

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS APRIL 2001-MARCH 2002

**PAYMENTS
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	£ 314.15	Bank Interest		£ 169.41
	£ 10,023.00	Precept		£ 10,015.00
	£ 1,058.00	PP Grant		£ 2,800.00
	£ 180.00	Rent		£ 241.00
	£ 634.49	Mowing		
	£ 325.00	Donations		£ 1,707.82
£ 3,230.00	£ 3,230.00	Section 136	3,150.00	£ 3,150.00
	£ 312.57	Sale of Mower		£ 326.00
		Section 136 Refund		£ 736.00
		ADMINISTRATION		
	2244.24	Clerks Salary	1,872.00	
	277.13	Clerks Expences	181.84	
	659.73	Insurance	774.83	
	482.52	Audit	1,353.09	
	217.25	Rents	222.75	
	234.05	subscriptions	194.66	
	1397.44			
		GENERAL GROUNDS		
		Mowing & Associated Expences	3,023.00	650.00
		Fencing	600.00	
		Tree Surgery	855.00	
		RECREATIONAL		
	530.00	Pavilion-Utilities	589.15	
	324.81	Repairs	552.98	
	636.00	Mowing/Ground Rent	270.00	
		New Equipment	7,716.00	
		HIGHWAYS		
	100.00	Dog Fouling	100.00	
	28.29	Sand/Bulbs	27.95	
		Shingle	267.50	
	2086.00	Notice Boards/Signs	220.20	
		SECTION 137		
	45.00	Christmas Tree	25.00	
	325.00	Edith Lucas Paintings		
	150.00	Scan Magazine	160.00	
	120.00	St Lauds Church	200.00	
		Pre-School	200.00	
	15.00	Bucks Community Action		
		Church Flower Festival	25.98	
		VAT		
£ 177.88		Vat Payments	£ 1,909.59	
	£ 203.94	Vat Recovered		£ 1,912.55
		TOTAL		
£ 13,280.34	£ 16,281.15		£ 24,491.52	£ 21,707.78

BALANCES @ 31st MARCH 2001

	546.03	Bank Treasury Account	£ 508.30
£	9,045.62	Bank HRD Account	£ 12,084.16

BALANCES @ 1st APRIL 2002

£	508.30	Bank Treasury Account	£ 1,081.18
£	12,084.16	Bank HRD Account	£ 8,727.54
£ 25,872.80	£ 25,872.80		£ 34,300.24
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CHAIRMAN: D KEENE
CLERK/RFO: Mrs J Sharp

D.A. Keene
[Signature]

Date: *02/04/02*
Date: *2/4/2002*

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BALANCE
2nd APRIL 2002

ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

06/03/02 c/forward		£	8,719.69
31/03/02 HSBC	Interest	£	7.85

TOTAL £ **8,727.54**

TREASURER ACCOUNT

06/03/02 c/forward		£	1,672.12
26/03/02 Customs & Excise	Vat Refund	£	37.38
31/03/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.12

Total Income £ **1,709.62**

05/03/02 MKC	School Hire	Cheque 101061	£	45.00
05/03/02 J Sharp	Salary Feb & Mar	Cheque 101062	£	312.00
05/03/02 T Pilcher	Tree Electricity	Cheque 101063	£	25.00
05/03/02 J Sharp	Clerks Expences	Cheque 101064	£	35.94
05/03/02 Pre-School	Sct 137 Donation	Cheque 101065	£	200.00
23/03/02 Village Hall	Appraisal Meeting	Cheque 101066	£	10.50

Total Expences £ **628.44**

BALANCE £ **1,081.18**

TOTAL BALANCE @ 2nd APRIL 2002

£9,808.72

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Chairman
Clerk/RFO

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 2nd April 2002 at 7.30pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr C Bearman

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

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Following the last meeting (which again was poorly attended), a summary is awaited from Mr F Gomme. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Hayes that the offer made by Mr T Pilcher to assist in the preparation of the appraisal be accepted. **ACTION: Cllr LEWIS**

3.2 Water Lane: Nothing further to report. Following the last meeting a list of all faults in the village that require attention, had been sent to Milton Keynes Council by the Clerk.

3.3 Electricity Cables: Nothing further heard. Clerk will chase East Midlands Electricity about the survey. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.4 Junior Goal Posts: The items proposed for use as Junior Goal Posts have proved to be unsuitable. Clerk will obtain prices of posts for next meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.5 Strimmer: Two sealed bids have been received, one for £30 and one for £51. It was agreed that the strimmer be sold to Mr T Pilcher for the sum of £51.

3.6 Stonepits Close: A further letter had been received from Mr S Clarke, regarding letting the field in more than one lot, also the term of the licence. It was agreed by all that there will be no changes to the current agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Gorf that the Licensee be decided by sealed bid to be received by the Clerk by 7pm on Tuesday 7th May 2002. Clerk will advertise this on Notice Boards, Cllr Lewis will place this in Scan. **ACTION: Cllr LEWIS & CLERK**

3.7 Trees & Fencing at Knoll: No report has yet been received from Mr J Price (Milton Keynes Council). It was accepted that any required tree surgery will now have to wait until Autumn. Following a discussion about the fencing it was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Hyde that the fence be repaired, not replaced.

3.8 Golden Jubilee: The insurance issue had now been resolved, and arrangements are in hand for the event. Forms have been distributed and expected numbers are awaited.

3.9 New Fencing at Perry Lane: It was agreed that £85.68 extra be allocated in order that the whole of the fencing be replaced. This was now completed.

3.10 Mowing: Clerk confirmed that the whole of the Recreation field had been mowed, but the football pitch had been left longer, due to the wet ground. The first cut of the other areas by G Ferris had taken place on 16th March. G Ferris to be asked to itemise on invoice the dates on which cuts were carried out. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.11 Newport Road Compound: Clerk agreed to write to Agents regarding the generator and also the clear up operation. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.12 Crofts End/High Street Junction: A letter has been received from the safety officer at Milton Keynes Council, stating that there are no objections in principle. We can now move to the next stage. Clerk will follow up this matter with Milton Keynes Council. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.13 Cross Albans Junction: Clerk has chased Milton Keynes Council, no reply as yet

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4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £1081.18 in the Treasurers Account and in the £8727.54 in Enterprise Account.

Receipts & Payments 2001/2002: These were circulated to Councillors and it was agreed that this should be signed as a true record.

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

Village Hall Committee-Appraisal Meeting	£10.50	Cheque No 101066 (auth 23/3/02)
Milton Keynes Council-Pavilion Rates	£240.35	Cheque No 101067
BALC-Subscription	£127.90	Cheque No 101068
Bucks Community Action-Subscription	£15.00	Cheque No 101069
Powergen – Pavilion Electricity	£27.34	Cheque No 101070
J Sharp-April Salary	£156.00	Cheque No 101071

Clerks Salary: Clerk asked for confirmation of the new rate of salary (£2,000 allocated in Budget). It was agreed that the rate with immediate effect is £166.67 per month.

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

02/000129- 5 School Lane: Amended plans have been received and inspected. Further comments have been made to the Planning Department at Milton Keynes Council. A decision is now awaited.

6. LIGHTING AT KNOLL:

Following a discussion on this item, it was unanimously agreed that no further lighting be put in the garage area of the Knoll.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT:

Council Resolution : That with effect from today this council adopts the attached Code of Conduct for its councillors and co-opted members. Councillors then signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

8. REPAINTING OF FOOTPATH SIGNS: Clerk reported that they had been inspected. Due to the condition of them, she advised that the likely cost would be £80-£100 per post. It was agreed that the Council would try and find some villagers who may like to take on this work.

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: Cllr Hyde had attended a Section 136 Training Session, the contents of which were interesting.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Perry Lane Parking: This matter is again causing major problems. Clerk asked to contact Milton Keynes Council again. Ideas discussed, taking the bank back further or extending the newest parking area, lighting and security in the garage parking area, residents parking permits.

Planning: Mrs Smith thanked the Council for their support regarding the School Lane planning application.

May Day: Mr Pilcher was advised that no application had been received for use of the Knoll, also that adequate insurance provision would be needed.

