuts had now been carried out and that further cuts would be required. The requested price for additional cuts being £300 per cut. It was agreed that this was excessive, as the contract price for 12 cuts worked out at £208 per cut. Cllr Keene and Cllr Haynes agreed to organise a meeting with Mr Ferris to discuss this. Also the spacing out of cuts for next season as September should be included.

Training: Details of a forthcoming training session had been received. This item to be placed on October Agenda.

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Flood Warning Meeting: Details of this have been received. Cllr Lewis had agreed to attend.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Gun Lane: Mrs Graham advised that one of the 30mph signs had been removed and the other obscured by trees. The Gun Lane sign had also been taken out. She also asked whether a sign could be put in to warn of Field Close entry. Clerk will take up these matters with Milton Keynes Council. **ACTION CLERK**

Gravel at Knoll: Mr Pilcher advised that the Parish Council had previously asked about the cost of cold emulsion, under the shingle. The cost had now been established at £500, which was thought to be expensive.

Kerb Stones: The condition of these was brought to the attention of the Parish Council, in particular School Lane. Cllr Hyde will contact I Buckle about this. **ACTION Cllr HYDE**

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Thames Valley Police: The Crime Prevention Caravan will be sited on the Village Hall Car Park on 13th September 2001.

Concrete Bins at Village Hall: Mr Cook asked what the Parish Councils plans were for the bins. It was agreed that the one inside the new fenced area should be removed and broken up by working party on Saturday. The others to be removed at a later date, when replacements are available.

Mound: Mr Cook asked, in view of the current problems, was a car park at this area necessary. It was agreed that this suggestion should be considered.

Weeds: All present agreed that the village was in an appalling state, due to weeds, which we understand are not being treated this year. Clerk agreed to contact the Landscape Manager and ask what the situation is. Also if necessary what the cost would be if the Parish Council agreed to fund this work.

Golden Jubilee 2002: Mr Cook asked whether any plans are being made for this event. This item to be placed on October agenda.

11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Cllr Bearman, advised that Mrs L Nouch had commenced her duties as Head Teacher at the school today. Clerk will write and wish her well.

Cllr Bearman also commented that all but two of the new markers in Water Lane, were down. Cllr Hyde commented that he had inspected and could see no evidence that this had been done by vehicles, he will speak to I Buckle again.

Tree at Triangle: Cllr Haynes had been approached by resident about cutting back the tree. This will be inspected.

Litter & Dog Bins: Cllr Haynes asked that the Parish Council look at providing more of each. This item to be put on October agenda.

Request to erect Marquee at Recreation Ground: Mr Keeves had been request for wedding in August 2002. Will also require use of Pavilion. Parish Council agreed in principle, but will discuss the issue of cost at October meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the School.

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 2nd October 2001 at

7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Katy Hayes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr Moira Gorf.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th September 2001 were signed as a true record. It was noted that the name discussed under Marquee should be Jeeves not Keeves.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Sherington Mound: Clerk has spoken to T Screen, various options were discussed to rectify the current problems. No quote is yet available for further securing of tables and benches. It has been suggested that a meeting takes place between T Screen, S Crowther and Parish Council to agree what action is to be taken. This was agreed Clerk asked to organise a meeting.

ACTION CLERK

New Playground Equipment:

Roundabout: This has now been installed. Invoice still awaited for safety surface. Mr Cook will request that the donation from the Millennium Committee be sent to the Parish Council. Cllr Bearman reported that the roundabout was very popular. Thanks were given by the Parish Council to John Cook and Jane Coles for their work on this project.

Swings: Installation date has been put back by suppliers to last week in October

Fencing for Churchyard: This is currently being installed.

Shingle for Knoll & Village Hall Car Park: This work has been carried out. Village Hall Committee have paid 50% of the cost of the shingle for the hall car park. Many thanks to the working party involved.

Corn Close: Clerk has been advised by Milton Keynes Council that instructions have been given for the work to commence.

Pavilion: Glazing work has now been done.

Mowing: This has been organised, one cut will take place this week and a further one before the end of October. Cost £120.00. Cllr Keene had spoken to Mr Ferris regarding additional cuts at Knoll etc. A price had been agreed of £240 per additional cut. Cllr Haynes asked for diary dates of the cuts this year. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Giles Ferris to discuss a plan for next season. Cllr Haynes thought that the Churchyard mowing needed improving.

Clearing of Weeds in Village: A reply had been received from Milton Keynes Council. A quote from Synergy had also been acquired, this was for £959.00. In view of the reply from the Landscape Manager, stating that the Cleaning Contractors were supposed to be hiring extra facilities to deal with the matter, it was decided that no further independent action be taken by the Parish Council at the moment.

Tree at Triangle: A quote had been obtained from Sports Ground Services. The cost being £175 net to reduce the tree by 25% and re-shape. It was suggested that a further quote should be obtained before a decision is made.

4. INSURANCE FOR NEW PRE SCHOOL PLAY AREA: Clerk has spoken to the Parish Council insurers, In order to satisfy the terms of the policy a weekly inspection of the ground surface is required, together with a similar inspection of the equipment + an annual inspection by someone such as ROSPA. Milton Keynes Council have confirmed adequate inspections. Pre-School to be asked to confirm in writing that they will inspect the area on a daily basis. This will hopefully satisfy the terms laid down by Cornhill Insurance.

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5. VILLAGE APPRAISAL: The Meeting to discuss this is arranged for Thursday 11th October in the Village Hall. Notices have been in last two Scan magazines. Flyer have been printed and will be delivered by Councillors throughout the village.

6. Grant Application by Pre-School: Cllr Bearman reported that the new area was now open but that the safety surface had cost more than anticipated. The Pre-School would like a Play House and Seat for the area. A discussion took place about moving one of the seats currently in the recreation ground into the new area. Would need to consult the person who donated it first. Cllr Keene will ask Mrs McCabe to put in a request for a specific item. Parish Council will then discuss again at next Meeting.

7. Forthcoming Training: Cllr Gorf would like to attend training on 20th October, this was agreed.

8. Litter & Dog Bins: It was agreed that litter and extra dog bins were required, Councillors will have a "walk about" during the next few weeks and identify suitable sites.