Village Maintenance: Mr Pilcher advised that Mr Jeeves was still available to carry out maintenance work.

Van on Perry Lane Car Park: This matter will be investigated further.

Corn Close: This has still not been resolved. Clerk will speak to Milton Keynes Council again.

11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Village Hall: Letter received stating that storage area should not be used for meetings.

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Village Walkabout: It was agreed that a walkabout should take place to identify the areas in need of attention. A date was agreed SUNDAY 21st APRIL-THE KNOLL 10.30am

Bus Shelter: Cllr Haynes advised that this was in need of inside painting.

Churchyard Maintenance: Cllr Haynes commented that the churchyard looked neglected and that additional areas needed strimming. It was agreed that this item be placed on the May Agenda.

Union Jack: Cllr Hayes asked whether this should be flown on Knoll for funeral of Queen Mother. It was agreed that it would.

June Council Meeting: This falls on a Bank Holiday. It was agreed that the June Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2002.

12.DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 7th May 2002

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7pm

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

03/04/02 c/forward		£	8,727.54
15/04/02 MKC	Precept	£	5,367.50
08/04/02 T Pilcher	Strimmer	£	51.00

TOTAL £ **14,146.04**

TREASURER ACCOUNT

03/04/02 c/forward		£	1,081.18
30/04/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.06

Total Income £ **1,081.24**

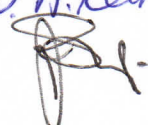
03/04/02 MKC	Rates-Pavilion	Cheque 101067	£ 240.35
03/04/02 BALC	Subscription	Cheque 101068	£ 127.90
03/04/02 Bucks Com Act	Subscription	Cheque 101069	£ 15.00
03/04/02 Powergen	Pavilion Electric	Cheque 101070	£ 27.34
03/04/02 J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101071	£ 156.00

Total Expences £ **566.59**

BALANCE £ **514.65**

TOTAL BALANCE @ 7th MAY 2002 **£14,660.69**

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D.A. Keene 07/05/02


Chairman
Clerk/RFO

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 7th May 2002 at 7.30pm.

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

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

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES:

Chairman: Cllr Keene was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Bearman, all agreed.

Vice Chairman: Cllr Hyde was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Hayes, all agreed.

School Governor: Cllr Bearman was proposed by Cllr Gorf and seconded by Cllr Hayes.

Village Hall: Cllr Haynes proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

Police Liaison: Cllr Lewis proposed by Cllr Gorf and seconded by Cllr Hyde.

Recreation Field: Cllr Haynes proposed by Cllr Gorf and seconded by Cllr Hyde.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Village Appraisal: A brief summary had been received from F Gomme, it was decided that Mr Gomme should now be asked to meet with councillors in order that a full report could now be produced.

ACTION: Cllr Lewis

4.2 Water Lane: Kerbing had now been installed at the bottom of the lane, also a French Drain outside the problem field. A Hudson (MKC) had informed Cllr Hyde that a quick response team was now in force, we are hopeful that faults may now be dealt with more quickly. Gullies require cleaning and one may require jetting. Milton Keynes Council asked to ensure that road sweeping takes place by new kerb.

4.3 Junior Goal Posts: Clerk had a price which was very high. Cllr Haynes will provide Clerk with details of another company to contact.

4.4 Trees & Fencing at Knoll: A petition of 100+ names was presented, objecting to any pruning of the Plane Tree. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Gorf and seconded by Cllr Haynes that new prices be obtained for the work, which will omit the Plane and Cherry Trees, but to fell the Hornbeam and also the Horse Chestnut which has recently lost a limb. Also that trees to be felled should be removed to six inches below ground level. Clerk will contact those who tendered, also Milton Keynes Council.

Fencing: After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Gorf and seconded by Cllr Haynes that the fencing be removed. A vote was taken – 2 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.

Proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Haynes that for the time being part of fencing be removed. Vote taken – 3 in favour, 4 against.

It was therefore agreed that Clerk should obtain prices to repair and replace fencing as necessary.

ACTION: Clerk

5. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £1081.24 in the Treasurers Account and in the £14,146.04 in Enterprise Account.

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

District Audit – 2000/2001 Audit	£723.33	Cheque No 101072
ATN Farms – Perry Lane Fencing	£526.44	Cheque No 101073
Anglian Water- Pavilion	£255.29	Cheque No 101074
J Sharp-Clerks May Salary	£166.67	Cheque No 101075

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Water-Pavilion: Clerk advised that another very high bill had been received and that discussion with Anglian Water had revealed that any leak was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Haynes advised that the water had now been turned off and that the meter will be checked to see if there is an underground leak. The plumber that installed to be asked to look at this and try and find the fault. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes**

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

02/00482-1 Carters Close: There are no objections to these plans. Clerk will advise Milton Keynes Council.

5 School Lane: No decision has yet been made, we are advised that this item is going to the Development and Control Committee at the end of this month.

7. ACCESS TO NOS 1 & 2 THE KNOLL: Mr Pilcher asked that the Parish Council confirm that status of the access to the properties. Clerk had located reference to this in the files and would ensure that both homeowners received copies.

8. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE: Cllr Haynes was concerned at the neglected condition of parts of the Churchyard and asked whether the Parish Council could arrange strimming. It was decided that this would be put on the June Agenda and in the meantime further discussion would take place with the Church on this matter. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**

9. GRANT APPLICATION BY GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE: Committee had requested a grant towards the Childrens Party and also the cost of Insurance for the Event. It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Lewis that £200 be donated for party + cost of Insurance up to max of £100.

10. ITEMS ARISING FROM VILLAGE WALKABOUT:

Bus Shelter: Various items needing attention. Mr Pilcher and Mr Ferris will submit quote for repairs.

Bench at Village Hall Play Area: Although quote has been received, it was noted that bench still has not been moved.

School Lane: Kerbing and drains, Cllr Hyde advised that these items are on the Milton Keynes Council fault list.

Perry Lane Parking: Clerk has been advised by Milton Keynes Council that they are looking into this.

11. SECTION 136 PROTOCOL: Cllr Hyde had inspected the document and it was agreed that this item be adopted by the Parish Council and was duly signed.

12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: None

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Corn Close: Resident reported that this had yet to be strimmed this year. Clerk will contact Landscape Department. Remedial work had still not been carried out. Clerk reported that although she had been advised in December that the DSO ordered had been issued, it had now been established that this was not in fact the case. The developers had now been given until 13th May to carry out the work, after which the order will be made.

Footpath Signs: No further progress had been made, it was decided to put this matter back on the June Agenda.

14. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Countryside Agency: Cllr Hyde advised that grants were available for organisations and that we should place an item in Scan to this effect. Concern that false hope could be given as these grants are very difficult to obtain and appear to be only for high profile projects.

Millennium Volunteers: Item on this scheme for 16-24 year olds, brought to the Councils attention by Cllr Hyde.

Trees at Village Hall: Cllr Gorf advised that two trees at Village Hall have straps broken. Cllr Keene will attend to this.

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Speeding: Cllr Gorf asked whether anything could be done about the speed of traffic in the village. It was agreed that this is a problem but very difficult to solve.

Benches: Cllr Gorf requested that benches are varnished as necessary.

Van in Perry Lane Car Park: Milton Keynes Council had advised Clerk that they had this matter in hand however the van is still there, although the owner appears to have left the village. Clerk will chase Milton Keynes Council again.

Union Jack : Cllr Haynes asked whether the flag was to be flown on the Knoll for the Jubilee, it was agreed that it would. The Flagpole requires painting, there were no volunteers.

Branch on Footpath opposite Gravel Pits: Cllr Lewis advised that debris had fallen on path. Clerk will investigate.

Planning Application for Gravel Extraction at Lathbury: Letter had been received from Hartigans stating that the application was imminent. A public exhibition is being held at Lathbury Hut on Thursday and Friday of next week, when details can be inspected by the public.