9. Request to erect Marquee at Sports Ground: It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and agreed by all that £75 be requested (£25 of this a returnable deposit). Mr Jeeves to be informed that there will be no Parish Council Insurance Cover for this event and that he should present to the Council a certificate of adequate cover. **ACTION Cllr Haynes**

10. Golden Jubilee: It was agreed that a committee should be set up by the village, although the Parish Council would consider support.

11. FINANCE:

Dog Fouling: Clerk pointed out that no decision had been made this year on a contribution to the Dog Fouling Scheme. It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Lewis that £100 be donated. Vote taken, 3 in favour, 2 against. Cheque to be authorised.

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £110.04 in the Treasurers Account and £ 15,816.67 in the Enterprise Account.

Cheques for Payment: It was agreed that the following cheques be authorised:

Milton Keynes Council- Parish Conference Fee	£25.00	Cheque No 101028
Powergen- Pavilion Electricity	£5.42	Cheque No 101029
Record Play Equipment – Roundabout	£3,360.50	Cheque No 101030
Brian West - Shingle	£314.31	Cheque No 101031
J Sharp (Clerks Sep Salary)	£156.00	Cheque No 101032
MK City Glazing-Pavilion	£152.26	Cheque No 101033
JW Cook & Son-Sports Ground Rent	£117.50	Cheque No 101034
BALC-Training	£20.00	Cheque No 101035
Milton Keynes Council-Dog Fouling	£100.00	Cheque No 101036

12. PLANNING MATTERS:

Smiths Yard: Cllr Bearman understood that the matter was to be discussed at the September meeting of the Development Committee. Clerk had written and phoned twice, but could obtain no further details from Milton Keynes Council.

Manor Farm: Cllr Keene and Cllr Haynes, will have an informal chat with Mr Cook to discuss future commercial development of this site.

Sherington Bridge Farm: Cllr Lewis asked whether there were any further developments on this and was advised by the Clerk that she had received no further communications.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

Cllr Bearman advised that she had received a call from the lady in Crofts End requiring a drive. Apparently Milton Keynes Council have now agreed to this.

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14. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Dog Fouling: Cllr Hayes will attend.

Flood Warning: Wednesday 3rd October, Cllr Lewis to attend.

MK Association of Local Councils: Not attended.

Thames Valley Police: Minutes had been circulated. Lay-by at Emberton Park to be closed at end of October, for one year initially.

Parish Conference: This had been attended by both Cllr Keene and the Clerk. It was agreed that the content was very poor.

School Governors: Cllr Bearman reported that a Parent Governor was required for the School, also that from September 2002 all children can start school in the academic year in which they are five. School role at the moment 38.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Village Hall: Reports of several cracked panes of glass at the Hall. Mr Cook stated that they would be repaired during the next week and that he would be speaking to the members of the Youth Club about this.

Kerbs: Was discussed at last months meeting, had anything been done. Cllr Hyde was taking this up, but not present tonight.

Weeds: Mr M Cook advised that there was a way in which the Parish Council could treat them and he could supply weedkiller if required.

Manor Farm: Mrs Graham asked that when future development is considered, could it be ensured that adequate parking is installed as it already spills into the road.

Gun Lane: The various items brought up at the last meeting had been taken up by the Clerk, and a reply had been received stating that it was being looked into. If Highways do not cut back the hedge from around the speed sign, then Clerk will ask Mr Pease to do this.

Perry Lane Parking: The parking is still very bad, with in-adequate parking spaces. Suggested that lay-by be extended. Clerk will speak to Milton Keynes Council.

Holes in Road: Several were reported, Clerk will contact Highways Dept.

Water outside flats in High Street: Clerk will ask that this problem be inspected.

Weeds in Newport Road: It was noted that the weeding had only been done as far as the Bridge.

Rubbish at Mound: Mr J Cook asked with the permission, could he remove rubbish from the Mound. Parish Council would be most grateful.

16. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

.Keys: Cllr Haynes advised that she had now obtained further sets of keys for the Notice Boards.

Verge in Water Lane: Due to the overgrown hedge, the re-cycling lorry had badly damaged the verge. It was agreed that this was an ongoing problem.

Wendy House in Recreation Area: Cllr Lewis had noticed a hole in the roof, will look at having this repaired.

Speeding Cars in Perry Lane: Cllr Gorf was concerned at the speed of vehicles in Perry Lane. Most appear to be connected with visiting football teams. It was agreed that the Clerk will price a sign before the next meeting.

Path at Village Hall: Cllr Keene asked that a path be considered at the side of the Hall, as it was difficult to push prams etc on the shingle. Mr J Cook will price up a path for the next meeting.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th November 2001 in the School at 7.30pm.

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No	To Whom	Detail	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque
1	MK Council	Parish Conference	25.00		25.00	101028
2	Powergen	Pavilion Electric	4.46	0.96	5.42	101029
3	Record Play Equip	Roundabout	2,860.00	500.50	3,360.50	101030
4	Brian West	Shingle	267.50	46.81	314.31	101031
5	J Sharp	September Salary	156.00		156.00	101032
6	MK Glazing	Pavilion	129.58	22.68	152.26	101033
7	JW Cook	Rent Football Field	100.00	17.50	117.50	101034
8	BALC	Training M Gorf	20.00		20.00	101035
9	MK Council	Dog Foul Payment	100.00		100.00	101036
			3662.54	588.45	4250.99	

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 6th November 2001 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Katie Hayes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr Moira Gorf, Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council). *Cllr Hyde*

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd October 2001 were signed as a true record. Cllr Hydes apologies were omitted from the Minutes. The additional mowing costs had been invoiced at £230 per cut not £240 as minuted.

Milton Keynes Play Association: Carol Cropton attended and addressed the meeting on the subject of the proposed Play Provision which they are looking to run during the school holidays, (Easter & Summer 2002). This will be aimed at children between the ages of 5 & 14 years and will be in sessions of 2.5 hours. There is no cost to the children attending, but the cost to the Parish Council would be £237.00 per session. The Parish Council agreed to place this item for discussion at the December meeting and advise the Play Association of any decision made.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Sherington Mound: A reply to the Clerks last letter had been received which implied an ongoing financial commitment to the Parish Council. At no time had the Parish Council agreed this and Clerk was asked to pursue a meeting with Tim Screen and Steve Crowther.

Swings: The structure had been installed today. The swings will not be put on until the safety surface is down, this will be within the next few days. Invoices awaited for safety surfaces for these and the roundabout.

Fencing for Churchyard: This work has been completed and the invoice paid during the last month. It was agreed that a very good job had been done on this.

Tree at Triangle: A further two verbal quotes had been obtained, One higher and a second about the same. It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and Seconded by Cllr Hayes that Sports Ground Services be instructed to carry out the work at an agreed cost of £175.00 net.

Play Area Insurance: Following a further discussion with Cornhill Insurance, the Clerk had agreed that a member of the Parish Council would inspect the Play Area on a weekly basis and a log will be set up. It was agreed that the Clerk will put this into practice forthwith.

Village Appraisal: A successful meeting was held, with a good attendance. It was suggested that a working group be formed with members from the Parish Council and village organisations. A further two dates have been agreed to move the project forward. Thursday evening 13th December and Saturday Morning 15th December, this is to enable villagers to come forward with further ideas. Another flyer with the dates will be distributed.

Pre-School Grant Application: A letter is still required from the Pre-School requesting the Parish Councils consideration of the purchase of a specific item for the play area. Cllr Hayes had spoken to the lady who had donated the seat currently in the recreation area and she was happy for this to be moved into the pre-school play area. It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Lewis that a maximum of £150 be spent on having the seat moved. Cllr Keene will ask Mr Feasey for a quote to carry out the work. **ACTION Cllr KEENE**

Litter Bins: Bins for renewal were identified on the recent walk about. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Bearman that five bins be purchased, 2 for Village Hall Play Area, 1 for the School, 1 at Bus Stop and 1 in Perry Lane Recreation Ground. The cost to be £100 per bin + £100 installation charge. Clerk will ask Synergy whether they will remove the bins in the Village Hall area **ACTION CLERK**

Gun Lane: A letter had been received stating the a sign for the entrance to Field Close would be erected, also that the 30mph sign was being investigated. Clerk had asked Mr Pease to cut back the hedge around the other 30mph sign.

Newport Road: Clerk had been advised by MKC that they will be continuing the cutting back of the paths into the village.

Weeds: Cllr Seymour advised the Council that she had been notified that the weeds would be treated.

Perry Lane Parking & Sign: Clerk had received a quote from Synergy for the sign, max £150. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Gorf that the Clerk should order the sign. A request had been made to Milton Keynes Council for additional parking. Reply had been received, budgets for 01/02 already set, will be considered in budgeting for 02/03.

Village Hall Path: Mr Cook had been quoted £900 for this, but will look at other ideas to try and solve the problem of prams on the shingle surface.

6. SKATEBOARD FACILITY: A letter had been received by the Parish Council from a number of Young People in the Village, requesting a designated area for skateboarding/roller blading. After discussion it was agreed by all that in principle this was a very good idea and should be looked at in more depth. Woburn Sands was suggested as having a suitable set-up. Clerk will contact them and ask for details of suppliers, cost etc. B Perkins will also be contacted for advice.

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at todays date £3,759.44 in the Treasurers Account and £7,386.67 in the Enterprise Account.

Cheques for Payment: An excessively high bill had been received for the pavilion water. Checks had been made by Cllr Haynes and there does not appear to be any leaks. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Gorf that the bill be paid. It was agreed that the following cheques be authorised:

W Haynes- Notice Board Keys	£11.80	Cheque No 101038
Anglian Water- Pavilion	£222.30	Cheque No 101039
Village Hall – Appraisal Meeting	£10.50	Cheque No 101040
J Sharp (Clerks Oct Salary	£156.00	Cheque No 101041
Sports Ground Services-Mowing	£141.00	Cheque No 101042
Ferris & Sons-Mowing	£460.00	Cheque No 101043
S Arnold-Pavilion Meters	£30.00	Cheque No 101044

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

44 Water Lane: There are no objections to this application.

Manor Farm: No objections, although it was observed that the restoration work so far was far from satisfactory. Clerk agreed to chase the company once all work is completed.

9 Carters Close: No objections to this application.

7. UNDERGROUNDING OF CABLES-WATER LANE: A letter had been received requesting the undergrounding of cables in Water Lane. It was agreed that this was desirable, but for the whole village, not just Water Lane. Cllr Hyde is making enquiries at a village where this has been achieved and will report back once he has further information.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing from the correspondence.

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Dog Fouling: Cllr Hayes had attended the recent meeting and advised that Allison Williment will come to the village and take action, where any bad areas are identified.

Councillors Training: Cllr Gorf had attended the recent training day and found it interesting and informative.

Village Hall: Cllr Haynes had details of the new storage arrangements at the Village Hall. There is a further meeting tomorrow.

Flood Warning: Cllr Lewis had attended meeting, which was merely about Flood Warning Systems, not about additional Flood Defences. Some work is currently being carried out in Newport Pagnell and Towcester on additional flood defences.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Mower: Mr Cook asked what the Parish Councils plans were for the mower. This item will be put on the December Agenda.

11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Twinning: Cllr Lewis reported a successful trip to Sameon at the end of October.

Parking Water Lane: Cllr Haynes had been notified that the refuse lorry had been unable to turn due to a car being parked in the parking bay.

Perry Lane Sports Field: Cllr Haynes reported a further broken window at the pavilion. Also request for Junior size Goal Posts. To place on December Agenda.

Christmas Tree at Knoll: An offer had been made to supply the tree, Allan Parkinson to be contacted before next meeting regarding lights. Working party to be organised at December Meeting.

Holes, Hedges, etc: Cllr Gorf had identified a number of areas requiring attention. Cllr Hyde will take up Highways matters with Ian Buckle. Clerk will pursue other areas with Housing Dept.