Skateboard Facility: Cllr Keene advised that although reports had been received to the contrary, it appeared that this items was still being requested for consideration

15.DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2002
7.30 pm at The School.**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2002.**

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the Meeting held in May 2001 had been signed as a true record at the June 2001 meeting. There were no requests for these to be re-read.
3. **CHAIRMANS REPORT:** Chairman reported that most of the items detailed in last years report had now been accomplished, also several other items either replaced or repaired and new signs erected. The mower and strimmer have now been sold as they are currently surplus to requirements. During the forthcoming year the Council are proposing tree surgery at the Knoll, improvements to the Pavilion and new kerbing outside the School (subject to grant). Also being looked at is the re-designing of the High Street/Crofts End Junction. Donations to local organisations this year were £610. Cllr Keene thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their help and support during the year, also the public for their involvement and interest in the work of the Parish Council.
4. **LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE:** Cllr Keene outlined the Terms and Conditions of the Licence, before opening the sealed bids. Mr S Clarke, The Old Mill House made the highest bid of £150. Clerk will invoice for this amount + £1 Wayleave.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** Resident asked why the terms of the licence for Stonepits excluded Horses. The current Council had no knowledge of this, previous clerk believed it to be a legal requirement.

The Meeting closed at 7.22pm.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2001-2002.

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

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

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

Other investment has included:

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

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

Our programme for the forthcoming year includes:

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

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

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

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

David Keene
7th May 2002

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Wednesday 5th June 2002 at 7.30pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Bill Lewis.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th May 2002, also the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the same day were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Cllr Lewis has made many attempts to contact Francis Gomme, without success, there is therefore nothing further to report on this matter at the moment.

3.2 Golden Jubilee: A truly memorable event, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with an unexpected healthy profit having been made. The Parish Council would like to send its congratulations to the committee and in particular to Jane Coles. Clerk will write, also to Robin Austyn for the firework display.

3.3 Junior Goal Posts: We now have a current brochure, Cllr Haynes has chosen a suitable goal, which appears to be sold only in pairs. Clerk will try and purchase one only. Proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Gorf that up to £200 be spent on a permanent goal post. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.4 Trees & Fencing at Knoll: New prices had been received for the amended tree surgery, also a reply to the letter to our insurers requesting clarification of cover if other parties carried out the work. Cornhill will not insure for this. It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Gorf that the contract should go to Sports Ground Services, the price being £595 net.

Fencing: Clerk had written to the two companies who previously submitted quotes for new fencing asking whether they would be interested in quoting for repair and replacement as necessary. So far one reply received, they will inspect again tomorrow.

3.5 Perry Lane Parking: A reply had been received stating that lighting of the existing parking area would be investigated, but that it is unlikely that anything further will be done. It was agreed to wait for the estimated cost of lighting and in the meantime Clerk will copy letter from Milton Keynes Council and Cllr Gorf will distribute to homes in Perry Lane.

3.6 Footpath Signs: One is missing at corner of Corn Close. Clerk will contact Milton Keynes Council.

3.7 Cleansing, Water Lane: Clerk asked to ensure that the sweeper clears right across the road opposite new kerbing. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at today's date £842.92 in the Treasure Account and in the £12,297.04 in Enterprise Account.

Invoice had been received for the supply of new Litter Bins, also the emptying of both litter & dog bins. Clerk is disputing the cost of emptying bins and asked that only the amount for the new bins be paid at this moment in time.

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

Milton Keynes Council –Litter Bins	£705.00	Cheque 101076
Cornhill Insurance –Annual Premium	£904.18	Cheque 101077
J Sharp – June Salary	£166.67	Cheque 101078
Sports Ground Services	£305.50	Cheque 101079
Sherington Jubilee	£326.00	Cheque 101080
Milton Keynes Council (Dog Fouling)	£100.00	Cheque 101081

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Accounts 2001/2002: Clerk produced accounts for last financial year and asked that these be approved by the Council. It was agreed that Chairman should sign these as a true record.

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

02/00482-25 Crofts End: After inspection of the plans, it was agreed that the following objections be raised, that the size of the extension was an over development of the site, that the views of the neighbours would be supported, that the covenant regarding single storey dwellings be observed.
Albany Hill Junction: Clerk asked to write and enquire whether power to existing masts could be boosted
22 Crofts End: Revised plans had been received, there are no objections to these.
Proposed Gravel Extraction at Lathbury: Four Councillors had attended the public display, the access is now proposed to be from the Northampton Road. The official planning application has not yet been listed. This item will be discussed again once the plans are available.

6. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE: Cllr Hyde had spoken to the church again, who advised that further strimming and removal of grass was a possibility although the church was not in a position to spend any further money on the churchyard. Also that they would like to see part of the graveyard allocated on a conservation basis. It was agreed that no further action would be taken unless an approach was made to the Parish Council by the Church.

7. BATON RELAY: It was established that the relay passed via the by-pass rather than coming through the village, therefore no further action would be taken on this matter.

8. NEW TREE PLANTING: There are two dead and one damaged trees in the Village Hall area. It was agreed that these should be replaced in the Autumn. Advice will be taken before then, on the types required.

9. CHURCH FETE: Letter had been received requesting permission to use the car park and play area for the Fete on 22nd 2002. There were no objections to this.

10. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Police Liaison Meeting: Cllr Lewis had reported that community policing would be more visible, with more civilians in the stations. Burglaries are at a low level, but that caution should be taken regarding unlocked back doors and entry by utility companies (ask for ID). It will be possible to borrow a redundant speed camera (no power to enforce though). Police had brought to the attention of the Parish Council, the youngsters on skateboards were using the ramp from the village hall. Cllr Haynes will advise the Village Hall Committee that they could be liable if there were an accident.

Rural Affairs Assembly: Cllr Keene had attended the last meeting and advised that items for discussion should be put forward to be included in the Agenda.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

Pre-School: Letter of thanks for the donation from the Parish Council.

Perry Lane Parking: Letter from resident complaining about any proposal to enlarge the verges for parking purposes.

Resignation: Letter from Cllr Hayes advising that she would shortly be leaving the village and therefore tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. Cllr Keene thanked Cllr Hayes for her loyal and valued service to the Parish Council over several years.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Corn Close: Although work appeared to have started, it was far from satisfactory. Clerk will bring the items discussed to the attention of Milton Keynes Council.

Stonepits Close: Mr M Cook advised that the question of the wayleave should be sorted out with the Electricity Board. Mr Cook agreed to let Clerk have details which she could follow up.

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13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Cllr Hyde asked what the position was with regard to weeds in the village. Cllr Seymour advised that the Cleansing contractors were responsible for this and that she follow up this item.

Internet Facilities: Cllr Hyde enquired whether the village shops or pubs may be interested in setting up a facility for this. Cllr Bearman advised that the school had looked into this and may still be interested in setting up this facility. Cllr Keene will put a note in Scan and Council will measure the response.

Cllr Haynes advised that was concern over the pavilion area in **Perry Lane**, with several incidents of items being set on fire. The concrete litter bin has had a fire started in it and is now cracked. It was agreed that Sgt Johnstone should be advised of this in order that a closer watch can be kept by the Police. Cllr Keene will also place an item in Scan warning of the dangers of this type of activity. A Junior Football Team in the village had approached Cllr Haynes regarding use of the football pitch next season. It was agreed that they should be accommodated if at all possible.

Cllr Bearman asked who was responsible for strimming of the footpath next to the flats in the **High Street**. Clerk will ask Vincents to strim this when they are next in the village.

Generator in Newport Road: There has been no reply to the letter sent by the Clerk and the generator is still running. Mr Cook advised that there was an ongoing dispute with the company concerned and once this was resolved, then they would be allowed to connect to the mains supply.

Skateboard Facility: Cllr Keene advised that as yet he had not spoken to the Youth Club members, but hoped to do so before the next meeting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2002
7.30 pm at The School.**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BALANCE
2nd July 2002

ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

06/06/02 c/forward		£	12,297.04
06/06/02 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	2,000.00

TOTAL £ 10,297.04

TREASURER ACCOUNT

06/06/02 c/forward		£	842.92
31/05/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.03
06/06/02 HSBC	Transfer from Ent/ac	£	2,000.00
30/06/02 Cust & Excise	Vat Refund	£	337.94

Total Income £ 3,180.89

05/06/02 MK Council	Litter Bins	Cheque 101076	£	705.00
05/06/02 Cornhill	Insurance Premium	Cheque 101077	£	904.18
05/06/02 J Sharp	Clerks June Salary	Cheque 101078	£	166.67
05/06/02 SGS	Mowing	Cheque 101079	£	305.50
05/06/02 Jubilee Comm	Donation	Cheque 101080	£	326.00
05/06/02 MK Council	Dog Foul Donation	Cheque 101081	£	100.00
21/06/02 HSBC	Charges		£	28.13

Total Expences £ 2,535.48

BALANCE £ 645.41

TOTAL BALANCE @ 2nd JULY 2002 £10,942.45

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
JULY 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
02/07/02	J Sharp	Goal Post	137.50	24.06	161.56	101082
02/07/02	Sports Ground Sv	Tree Surgery	595.00	104.13	699.13	101083
02/07/02	Powergen	Electricity	16.54	0.82	17.36	101084
02/07/02	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	166.67		166.67	101085
02/07/02	J Sharp	Expences	41.25		41.25	101086
02/07/02	MK Council	Advert	15.00		15.00	101087

£ 971.96 £ 129.01 £ 1,100.97

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CLERKS EXPENCES Apl/May/June 02

Mileage 70 miles @ 20p	14.00
Stamps 15 @ 27p	4.05
Telephone/Fax	5.00
Photocopying 364 @ 5p	18.20
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£41.25</u>

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 2nd July 2002 at 7.30pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr M Gorf

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

3. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR: This has been advertised, we have not received confirmation from Milton Keynes Council as to whether an election has been requested. One letter of application has been received. The vacancy has been mentioned in Scan. It was agreed that this matter would be held over until the September meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Village Appraisal: Cllr Lewis has arranged a meeting with Francis Gomme for next Tuesday. A venue will be arranged between Councillors and Mr Gomme advised by Cllr Lewis.

4.2 Junior Goal Post: This has now arrived. Mr Haynes will arrange installation.

4.3 Trees & Fencing at Knoll: The tree surgery has now been carried out. The Planning application was confusing as Milton Keynes Council had previously been advised of the alteration in the specification. As previously decided no work to be carried out on the Plane tree. The stumps need grinding out further. Clerk will speak to tree surgeons.

ACTION: Clerk

Fencing: Neither of the two companies who originally quoted, have submitted new quotes for repair only. Clerk asked to contact them once more and see if they are interested.

ACTION: Clerk

4.4 Perry Lane Pavilion: The old pavilion had now been repaired. Quotes for the internal work are proving difficult to obtain. The council has three years from the granting of the Parish Partnership Grant to carry out the work.

4.5 Pipes in Play Area; Clerk had been advised by Milton Keynes Council, that they have inspected, b they are impossible to move. Cllr Keene will attempt to get together a work party to break them up.

4.6 Sign at Footpath: This had been put back on, but only at a height of about four feet.

4.7 Water Lane: A further blockage of the sewer had occurred. Anglian Water had quickly sorted the problem.

5. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at todays date £645.41 in the Treasurer Account and £10,297.04 in the Enterprise Account.

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

J Sharp	Goal Post	£161.56	Cheque 101082
Sports Ground Services	Knoll Trees	£699.13	Cheque 101083
Powergen	Pavilion	£17.36	Cheque 101084
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	£166.67	Cheque 101085
J Sharp	Expenses	£41.25	Cheque 101086
Milton Keynes Council	Advert	£15.00	Cheque 101087

Clerk advised that new Auditors are calling in the audits early and that we will need to find an internal auditor quickly. Cllr Haynes will speak to a resident who she thinks may be able to assist.

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6. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) **Land adjacent to White Hart, Gun Lane:** Cllr Keene advised that whilst the Parish Council were invited to make observations on Planning Applications, recent decisions had shown that little notice was currently taken of the objections made. A lengthy discussion then took place on this application. The Council had received a copy of the objections submitted to Milton Keynes Council by a resident of Gun Lane. A copy of the reply by the applicant was also available. The causes for concern were a) that the plot was too small for the proposed dwelling b) impact on the adjacent listed building c) tree preservation order (not applicable to the existing plans), d) access and parking problems, e) building within conservation area (possible precedent for future development). Cllr Haynes proposed that the application be opposed for the above reasons. There was no seconder to this motion. Cllr Lewis proposed that the application be agreed in principle, but that the access be carefully considered. This was seconded by Cllr Hyde. Vote 3 in favour, 1 against. This motion was carried.

b) **The Barn, Park Road.** As Councillors had not seen the plans, no discussion took place on this item.

5 School Lane: Following a recent site visit, this application had subsequently been granted.

25 Crofts End: This application has been granted.

Gravel Extraction at Lathbury: (Cllr Lewis declared an interest in this application). After discussion it was agreed that an objection should be made to this application.

7. TELEPHONE BOX: This has been badly vandalised. BT have been informed and have removed the telephone etc. Clerk asked to contact BT and establish what their plans are for repair. **ACTION: Clerk**

8. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Parish Assembly: Cllr Hyde had attended a recent meeting where Area Forums, Crime Prevention and Multiple Occupancy of properties on city estates had all been discussed.

Jubilee Committee: Cllr Keene had attended the winding up meeting and had suggested that an item be put in Scan advising of the amount of money raised at this jubilee event.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Parish Conference 5th October: it was agreed that two places should be booked for this event.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Verges/Weeds in Hill View: Resident advised that nothing had been done about these during the last two years. It was agreed that this was a problem throughout the village and that Cllr Seymour had advised that spraying of weeds would again commence. Clerk will speak to Cllr Seymour.

Sets in School Lane: These had still not been repaired, although Water Lane had received new kerbs. Cllr Hyde advised that the quick response team to carry out repairs, was certainly not quick. Cllr Haynes advised that the holes in front of the garage had been repaired, apparently also some filling of holes in School Lane. Clerk will speak to Andy McPherson and establish why only selected items on the snagging list have been rectified.

Corn Close: No further work has been carried out on this site. Clerk will speak to Nick Brown again, also point out that a planning condition was that the ground be restored to the original level. This had not been done.

Planning Applications: Two residents were very concerned at the way in which the Parish Council considers planning applications and that little thought is given to the already problematic sewage system.

Hill View: Car is being parked on pavement and causing an obstruction. Cllr Haynes will speak to the owner about this. Also parking of commercial vehicles on the wide path at the entrance to Hill View. A bramble hedge is overhanging the footpath.

Bedford Road; The hedge is covering the speed limit sign. Clerk will ask hedge owner to cut back.

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11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Stonepits Close: Cllr Lewis commented that there appeared to be no grazing taking place in Stonepits Close. Clerk asked to remind licensee of the terms.

Footpath-Corn Close: Cllr Bearman advised that it was impossible to get a pushchair through the entrance. Clerk will ask Milton Keynes Council to reposition the barrier.

Trees in Play Area-Carters Close: Cllr Hyde asked whether the Parish Council could consider some pruning of trees as they are becoming out of hand. Clerk asked to obtain quote from tree surgeons.

Lack of response from Milton Keynes Council: Cllr Hyde asked that Cllr Seymour be given notice that the council would like her to advise why items such as the snagging list and Corn Close appear to be making little or no progress.

Footpath Signs: Cllr Haynes would still like to see the old footpath signs re-painted. It is urgent that an odd job person be found.

Historical Society: A letter had been received advising the photos of the Edith Lucas paintings had been taken which, with the permission of the Parish Council, could be made into cards etc which could be sold and the proceeds divided. A request had also been made to have some Parish Documents (which are in poor condition) copied. It was agreed that this could be done. Mr Arnold assured the Council that the documents would not leave his possession.