Bulb Planting at Mound: Cllr Hayes had been asked whether Parish Council would allocate funds for bulb planting. It was agreed that as the seeds planted had not grown, the ground was obviously not suitable for growing plants.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December 2001 in the School at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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No	To Whom	Detail	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque
1	W Haynes	Notice Board Keys	11.80		11.80	101038
2	Anglian Water	Pavilion Water	222.30		222.30	101039
3	Village Hall	Village Appraisal	10.50		10.50	101040
4	J Sharp	October Salary	156.00		156.00	101041
5	Sports Ground Srvs	Mowing Sports Field	120.00	21.00	141.00	101042
6	Ferris & Sons	Mowing	460.00		460.00	101043
7	S Arnold	Pavilion Meters	30.00		30.00	101044
			£ 1,010.60	21.00	£ 1,031.60	

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 4th December 2001 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Katie Hayes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr Moira Gorf, Cllr D Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th November 2001 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Play Association: This will be placed on January Agenda

Sherington Mound: Clerk has written to Tim Screen twice since last meeting. No reply has been received. No further action will be taken on this item until a response is received from Milton Keynes Council.

Tree at Triangle: Work is now completed.

Play Area Insurance: Rota for inspections has been organised and is fully operational.

Village Appraisal: Leaflets have been printed for the next meetings and will be distributed this week.

Pre-School Grant Application: A letter has been received with details of a Playhouse required by the pre-school. This item will be discussed when the Budget meeting is held.

Litter Bins: These have now been ordered. Still awaiting confirmation as to whether the pipes can be removed at the time of installation.

Gun Lane: Hedge has now been cut back around sign. and the sign for Field Close has been erected. Still nothing on second 30mph sign, Clerk will chase. **ACTION: Clerk**

Perry Lane Sign: This has been ordered, the price is £134 net.

Skateboard Facility: Clerk had obtained details from Woburn Sands Town Council. Forms have also been obtained from Shanks McEwan for a possible grant from the Landfill Tax Fund. It was agreed that a meeting be organised with the young people, after which a full costing can be established. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

Weeds: These as yet have not been treated.

4. VILLAGE HALL STORAGE SPACE: Cllr Bearman, Cllr Haynes and Clerk had sorted out Parish Council material. Parish Council had been asked to create more space in the office, but it appears that this is just being taken up by other users. Parish Records would grow in volume and ultimately require more space. Mr Cook advised that this would not be a problem and that room would be found. It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Lewis that the Village Hall be requested to invoice the Parish Council for a quarter of the storage space taken. This item will be on Agenda again in February.

5. ELECTRICITY CABLES: Cllr Hyde had now established a contact name at EMEB, but as has yet been unable to speak to them, will pursue. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**

6. CHRISTMAS TREE: This will be erected on Saturday 8th December, working party will meet at 9am. Mr Pilcher will again provide the electricity for the tree.

7. JUNIOR GOAL POSTS: Cllr Haynes had as yet not obtained the details. Put on January Agenda. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes**

8. MOWER: It was agreed by all that the mower should be sold. A notice will be put in Scan Magazine asking for sealed bids. Viewing at Village Hall on Saturday 5th January 2002. Bids back by 19th January 2002. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**

9. FENCE AT SPORTSGROUND, PERRY LANE: An inspection had taken place by some councillors and it was agreed that the fence and gate should be replaced. One quote had been received for £675. Clerk will obtain more quotes for next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

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10 NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS: Details of this had been circulated to Councillors. All Councillors will have to sign new declaration.

11. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £1,184.75 in the Treasurers Account and £6,375.49 in the Enterprise Account.

Cheques for Payment: It was agreed that the following cheques be authorised:

Playdale- Swing	£1164.43	Cheque No 101046
J Sharp- Clerks November Salary	£156.00	Cheque No 101047
J Sharp – Clerks Expenses Sep-Nov	£34.21	Cheque No 101048
Scan Magazine-Section 137 Donation	£160.00	Cheque No 101049
St Lauds Church-Section 137 Donation	£200.00	Cheque No 101050
Sports ground Services-Tree Surgery	£205.63	Cheque No 101051
Scan PCC-Printing for Appraisal Meeting	£33.75	Cheque No 101052

12. PLANNING MATTERS:

Mercers Farm: This item was discussed fully and the following points made;

- 1) That attention be given to the access and its proximity to the junction.
- 2) Would it be possible to re-erect the Barn elsewhere.
- 3) That the proposed new buildings would enhance the site.
- 4) That neighbours views are taken into consideration.
- 5) It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Bearman that the application be agreed. Unanimous vote in favour.

11 Crofts End: This application was agreed, Cllr Hyde commented that the location map used was twenty years out of date and that we should check that neighbours in Carters Close have been given the opportunity to comment.

ACTION: Clerk

Certificate of Proposed Lawfulness, Smiths Yard Water Lane: Milton Keynes Council had advised that this matter will go before the Development Control Committee on 12th December. Any comments in addition to those already made should reach them before that date. The application is the original B1 use. No further comments to those already made.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

Entertainment Licence- Village Hall: Application to extend the licence from 12 to 1.00am on 31st December 2001, There are no objections to this.

Water Lane: Letter from resident regarding the condition of Water Lane. This item will be on January Agenda.

14. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Thames Valley Police: Cllr Hayes had attended a recent meeting and reported a new Beat Officer and Sgt had been appointed for the Sherington area. No up to date crime figures were available. Warning that there have been several thefts from garages in Olney.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Kerbstones: Cllr Hyde reported that this was still ongoing.

ACTION: Cllr Hyde

Corn Close: Clerk will chase as last communication stated that an order had been made for this work to be carried out.

ACTION: Clerk

Water Lane: Many complaints about the condition of the lane, in particular the hedges and debris which narrow the road. The ongoing water problem was also discussed. Cllr Hyde agreed to speak to Ian Buckle again about the situation.

ACTION: Cllr Hyde

Mercers Farm: Mr Cook advised that he will ensure that accurate drawings of the Barn that is to be demolished are given to the Historical Society.

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Car Parking: Cars parked in hazardous positions were discussed. It was agreed that this was an ongoing problem which the Parish Council had little control over.

Seat in Village Hall Play Area: Pre School requested that the seat which is to be moved, be put on the outside of the new area, not inside.

Junction of Crofts End & High Street: Mr Ferris asked that when the Parish Council considers the Budget for 2002/2003, that thought is given to the re-designing of this junction.