Play Area Inspection Rota: This was due to expire, Clerk will print new one.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2002
7.30 pm at The School.**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BALANCE
3rd September 2002**

ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

03/07/02 c/forward		£	10,297.04
03/07/02 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	1,000.00
		£	9,297.04
03/07/02 EMEB	Wayleave/Stonepits	£	12.42
MKC	Refund-Sct 136 98/99	£	130.00
30/06/02 HSBC	Interest	£	14.72
	TOTAL	£	9,454.18

TREASURER ACCOUNT

03/07/02 c/forward		£	645.41
03/07/02 HSBC	Transfer from Ent	£	1,000.00
30/06/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.11
31/07/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.06
31/08/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.05
	Total Income	£	1,645.63
02/07/02 J Sharp	Goal Post	Cheque 101082	£ 161.56
02/07/02 SGS	Knoll Trees	Cheque 101083	£ 699.13
02/07/02 Powergen	Pavilion Electric	Cheque 101084	£ 17.36
02/07/02 J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101085	£ 166.67
02/07/02 J Sharp	Expenses	Cheque 101086	£ 41.25
02/07/02 MK Council	Advert	Cheque 101087	£ 15.00
	Total Expences	£	1,100.97
	BALANCE	£	544.66

TOTAL BALANCE @ 3rd SEPTEMBER 2002 £9,998.84

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
SEPTEMBER 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
03/09/02	Sports Ground Sv	Mowing	260.00	45.50	305.50	101088
03/09/02	J Sharp	Conference	50.00		50.00	101089
03/09/02	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	333.34		333.34	101090
03/09/02	A Cussell	Internal Audit	20.00		20.00	101091
			£ 663.34	£ 45.50	£ 708.84	

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 3rd September 2002 at 7.30pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Pat Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

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

3. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR: Mrs M Gorf has now moved from the village, but as yet no resignation letter has been received. The current vacancy will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Village Appraisal: Following the recent meeting with Francis Gomme, he has now suggested the drafting of certain documents. Cllr Lewis and Tony Pilcher will attend to this..

4.2 Fencing at Knoll: A quote of £220 has been obtained to repair the fencing. To repaint the bus shelter and stain the seat on Knoll, £170 is the quoted figure. It was agreed by all that this figure be accepted.

4.3 Repairs in Village: A further walkabout will take place shortly and a list compiled of a items needing repair. This item to be kept on the Agenda.

4.4 Pipes in Play Area: Cllr Keene has spoken to Danny Coles who will assist in breaking up and removing the pipes. It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Haynes that a figure of £50 be set aside to reinstate the ground if required. This was agreed by all.

4.5 Telephone Box: Repairs have been carried out.

4.6 Highways Faults: Letter from Ian McGregor, stating that all work would be carried out and offering to meet the Council. Clerk asked to write and invite him to attend the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

5. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed as at todays date £544.66 in the Treasurer Account and £9,998.84 in the Enterprise Account.

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

Sports Ground Services	Mowing	£305.50	Cheque 101088
J Sharp	Parish Conference	£50.00	Cheque 101089
J Sharp	Clerks Salary (Aug & Sep)	£333.34	Cheque 101090
A Cussell	Internal Audit	£20.00	Cheque 101091

Clerk advised that a refund of £130 had been received from Milton Keynes Council, this being an underspend on the Section 136 for the year 1998/9.

Annual Return 2001/2002: An internal audit had been carried out by Mr A Cussell. The Annual Return had been prepared by the Clerk. Councillors agreed that this be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) **Land adjacent to White Hart, Gun Lane:** Letter received from Milton Keynes Council advising that this application has been withdrawn.

b) **Bridge Leys Cottage-Sherington Bridge:** This application has been opposed by neighbours (copy of letters sent to Milton Keynes Council submitted to Parish Council). Clerk will write to Planning and ask that they consider and investigate the contents of these. **ACTION: Clerk**

c) **The Barn, Park Road:** Amended drawings have been received, there are only slight amendments to the originals. Parish Council has no objections.

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7. EDITH LUCAS PAINTINGS: Historical Society have asked the Parish Council where they would like any profit made on the sale of cards, etc to go to. It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Lewis, that the Society keep, what is expected to be a modest amount for their funds. With regard to the copying of the documents, Mr Arnold raised concerns about carrying out this work as the originals would have to be dismantled before this could be done. Cllr Keene agreed to look at these before a firm decision is made.

8. TREES IN CARTERS CLOSE: An inspection has taken place, and a quote received, however their now appears to be doubt about whether it is the Parish or Milton Keynes Council who are responsible for the trees. Clerk will speak to John Price about this. **ACTION: Clerk**

9. KERBING OUTSIDE SCHOOL: The Parish Partnership Grant has been approved and Clerk has been advised by Milton Keynes Council that their original quote of £3,893.70 has now increased to £4,249.53. The grant is for £1,946.85, this therefore leaves a shortfall of £2,302.68 to be paid by the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Bearman, that Milton Keynes Council be instructed to proceed with the work. All agreed.

10. CROFTS END JUNCTION: No grant was obtained for this as the work does not meet any of the acts required. Milton Keynes Council have inspected and marked the road, as yet no prices have been received.

11. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Twinning Committee: It was agreed that Cllr Lewis would act as Parish representative on this committee.

School: Cllr Bearman reported a very interesting Training Day, considering the position of the school in the year 2007.

Police Liaison: The next meeting has been postponed for 4 weeks.

MKC-Comprehensive Performance Assessment: Meeting to take place next Thursday.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

Section 136 Committee: Voting Paper received, this was duly completed.

Houses in Multiple Occupation: Letter from Milton Keynes Council advising that a meeting on this subject will be held on Monday 16th September.

Letter from Mrs A Atkinson: This is in regard to previously discussed items. Light at Knoll-Parish Council agreed some months ago not to install further lights. Safety of junction at Cross Albans Hill- Clerk has had many communications with Milton Keynes Council on this matter and will speak to them again about replacement reflector and junction alteration.

MKC Area Forums: Letter advising of proposed groupings, Parish Council have no objections to these.

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Trees in Carters Close: Resident advised that previous work on trees has been carried out by Milton Keynes Council.

Mound: Concern about the current condition of the mound. Parish Council had been advised that this would be looked after under the Section 136 arrangement. Clerk will speak to Landscape Department. Also check on the arrangements for litter collection.

Footpath adjacent to Flats in High Street: This is impassable due to shrubbery overhanging from flats. Clerk will speak to Housing Dept about this.

Cross Albans Junction: J Cook suggested that Parish Council push for a no right turn into the village, as it is being used as a rat run to avoid the traffic.

Planning Policy: J Cook requested that the Parish Council make clear their policy on planning applications in Conservation Areas, as recent decisions were not in line with the document agreed with Milton Keynes

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Council in 1996. Some current Councillors were unaware of this document and will be supplied with a copy. This item will be put on the October Agenda for discussion.

Pipes in Play Area: T Pilcher advised that Mr M Cook had previously offered to move the pipes.

14. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Perry Lane Sportsground: Cllr Haynes advised that vandals have damaged the roof on the pavilion. It was agreed that up to £150 be authorised for repairs. Cllr Haynes has bookings from a number of football teams and requested that the subject of charges be put on the October Agenda, as the Council has no firm policy on this.

Footpath opposite Manor Farm: Cllr Lewis stated that this path is almost unusable, due to the condition. Should the Council be pressing for a new path, or would cutting back the hedges make a difference?

Firework Party and Model Aeroplanes at Water Lane Farm: Cllr Lewis had received a complaint regarding this. It was agreed that the party was a one off and a long way from any properties and that the model aeroplane activity was in line with the planning permission granted.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 1st October 2002 at 7.30pm at the School

The meeting officially closed at 9.20pm.

The Public were asked to leave at this point, whilst the last item was discussed.

Vacancy for Councillor: Following the notices and item in Scan, only one person had asked to be considered for the vacancy. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Lewis that Mr P Burton be asked to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. This was agreed by all. Clerk will write to Mr Burton.