Posts on Knoll: Mr Pilcher requested that the replacing of the posts be looked at in the 2002/3 Budget.

Parking Area adjacent to Vicarage: Request that this area be taken out of the Highways jurisdiction and incorporated in Housing.

Councillors Items:

Returned Minutes Book: Returned to Parish Council by B Hollis.

The Knoll: Cllr Bearman asked for clarification as to whether children were allowed to play on this area. Mr Pilcher stated that he knew the incident that was being referred to, and that they were stopped for their own safety.

"No Dogs" Sign, Village Hall Play Area: Cllr Haynes had received a complaint about dogs in this area. Parish Council had a sign. Mr Cook agreed to put this up. **ACTION Cllr Haynes**

Notice Board on Knoll: This had no handle and was almost impossible to open. Cllr Haynes will attend to this. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes**

Conifers in Perry Lane Recreation Field: Two have died, an offer has been made to dispose of them, but they need moving to gate. Mr Ferris agreed to do this. **ACTION Cllr Haynes**

16.DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2002

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Cheques for Signing at Meeting on 4th December 2001

1. Playdale – Swing	£1164.43	Cheque No 101046
2. J Sharp-Clerks November Salary	£156.00	Cheque No 101047
3. J Sharp-Clerks Expences Sep/Oct/Nov	£34.21	Cheque No 101048
4. Scan Magazine-Section 137 Donation	£160.00	Cheque No 101049
5. Church-Section 137 Donation	£200.00	Cheque No 101050
6. Sports Ground Services –Tree Surgery	£205.63	Cheque No 101051
7. Scan PCC-Appraisal Notice Printing	£33.75	Cheque No 101052
TOTAL	£1,954.02	

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Wednesday 2nd January 2002 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Katie Hayes, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr David Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th December 2001 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: The Wednesday meeting in December was aborted, due to the attendance of only one person and the Saturday Meeting cancelled. Another date to be set in February. Cllr Hyde asked whether it should be requested that each village organisation nominated a representative to attend. Next meeting to be advertised in Scan only.

3.2 Pre-School Area: Having met the requirements of the insurance, it is requested that the Village Hall now sign the agreement. Mr Cook will attend to this.

3.3 Litter Bins: These will be installed shortly. Clerk has made arrangements for the pipes to be removed in the spring.

3.4 Gun Lane 30mph Sign: The speed limit sign is now back in place.

3.5 Perry Lane Sign: This has now been erected.

4. ELECTRICITY CABLES: Cllr Hyde had spoken to Kevin Townsend (Zone Manager) and was advised that there was no current programme or budget for undergrounding cables in the village. A further problem may be the poles shared with BT. Any finance would need to be obtained by the Parish Council. It was agreed to identify two or three areas and obtain a quote for the records. Areas to be decided at next meeting.

5. JUNIOR GOAL POSTS: This matter is ongoing. A resident had offered to assist with installation of posts. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes**

6. MOWER: Due to the fact that January Scan had not yet been delivered, it was agreed that the viewing would now be on Saturday 12th January, between 9 and 10 am. Cllrs Keene and Haynes will organise. Sherington Football Club had written expressing an interest in the mower for use on the football field. The strimmer is not included with the sale of the mower, will be discussed in February. **ACTION: Cllrs Keene & Haynes**

7. FENCE AT SPORTSGROUND, PERRY LANE: A second company had inspected the site, but the quote had not yet arrived. **ACTION: Clerk**

8. PLAY ASSOCIATION -HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME: Cllr Bearman had obtained further information on this scheme. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hayes and agreed that the Play Association be informed that the Parish Council do not wish to proceed with this on the grounds that it is too expensive and that the need for the scheme is not proven. **ACTION: Clerk**

9. SEAT IN VILLAGE HALL PLAY AREA: This is in the hands of Mr B Feasey.

10. WATER LANE: Cllr Hyde has had site meeting with A McPherson from Milton Keynes Council. The ruts had been filled, but damaged again. This will not improve until hedge is cut back. Milton Keynes Council will write to hedge owner, stating that if this is not done, they will carry out work and then invoice. Corys had been very helpful regarding sweeping and this problem appears to have been resolved. The water at the field entrance was still a problem, Mr McPherson will speak to I Buckle and establish whether second jetting took place. A french drain appears to be the only permanent solution. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**

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Cllr Hyde also reported that some potholes in Bedford Road had been repaired, although it was noted that the worst one opposite Carisbrooke House had not been repaired. The sets in Church Road would be chased again by Mr McPherson.

11. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £2,344.75 in the Treasurers Account and £4,943.69 in the Enterprise Account.

Cheques for Payment: It was agreed that the following cheques be authorised:

Milton Keynes Council- Perry Lane Sign	£157.45	Cheque No 101053
J Sharp- Clerks December Salary	£156.00	Cheque No 101056
Powergen – Pavilion Electric	£23.21	Cheque No 101055
Sherington Village Hall- Meetings	£21.00	Cheque No 101056
Sherington School-Meetings	£60.00	Cheque No 101057
Society Council Clerks-Subscription	£33.00	Cheque No 101058

12. PLANNING MATTERS:

Sherington Bridge Lodge: There are no objections to this application.

Certificate of Proposed Lawfulness, Smiths Yard Water Lane: Milton Keynes Council have now granted this with a B1 usage.

High Adventure, Chicheley Hill: Notification had been received that this application has been withdrawn.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

Dog Fouling: Vouchers for a £5 discount on micro-chipping are with Cllr Hayes. Item on this to be placed in Scan.

Rural Housing Scheme: Details of lost cost housing for villagers had been received. The Rural Housing Trust are willing to give a talk on this to the Parish Council. It was agreed that maybe a presentation could be arranged with other villages. **ACTION: Clerk**

Section 136: Details of the new draft protocol and the finance for 2002/2003 have been received, these will be discussed at Budget Meeting.

14. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Sherington Mound: Cllr Keene had attended a meeting with Alan Prockter and Steve Crowther regarding ongoing maintenance of this area. The suggestion is that the cost of this be included in the Section 136 figures. The Parish Council need to advise Milton Keynes Council, what arrangements they require for the benches, currently on the top of the mound. Councillors asked to make decision at February meeting.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Corn Close: Mrs Teasdale asked what the current situation was. Nick Brown had advised Clerk that the order to carry out the work was given to Synergy on 26th November and that hopefully this would be completed shortly.

Sherington Mound: Mrs Teasdale suggested that Parks Trust could be approached regarding taking over responsibility for this area. Cllr Keene agreed to speak to Brian Salter.

ACTION: Cllr Keene

Village Hall Office: Mr Cook stated that Village Hall do not require any rent for the office space. It was requested that a letter to this effect be sent to the Parish Council, also confirming that ongoing space would be available.

Village Appraisal: Mr Cook asked how the appraisal would be completed, in the event of the next meeting being unsuccessful. This has yet to be decided.

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16. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Pavilion: Cllr Haynes had received report of water leaking from pavilion. On investigation, this appears to be coming from the overflow.

Road Junction/Cross Albans: Cllr Bearman had received a request to have this looked at, as the angle of the road, makes seeing to the right difficult. Clerk will ask Milton Keynes Council to look at this.

Turning Bay/Water Lane: Letter had been received regarding parking in this bay. It had been suggested by Milton Keynes Council that the Parish Council have NO PARKING painted on the road. Will place this item on February Agenda.

Budget Meeting: Cllr Keene suggested that a date be set for this closed meeting. This will be on Wednesday 9th January 2002, Ranworth House, Water Lane at 7.30pm.

16.DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2002

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2002, at Crofts End, Sherington at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D Keene (Chair), Cllr K Hayes, Cllr W Haynes.

Apologies: Cllr D Hyde, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr C Bearman, Cllr M Gorf.

Stonepits Close: Letter had been received from Mr Clarke, asking to purchase piece of land in Stonepits Close. This item will be placed on February Agenda.

Church Mowing Contribution: It was agreed that the church mowing contribution for the Churchyard would be £650 for the year 2001/2 and 2002/2003.

Mowing Contract: It was decided that for the season 2002 the contracted amount of £2,500 should not be exceeded and that a meeting should be held with the contractor within the next two months.

Tree Surgery: The trees on the Knoll are in need of attention. £750 to be precepted for this purpose. Clerk will ask tree surgeons to inspect and quote for this.

Perry Lane Football Field: £750 precepted for 12 cuts of the field.

Pavilion Maintenance: £500 still in Budget from 2001/2, also £500 Parish Partnership Grant still outstanding. A further £500 to be allocated for 2002/3, this will make a total of £1,500 to complete the Pavilion work.

Litter & Dog Bins: Figures include donation to Dog Fouling Scheme plus cost of emptying all bins.

Year End Balance 2001/2002: This is estimated to be approx £,8900. Special Reserves to be as follows:

- £500 Pavilion Alterations
- £600 Perry Lane Fence
- £2,000 Post & Chain Fencing for Knoll
- ✓ £200 Section 137 Donation to Pre-School (to be decided at Feb Meeting)
- £3,000 Kerbing of Parking Area outside School ✓

The meeting closed at 10.10.pm.

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PRECEPT
YEAR 2002/2003

EXPENDITURE

	2001/2002		To Date	Year End	2002/2003	
Mowing	1,200.00		2,960.00	2,960.00	2500.00	
Rents	21.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	
Mower Insurance	70.00		63.00	63.00	0.00	
Maintenance/Trees	100.00		855.00	855.00	1000.00	
<u>GROUNDS</u>	£ 1,391.00	1,391.00			<u>GROUNDS</u>	£3,600.00
Equipment Repairs			£247.00	247.00	250.00	
Pavilion Maintenance	200.00		£249.58	340.00	500.00	
Pavilion Utilities	650.00		£589.15	800.00	700.00	
Maint Rec Field	700.00		£170.00	170.00	750.00	
<u>PLAY AREAS</u>	£ 1,550.00	1,550.00			<u>P/AREAS</u>	£2,200.00
Office Cabinets	600.00				0.00	
School/Hall Hire	250.00		167.25	238.00	195.00	
Office Rent	6.00				0.00	
Insurances	700.00		774.83	774.83	850.00	
Clerks Expences	250.00		110.44	150.00	150.00	
Clerks Salary	2,500.00		1,404.00	1,872.00	2,000.00	
Subscriptions	200.00		149.66	149.66	150.00	
Training	300.00		45.00	45.00	200.00	
Audit Fees	1,000.00		1,353.09	2,053.00	700.00	
Printing & Charges			35.46	55.00	50.00	
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	£ 5,806.00	5,806.00			<u>ADMIN</u>	£4,295.00
Litter Bins				500.00	250.00	
Dog Foul Sub	100.00		100.00	350.00	350.00	
Bus Shelter Main	50.00				50.00	
General Maintenance	100.00		507.66	507.66	100.00	
Verges (bulbs etc)	50.00		7.99	7.99	150.00	
<u>HIGHWAYS</u>	300.00	300.00			<u>H/WAYS</u>	£900.00
Scan	160.00		160.00	160.00	175.00	
Church Floodlighting	200.00		200.00	200.00	250.00	
Xmas Tree Electric	25.00			25.00	25.00	
Jubilee	100.00		25.98	25.98	200.00	
<u>DONATIONS</u>	£485.00	485.00			<u>DONATIONS</u>	£650.00
Swings & Surfaces			£4,856.00	4,856.00	0.00	
Roundabout	500.00		£2,860.00	2,860.00	0.00	
Fence/Computer/App	2,250.00		£600.00	600.00	0.00	
<u>PROJECTS</u>	2,750.00	2,750.00			<u>PROJECTS</u>	£0.00
Strimmer Fund	500.00				0.00	
<u>RESERVES</u>	£ 500.00	500.00				
		£ 12,782.00	£ 18,591.09	20,965.12	£11,645.00	£11,645.00
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Single Items</u>		<u>Income 2002/2003</u>		
Parish Partnership	2,800.00	Roundabout	2860.00	Section 136	535.00	
Football	120.00	Swing	991.00	Football Rent	120.00	
Millenium Donation	1,252.82	Surfacing	3865.00	Stonepits	120.00	
Section 136 Refund	736.00	Tree Surgery	855.00	Church	650.00	
Bank Interest	161.14	Extra Mowing	460.00			
Pre-School	340.00	Shingle	267.50	£1,425.00	£1,425.00	
Village Hall Comm	115.00	Fencing	600.00			
Precept	10,015.00	TOTAL	£9,898.50			
Stonepits Close	121.00	Donations	4665.82	PRECEPT 02/03	£10,200	
Church/Mowing	650.00	Balance	£5,232.68			
TOTAL INCOME	16,310.96					

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 5th February 2002 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Katie Hayes, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Moira Gorf.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd January 2002 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: It was agreed that a further meeting be held on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Article to be placed in next Scan with a list of items to be covered.