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

04/09/02 c/forward		£	9,454.18
04/09/02 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	500.00
30/09/02 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	1,000.00
		£	7,954.18
05/09/02 Football Club	Rent	£	70.00
19/09/02 MKCouncil	Precept	£	5,367.50
26/09/02 MKCouncil	Partnership Grant	£	1,947.00
30/09/02 HSBC	Interest	£	12.79
	TOTAL	£	15,351.47

TREASURER ACCOUNT

04/09/02 c/forward		£	544.66
04/09/02 HSBC	Transfer from Ent	£	500.00
30/09/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.04
30/09/02 HSBC	Transfer from Ent	£	1,000.00
	Total Income	£	2,044.70
03/09/02 SGS	Mowing	Cheque 101088	£ 305.50
03/09/02 J Sharp	Parish Conference Fee	Cheque 101089	£ 50.00
03/09/02 J Sharp	Salary Aug & Sept	Chequw 101090	£ 333.34
03/09/02 A Cussell	Internal Audit	Cheque 101091	£ 20.00
	Total Expenses	£	708.84
	BALANCE	£	1,335.86

TOTAL BALANCE @ 1st OCTOBER 2002

£16,687.33

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MONTHLY CHEQUES
OCTOBER 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
01/10/02	MK Council	School Hire	75.00		75.00	101092
01/10/02	SGS	Mowing	260.00	45.50	305.50	101093
01/10/02	JW Cook	Field Rent	100.00		100.00	101094
01/10/02	J Sharp	Salary October	166.67		166.67	101095
01/10/02	J Sharp	Expences Jly-Sep	32.64		32.64	101096
01/10/02	RJS	Knoll Repairs	390.00		390.00	101097
01/10/02	Anglian Water	Pavilion	69.40		69.40	101098
			£ 1,093.71	£ 45.50	£ 1,139.21	

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 1st October 2002 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr David Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Pat Seymour (who had informed Clerk that it was unlikely she would be able to attend any further meetings this year, but would pursue any matters passed to her).

Cllr Keene welcomed Cllr Burton to the Parish Council.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: A date for a meeting between F Gomme, Cllr Lewis and Mr T Pilcher had been set for 1st November 2002.

3.2 Repairs in Village: Walkabout had taken place and had identified two seats in the play area in need of repair (Cllr Haynes will speak to Mr Weekly about this item). The Play House had also been damaged, but was noted that this had been repaired (many thanks to the unknown person who was responsible for repair) It was noted that the toddler area was being used by older children and that damage had been carried out. The stile on the Crofts End side of Bancroft is in need of attention. Clerk will speak to Rights of Way Officer. Graffiti on garages in Perry Lane will be reported to Milton Keynes Council by Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk
ACTION: Cllr Keene

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: This matter is in hand.

3.4 Trees in Carters Close: These do in fact form part of the Section 136 contract. Clerk had been advised by Milton Keynes Council that they have made arrangements for this work to be carried out.

3.5 Cross Albans Junction: Milton Keynes Council have advised that a new cycle path will cross the junction and that a new design could be incorporated with the work. The reflector should now have been replaced.

3.6 Kerbing at School: Work will commence on 14th October. Cllr Bearman will inform school of this.

3.7 Sherington Mound: There appears to have been a breakdown in communications between departments at Milton Keynes Council, regarding attention to this area. We are informed that this has now been rectified It was agreed by all that a litter bin be purchased (like other bins in village), and a notice asking that this be used. Clerk will get tyres and wheels removed.

ACTION: Clerk

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £1,335.86 in the Treasurers Account and £15,351.47 in the Enterprise Account (Parish Partnership Grant for kerbing has been received).

Fax today from Mr G Ferris stating that all mowing had now been completed. Dates were agreed and invoice is awaited. Payment will be made at next months meeting.

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

Milton Keynes Council	School Hire	£75.00	Cheque 101092
Sports Ground Services	Mowing	£305.50	Cheque 101093
JW Cook	Field Rent	£100.00	Cheque 101094
J Sharp	Clerks Salary (Oct)	£166.67	Cheque 101095
J Sharp	Expences	£ 32.64	Cheque 101096
RJS	Knoll Repairs	£390.00	Cheque 101097
Anglian Water	Pavilion	£69.40	Cheque 101098

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5. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) **16 High Street:** There are no objections to these plans.

Cllr Keene advised the meeting that a colleague had been engaged by The White Hart in regard to a further planning application. Cllr Keene stated that he would take no part in any future discussions regarding planning applications made by the White Hart and was prepared if the Council wished, to withdraw from the forthcoming item on Planning Policy in Conservation Area. It was agreed by all that this item related to planning in general not specific applications and that his knowledge of planning matters could be helpful rather than contentious.

6. PLANNING POLICY IN CONSERVATION AREA: Councillors now all had copies of the current policy adopted some years ago by the Parish Council. The item for discussion, was whether this should be maintained or altered by the Council. Cllr Keene circulated a map of the conservation area, which most councillors appeared to have not previously seen. It was unanimously agreed, that in order that this document could be studied in more detail, this item would be placed on November Agenda, when a decision would be made.

7. PERRY LANE SPORTSGROUND: Clerk advised that all scheduled cuts had now been carried out, if further cut was required, then this would need to be done within the next two weeks. It was agreed that Sports Ground Services be instructed to carry out one further cut. Cllr Haynes had discovered that the security tag had been broken from the water meter and the reading tampered with. This explains the very high bills for water. Clerk will take up this matter with Anglian Water. A further quote of £1,000 (excluding electrics) had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Bearman and seconded by Cllr Lewis that a further £150 be allocated for the electrical work and that subject to the three quotes being in place (for grant purposes), Danny Coles be instructed to proceed with the alterations. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes & Clerk**

8. FOOTPATHS: Clerk advised that the cutting back of shrubbery from the path alongside the flats in the High Street was the responsibility of the Housing Dept, and that it was unlikely that they had the finances to carry out the work. Cllr Haynes agreed to look into cutting this back. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes**

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Section 136: Cllr Hyde had attended the last meeting where the results of the ballot for rural representatives had been announced.

Parish Assembly: Cllr Keene had attended, items discussed were Playscheme, Crime & Community Safety Partnership, Equalisation and Area Forums.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

MKC- Residential Parking Partnership Grant: Money is being made available (to be matched by Parishes), to improve parking. Clerk has written to Milton Keynes Council asking that the Perry Lane area be considered for a grant. Council will be advised of outcome later in the year.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Weeds: Although some areas appear to have been done, we do not know whether the whole village has been treated. Clerk will contact Cllr Seymour and Corys regarding this. **ACTION: Clerk**

Corn Close: Last communication from Ian McGregor stated that work would be complete by end of August. This has not happened, Clerk will contact Cllr Seymour and Ian McGregor.

School Lane Kerbs: These have not been rectified. Highways have stated that this work will be completed but currently emergency work is being carried out.

Abandoned Car: This has been in Church Road for three weeks and has now been vandalised. Clerk will ask Milton Keynes Council to remove.

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS: No items for discussion..

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 5th November 2002 at 7.30pm at the School

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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MONTHLY BALANCE
5th November 2002**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

04/09/02 c/forward £ 15,351.47

TOTAL £ 15,351.47

TREASURER ACCOUNT

02/10/02 c/forward £ 1,335.86
 11/10/02 Customs & Excise Vat Refund £ 220.01
 31/10/02 HSBC Interest £ 0.05

Total Income £ 1,555.92

01/10/02 MK Council School Hire Cheque 101092 £ 75.00
 01/10/02 SGS Mowing Cheque 101093 £ 305.50
 01/10/02 JW Cook Sportsfield Rent Cheque 101094 £ 100.00
 01/10/02 J Sharp October Salary Cheque 101095 £ 166.67
 01/10/02 J Sharp Expences Cheque 101096 £ 32.64
 01/10/02 RJS Knoll Repairs Cheque 101097 £ 390.00
 01/10/02 Anglian Water Pavilion Water Cheque 101098 £ 69.40

Total Expences £ 1,139.21

BALANCE £ 416.71

TOTAL BALANCE @ 5th NOVEMBER 2002 £15,768.18

Signed *D.A. Keare* 5/11/02
 Signed *[Signature]* 5/11/02

Chairman
 Clerk/RFO

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
NOVEMBER 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
05/11/02	G Ferris	Mowing	2500.00		2500.00	101099
05/11/02	SGS	Mowing	65.00	11.38	76.38	101100
05/11/02	J Sharp	Salary November	166.67		166.67	101101
05/11/02	Powergen	Pavilion Electric	16.24	0.82	17.05	101102
	<i>sf 4/02 B Weldy</i>	<i>Seat Repair</i>	<i>112.00</i>		<i>112.00</i>	<i>101103</i>
			£ 2,747.91	£ 12.20	£ 2,760.10	
			<i>£2859.91</i>		<i>£ 2872.10</i>	

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

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr David Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Bearman

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The following was omitted from the minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2002.