3.2 Pre-School Area: The agreement was signed at the Meeting by Mr Hine on behalf of the Village Hall.

3.3 Litter Bins: These have now been installed.

3.4 Sherington Mound: Landscape Department have agreed to maintain for the forthcoming year. The intention being to include in 2003/2004 Section 136 agreement. This item will be kept on the agendas as the subject of who should pay for the maintenance of this area is still contentious.

3.5 Water Lane: Milton Keynes Council had advised that a second letter will be sent to the hedge owner after which time the hedge will be cut and the owner invoiced. A second jetting had hopefully been carried out. If unsuccessful then Parish Council should press to have a french drain installed. Cllr Hyde will follow this up in a couple of weeks. It was agreed that "No Parking" should be painted on the road at the turning bay. Clerk will speak to Milton Keynes Council and establish who will pay for this. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.6 Bedford & Church Roads & School Lane: Milton Keynes Council have been advised and we await repairs.

3.7 Village Hall Storage Space/Office: Letter advising that no rent was required, has not been received. Mr Cook advised that this was in hand.

3.8 Electricity Cables: Prices to be obtained for the undergrounding of cables in two areas, the corner of High Street and Water Lane and outside Sherington Place. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.9 Junior Goal Posts: Cllr Haynes has this matter in hand.

3.10 Mower & Strimmer: Cllr Haynes & Cllr Lewis both declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. Three sealed bids had been received, the highest being for £326. It was agreed that the mower should be sold to Mr B Lewis for the sum of £326. After discussion about the future of the strimmer it was agreed that this was now surplus to requirements and should be sold by the same process. Item to be placed in Scan.

ACTION: Cllr LEWIS

4. Trees & Fencing on Knoll: A quote had been received to carry out tree surgery on the Knoll, this is for £920.00. A decision will be made at March meeting after Councillors have had the opportunity to inspect the area. Two quotes have been received to replace fencing with post and chain, these being £2,250 and £1,697. This item also on March Agenda.

5. Fence at Sports Ground, Perry Lane: A second quote has been received from ATN Farms for £362.35. It was agreed that this be accepted and company be instructed to commence the work as soon as possible.

ACTION: CLERK

6. Stonepits Close Land: A letter has been received from Mr S Clarke enquiring about the possible purchase of a piece or all of this land. Clerk had read the archive material on this matter and had established that this was "common land". The Parish Council had applied for

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this status in 1973, hence they were now the registered Owners but not the Legal Owners (the owner of the land was not established). Clerks interpretation from the legislation was that although the Council had the right to rent or lease the land, it had no right to sell. Mr Ferris was asked his opinion on this matter and agreed that this was as he understood it correct. Clerk asked to notify Mr Clarke of this. Before the AGM Cllr Lewis will ensure that the details of the letting of this land are placed in Scan.

7. Rural Housing Scheme Meeting: This has been arranged for Wednesday 6th February at Stoke Goldington. Cllr Hyde will attend.

Thames Valley Police: Sgt Johnstone attended meeting and asked to be heard before he had to be elsewhere. He was able to give recent crime statistics for the village and to advise that criminal incidents in the rural areas were low. PC Roger Calderwood was much more visible in the village and the meeting agreed that this was noticeable and very acceptable. Cllr Keene thanked Sgt Johnstone for attending.

8. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at todays date £1,894.26 in the Treasurers Account and in the £7,743.69 in Enterprise Account.

Cheques for Payment: It was agreed that the following cheques be authorised:

- Milton Keynes City Glazing-Pavilion Repairs £66.27 Cheque No 101059
- J Sharp-Clerks January Salary £156.00 Cheque No 101060

Audit 2000/2001: This had recently taken place and the District Audit had asked that items be brought to the attention of the Parish Council. This was done and the Chairman signed to this effect. The revised accounts were also produced and signed as a true record.

Section 136: The final Section136 had now been received and it was agreed by all, that the total figure of £5,350 be accepted.

Budget/Precept 2002/2003: Following the recommendations of the Budget Meeting, some alterations were made to the figures. It was then proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Haynes that the **Precept for the year 2002/2003 be set at £10,200.** This was agreed by all.

Kerbing outside School: A price for this work had been obtained from Milton Keynes Council. This is for a total of £3,893.70. It was agreed by all that this work should be carried out and that money for this purpose should be earmarked from the current years balance.

Parish Partnership Grant: Clerk asked that a decision be made regarding the outstanding grant of £1,250 for the Village Appraisal. It was agreed that this would not be required and that Milton Keynes Council should be advised of this.

Section 137 Donation: It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Lewis that a donation of £200 be made the to Pre-School. This was agreed by all.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

Sherington Bridge Lodge: This application has been granted.

Mercers Farm: This application had been granted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing from this item.

11. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: Cllr Keene had attended the recent meeting of Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils at which the subjects of Best Value Councils, Code of Conduct and Section 136 had been discussed. Clerk advised that she will be shortly attending on a training session on the Code of Conduct.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

School Buses: Mr Arnold asked why the school buses were now picking up from outside the Swan which was the narrowest and most dangerous place in the High Street. Cllr Haynes advised she understood that this had commenced following complaints, Clerk asked to speak to Milton Keynes Council.

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Sets in School Lane: Mr Arnold advised that damage had been caused to his vehicle by loose sets. Cllr Hyde advised that the problem had been reported to Milton Keynes.

School Lane: Further complaints about the pot-holes and surface water in this area. These matters have all been reported to Milton Keynes Council. Cllr Seymour agreed to contact Ian Buckle and press for this work to be carried out.