Football Prices: It was agreed that the price per game for the Veterans and Youth Team would be £10. This will be reviewed if evidence provided of a substantial amount of players from youth team living in village. The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st October 2002, were then signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Keene declared an interest in the forthcoming item on the planning application at land adjoining the White Hart and advised that he would be withdrawing from the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: At the meeting on 1st November, it was agreed that a two page item would be produced ready for the next meeting and would then be published in Januarys Scan. A further meeting will take place on Monday 18th November. All Councillors are invited to attend.

3.2 Repairs in Village: The seat in the Play Area has now been repaired by Mr B Weekly.

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: Ongoing

ACTION: Cllr Keene

3.4 Trees in Carters Close: Milton Keynes Council have carried out the work with very satisfactory results. One tree has been felled and quite a high stump left. It was agreed in the interest of safety that the Landscape Department be asked to grind this out to ground level.

ACTION: Clerk

3.5 Path opposite Manor: The hedge requires cutting back as it is overhanging the footpath. Cllr Lewis will establish who owns the land and advise Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr Lewis

3.6 Path in High Street: Cllr Haynes has cut back the overhanging branches, there is however a large branch which will need future attention.

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £1,555.92 in the Treasurers Account and £15,351.47 in the Enterprise Account.

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

G Ferris	Mowing	£2,500.00	Cheque 101099
Sports Ground Services	Mowing	£76.38	Cheque 101100
J Sharp	Clerks Salary (Nov)	£166.67	Cheque 101101
Powergen	Electric	£ 17.05	Cheque 101102
B Weekly	Seat Repairs	£112.00	Cheque 101103

5. PLANNING POLICY IN CONSERVATION AREA: Having had the opportunity to study the contents of the current policy, all Councillors fully understood the terms and reasoning behind the document and had no wish to alter it in any way.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

02/01647- 18 Gun Lane: There are no objections to the plans.

02/01651 – The Barn, Sherington Bridge: (Cllr Lewis declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the Meeting). The Council have no objections to the plans.

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02/01819 – Land Adjacent to White Hart: (Cllr Keene having declared an interest in this item, withdrew from the Meeting).

The owner of an adjoining property advised that he had not been informed of the application and was advised to contact Milton Keynes Council. Mr J Cook provided a copy of a second letter of objection sent to Milton Keynes Council. Cllr Haynes made the following comments in addition to those already minuted in July.

- 1) It is the only public house in the village with a garden.
- 2) There could be a future adverse effect on the White Hart
- 3) That the area is currently attractive, with a view of the Church (especially when it is lit)
- 4) That the sewer problems in Water Lane, would be further enhanced by any additional building.

After further discussion a vote was taken, result, 2 in favour, 1 against. Clerk however is asked to advise Milton Keynes Council Planning Department of the result of the vote.

7. ROAD JUNCTION CROFTS END & HIGH STREET: Milton Keynes Council have advised that the estimated cost of re-designing this junction will be approx £10,000. This work if required, would need to be funded by the Parish Council. It was agreed that this item should be kept on file and reviewed again when next years precept is under discussion.

8. SPEED CHECK CAMPAIGN: Clerk advised that joining the Speedcheck Campaign, would mean that the speeding signs would be put up at regular intervals, also the use of the monitor that flashes up the speed as cars approach it. It was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Burton that the village should join the scheme.

ACTION: Clerk

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Parish Conference: Cllr Lewis and Cllr Keene had attended and gave details of the workshops on future Planning and Crime & Community Safety.

Police Liaison Meeting: Cllr Lewis had attended. 2 WPCs have now taken over the rural area, between them the hours have been increased from the one previous officer.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Private/Public Partnerships: This item relates to Milton Keynes Councils intention to move the running of various departments into the private sector. A presentation will be held on 14th November 2002. Cllr Hyde will attend.

Play Area Enhancement Fund: It was agreed that an application be made for a grant towards a new Play House at the Village Hall Play Area.

Cross Albans Hill Junction: Following the item in Scan, one letter had been received from a resident who had been involved in an accident at this junction.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Cross Albans Junction: Mr Pilcher advised that reflective lights have been installed on the A508 in Northants, which could also be helpful at this junction. Clerk will speak to Highways Dept.

Street Lights: Several lights are not working in the village. Cllr Haynes will advise Clerk of post numbers

Skate Board Facility: Mr Cook advised that a firm answer has not yet been given to the young people who requested this facility. This item will be put on Decembers Agenda.

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Water on Road outside Hartigans Entrance: Cllr Lewis will contact Anglian Water and enquire whether anything can be done about this.

Water Lane Sewer Problems: Mr & Mrs D Smith had again had their home flooded. Clerk asked to write to Anglian Water and enquire whether there is any possibility of moving the manhole to a position outside their property.

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Footpath-Newport Road: Following the recent storm, the path is still blocked in places by debris. Cllr Hyde also stated that he does not think this path is being swept. Clerk will chase Cleansing Dept.

Mound: Cllr Keene advised that a Land Rover was seen on the top of the mound, not for the first time. It was agreed that Milton Keynes Council be approached and asked to put some type of bollard around the bottom to stop this.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 3rd December 2002 at 7.30pm at the School.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BALANCE
3rd DECEMBER 2002**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

06/11/02 c/forward		£	15,351.47
06/11/02 HSBC	Transfer to current a/c	£	2,700.00
02/12/02 HSBC	Transfer to current a/c	£	5,000.00
	Sub Total		£7,651.47
14/11/02 Anglian Water	Refund	£	231.93
	TOTAL	£	7,883.40

TREASURER ACCOUNT

06/11/02 c/forward		£	416.71
06/11/02 HSBC	Transfer	£	2,700.00
30/11/02 HSBC	Interest	£	0.06
02/12/02 HSBC	Transfer	£	5,000.00
	Total Income	£	8,116.77
05/11/02 G Ferris	Mowing	Cheque 101099	£ 2,500.00
05/11/02 SGS	Mowing	Cheque 101100	£ 76.38
05/11/02 J Sharp	November Salary	Cheque 101101	£ 166.67
05/11/02 Powergen	Pavilion Electric	Cheque 101102	£ 17.05
05/11/02 B Weekley	Seat Repair	Cheque 101103	£ 112.00
	Total Expences	£	2,872.10
	BALANCE	£	5,244.67

TOTAL BALANCE @ 3rd DECEMBER 2002

Signed
Signed

D.A. Keene
[Signature]

Chairman
Clerk/RFO

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
DECEMBER 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
03/12/02	Scan	Sect 137 Donation	175.00	175.00	Cheque 101104
03/12/02	PCC	Sect 137 Donation	250.00	250.00	Cheque 101105
03/12/02	T Pilcher	Donation-Electricity	25.00	25.00	Cheque 101106
03/12/02	MK Council	Kerbing	4249.53	4249.53	Cheque 101107
03/12/02	J Sharp	Salary December	166.67	166.67	Cheque 101108
			£ 4,866.20	£ 4,866.20	

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 3rd DECEMBER 2002 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Christine Bearman.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2002 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Following the recent meeting, a draft has now been prepared which will be placed in the January edition of Scan.

3.2 Repairs in Village: The ditch in Church Road, which had been flooded during the recent storms has been dug out with a JCB and the water was now flowing (this ditch has been dry for several years).

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: Mr M Cook had submitted a price of £100 to remove and dispose of the pipes. It was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Lewis that this quote be accepted and Mr Cook be asked to carry out the work as quickly as possible.

3.4 Pavilion Alterations: Mr Arnold is able to start on the plumbing work in the pavilion next week.

3.5 Path opposite Manor: Cllr Lewis had established that Mr Cook owns the hedge, and has agreed to cut it back. Cllr Lewis also asked to request that the overgrown shrubbery be cut back around the wooded area at the junction of High Street and Crofts End.