Trees: Mrs Graham asked whether trees could be planted on the corner of School Lane & Crofts End and also in the Churchyard. Council advised that previous attempts with trees in the first area had failed and that in the Churchyard, we had been advised that there was no room.

Vehicles: There were complaints about the lorries parked in the area of the Knoll, which were considered a danger, also vehicle parking in other unsuitable areas in the village. Cllr Keene advised that there was little that could be done as there were no parking restrictions in the village. Cllr Hayes agreed to speak to police at next liaison meeting.

Pothole Outside Garage on Knoll Side: This will be reported to Milton Keynes Council.

Perry Lane Parking: Mr Tofts asked whether there was any further news on extending the parking bays. Clerk advised that she had spoken to Milton Keynes Council, but at the moment there was no finance available for this purpose.

Street Lights: Mr Tofts asked why it was that replacement lights are much dimmer and make a noticeable difference. Clerk will ask Milton Keynes Council to explain this.

Culvert/Bedford Road: There appears to be a problem here with water getting away. Report to Ian Buckle.

Gas & Telephone Compounds: Clerk asked to speak to the Planning Department about the condition in which these areas have been left. There is also a generator permanently running.

13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

The Knoll/May Day: Cllr Keene had received letter from Mr T Pilcher regarding May Day celebrations on the Knoll.

Skateboard Facility: Cllr Keene advised that nothing further had been heard and that he would advise interested parties that a firm proposal needed to come from them

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2002

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 5th March 2002 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Katie Hayes, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Bill Lewis.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr M Gorf, Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th February 2002 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Hall has been booked and item placed in March Scan.

3.2 Water Lane: Cllr Hyde has met with I Buckle and A McPherson. The hedge has been cut and it was agreed that granite kerbs would be put in two places, opposite hedge and juts before the gateway. Milton Keynes Council will write again to owners of field which is depositing water on the road. All other items in the village which are requiring repair, were agreed by Milton Keynes Council. Clerk will write to MKC and list these. The "No Parking" on the road at the turning bay will be done at no expence to the Parish Council. Mr Buckle suggested that Salt Bins be purchased by the Parish, also that owners of hedges at the top of the lane be asked to cut back. A large pothole has appeared in Church Road, Cllr Hyde will add this to the list.

ACTION: Cllr HYDE & CLERK

3.3 Electricity Cables: A reply has been received, we are now awaiting a site meeting date.

3.4 Junior Goal Posts: Cllr Haynes has this matter in hand.

3.5 Strimmer: Item in Scan, viewing 16th March, Village Hall, offers to Clerk by 23rd March..

3.6 School Coaches: Clerk had spoken to Milton Keynes Council and Lovat School children now being picked up at Knoll. Still concern about Ousedale pupils being collected from outside the Swan. Clerk will speak to Souls Coaches.

ACTION: CLERK

3.7 Compounds, Manor Farm: Enforcement Officer has visited the site and has been assured that the making good of the area will be carried out shortly. The generator is used for the security equipment.

4. Trees & Fencing on Knoll: Clerk has spoken to Arboculture Officer at Milton Keynes Council who will carry out an inspection of the trees and report back on what he feels needs doing. Permission from the Planning Department to carry out the work would then be required. Councillors had inspected the fencing and some felt that post and chain could be dangerous. It was agreed to ask the companies who had already quoted to give another price, this time for an exact replacement of the current fence.

ACTION: CLERK

5. Stonepits Close Land: A further letter has been received from Mr S Clarke. Councillors unanimously agreed that they do not wish to pursue this item any further. Mr Clarke will be advised of this.

6. Rural Housing Scheme Meeting: Cllr Hyde had attended the presentation and was impressed with the concept of the Scheme. It was agreed that this subject should first be raised at the appraisal meeting and if an interest is shown, then a survey could be carried out.

7. Golden Jubilee Committee Application: A letter had been received requesting permission to use the play area t the Village Hall on 3rd June for a tea party, BBQ, disco etc. There were no objections to the use of the land, but committee will need to obtain their own insurance and provide a copy to the Parish Council.

8. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at todays date £1,672.12 in the Treasurers Account and in the £8,719.69 in Enterprise Account. Where possible accounts have been settled to year end , although the invoice for the litter bins is still awaited from Milton Keynes Council.

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Cheques for Payment: It was agreed that the following cheques be authorised:

Milton Keynes Council-School Hire	£45.00	Cheque No 101061
J Sharp-Clerks Feb & Mar Salary	£312.00	Cheque No 101062
T Pilcher – Xmas Tree Electric	£25.00	Cheque No 101063
J Sharp – Clerks Expences	£35.94	Cheque No 101064
Sherington Pre-School-Donation	£200.00	Cheque No 101065

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

02/000129- 5 School Lane: Objections to the loft conversion have been made to Milton Keynes Councils. The Parish Council supported the objections and will advise Milton Keynes Council Planning Department accordingly

02/00249/50 - 22 Crofts End: Cllr Haynes declared an interest in this application. There are no objections to these plans.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

St Albans Hill Junction: A letter had been received from a resident regarding the danger of this junction. Clerk will chase Milton Keynes Council, as we requested some months ago that this be looked at.

Lighting at Knoll: Letter regarding lack of light on the garage corner. This item will be placed on the April Agenda.

Rural Transport Grants: There are grants available to improve transport, it was agreed that this should be another item discussed at the appraisal meeting.

11. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Section 136 Consultative Committee: Cllr Hyde had attended, the main subject being the new 136 Protocol and the legality of the discount system. A training session on Section 136 will take place on 19th March, Cllr Hyde will attend.

Rural Affairs Committee: Cllr Hyde had attended, there was little that affected out Parish>

Code of Conduct: Clerk had attended training session on the implementation of this and advised that this item will be on April Agenda to be finalised.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Street Lights: Two streetlights that were out were reported, Clerk will attend to this. **ACTION: CLERK**

Reflector at St Albans Junction: One is missing, Clerk will attend to this. **ACTION: CLERK**

13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Skateboard Facility: Cllr Keene reported that the enthusiasm for this project appeared to have abated.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2002

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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