3.6 Mound: It was agreed that a working party will be organised in the New Year to tidy up this area.

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £5244.67 in the Treasurers Account and £7,883.40 in the Enterprise Account.

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

Scan Magazine	Section 137 Donation	£175.00	Cheque 101104
St Lauds Church	Section 137 Donation	£250.00	Cheque 101105
T Pilcher	Section 137 Donation (Xmas Tree)	£25.00	Cheque 101106
MK Council	Kerbing at School	£4249.53	Cheque 101107
J Sharp	Salary (December)	£166.67	Cheque 101108

5. PLANNING MATTERS: There have been no planning applications during the last month.

6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: Copy of the Code had been circulated. A resolution was agreed by all Councillors that the Model Code (Core Classes Only), be adopted by Sherington Parish Council. This was duly signed by the Chairman.

7. PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: Following a great deal of correspondence of the subject, Milton Keynes Council have asked Parish Councils to make observations before 11th December 2002. Cllr Hyde had attended the presentation by both of the prospective companies. Main complaint by Parish Councils was the speed and lack of consultation with Parish Councils. Clerk asked to Milton Keynes Council and request that Parishes are given consideration when bids are being decided.

8. SKATE BOARD FACILITY: Following discussion with the young people requesting this facility, it had been established that what was required was a multi- use area, suitable for several types of activity. A design was available, which would require a tarmac surface, but no ramps. It was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Lewis (agreed by all), that without committing the Council at this stage, B Perkins from Milton Keynes Council should be asked to inspect the area at the Village Hall and give his opinion on the viability of the project and if possible the estimated cost.

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9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Cllr Hyde had attended a recent meeting at Ousedale School, where the proposed change of age for transfer to middle and senior school was discussed. Cllr Bearman as School Governor at the village school had already been asked to canvass the opinion of the school and a letter had been sent to Milton Keynes Council. The school was not in favour of children moving on at 7 years. Cllr Hyde asked that it be recorded that his view was contrary to that put forward by the School.

Parish Assembly: Cllr Keene had attended the last meeting (minutes were currently on circulation). The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th December.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

30mph Limit-Gun Lane: A letter had been received from Milton Keynes Council, stating that due to an error the first part of Gun Lane (from School Lane), had not been officially classified as a 30mph limit. They are intending to rectify this and also extend the current limit at the north end of the lane by a further 9metres. There are no objections to this.

Water Lane: Following a letter to Anglian Water regarding the flooding at Mr & Mrs Smiths, a reply had been received. Parish Council did not feel that the explanation given was sufficient and asked Clerk to write and enquire whether someone from Anglian Water would attend a meeting and explain what the problem is.

Section 136: Letter asking Councils views on tree work-would we prefer this to continue on a reactive basis or be part of a scheduled programme of arboricultural work each year. It was agreed that MKC be advised that the regular programme was the preferred option.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Member of public was concerned at the possible dangers of skateboards and cycles using the same facility (re earlier discussions on Village Hall Play area). This is something which Mr Perkins (MKC) should be asked for advice about.

Kerbs in School Lane: Parish Council have been trying, without success, to have these repaired. There is currently a spending freeze in place by Milton Keynes Council. Clerk asked to obtain a quote from Synergy to complete the work.

Reflector at Cross Albans Junction: Clerk has been advised on many occasions that this has been replaced, this however is not the case. Last Friday Clerk received e-mail from Highways Manager asking for drawing of where the reflector is situated.

Corn Close: Again promises, this should have been completed months ago. Last promise to resident that the work would be completed when the new kerbing was finished. Clerk will speak to MKC again.

Private Public Partnership: Questions from the floor regarding the new proposals.

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Path -Carters Close to Crofts End: Cllr Hyde reported that this was overgrown and needed attention. This is the responsibility of residents not Milton Keynes Council. Cllr Burton & Cllr Hyde will inspect and report back to next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Burton & Cllr Hyde

Lighting at Knoll: Cllr Haynes had been advised by resident that the Knoll area was very dark. The subject of additional lighting has been discussed recently, by the Parish Council and a decision had been made, not to install any more lights.

Sherington School: Cllr Bearman advised that the head teacher would welcome visits by any Councillors.

Christmas Tree on Knoll: It was agreed that this would be erected on 15th December.

Budget Meeting: This will be held at 6 Crofts End on Monday 6th January 2003 at 7.30pm

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 7th January 2003 at 7.30pm at the School.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

D.A. Keene 7th January 2003

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
JANUARY 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
07/01/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric	19.26	0.96	20.22	101109
07/01/03	Hacker Young	2001/2002 Audit	120.00	21.00	141.00	101110
07/01/03	J Sharp	January Salary	166.67		166.67	101111
07/01/03	J Sharp	Expences Oct/Dec	38.05		38.05	101112
07/01/03	MK Council	School Hire	45.00		45.00	101113
			£ 388.98	£ 21.96	£410.94	

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PRECEPT
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EXPENDITURE

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

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EXPENDITURE

	2002/2003		To Date	Year End	2003/2004	
Mowing	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	2500.00	
Fencing			448.00	448.00	0.00	
Rents	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	
Maintenance/Trees	1,000.00				300.00	
GROUND	£ 3,600.00	3,600.00	3,048.00	3,048.00	£2,900.00	£2,900.00
Equip Rep/Replace	250.00		£250.00	250.00	250.00	
Pavilion Maintenance	500.00				250.00	
Pavilion Utilities	700.00		£411.00	550.00	600.00	
Maint Rec Field	750.00		£1,440.00	1,440.00	1440.00	
PLAY AREAS	£ 2,200.00	2,200.00	£2,101.00	2,240.00	£2,540.00	£2,540.00
School/Hall Hire	195.00		75.00	195.00	195.00	
Insurances	850.00		904.00	904.00	1,000.00	
Clerks Expences	150.00		112.00	150.00	150.00	
Clerks Salary	2,000.00		1,656.00	1,989.00	2,118.00	
Subscriptions	150.00		143.00	143.00	150.00	
Training	200.00		50.00	50.00	100.00	
Audit Fees	700.00		876.00	876.00	200.00	
Printing & Charges	50.00		43.00	43.00	100.00	
ADMINISTRATION	£ 4,295.00	4,295.00	£3,859.00	4,350.00	£4,013.00	£4,013.00
Litter Bins	250.00		600.00	600.00	100.00	
Dog Foul Sub	350.00		100.00	600.00	700.00	
Bus Shelter Main	50.00		170.00	170.00	100.00	
General Maintenance	100.00				500.00	
HIGHWAYS	£750.00	900.00	£870.00	£1,370.00	£1,400.00	£1,400.00
Playhouse					750.00	
Knoll Fencing	2,000.00		220.00	220.00		
Tree Surgery	960.00					
Kerbing	3,000.00		4,249.00	4,249.00		
Pavilion Upgrade	1,000.00			1,200.00		
RESERVES	£6,960.00		£4,469.00	£5,669.00	£750.00	£750.00
Scan	175.00		175.00	175.00	200.00	
Church Floodlighting	250.00		250.00	250.00	275.00	
Xmas Tree Electric	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	
Jubilee	200.00		326.00	326.00		
DONATIONS	£650.00	650.00	776.00	£776.00	£500.00	£500.00
		£ 11,645.00	£ 10,654.00	£11,984.00		£12,103.00
<u>INCOME</u>				Income 2003/2004		
Parish Partnership	1,947.00			Section 136	610.00	
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Football	150.00			Football Rent	230.00	
Section 136 Refund	130.00			Church	650.00	
Bank Interest	43.00			Stonepits	163.00	
Precept	10,200.00			Interest	50.00	
Stonepits Close	163.00				£11,903.00	£11,903
Church/Mowing	650.00					
Sale of Strimmer	51.00					
TOTAL INCOME	13,869.00					-£110.00
				Deficit to be taken from 02/03 carry over (estimated to be £6383)		

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 7th JANUARY 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Christine Bearman.

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

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2002 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: The agreed article is to appear in the January Scan. The Parish Council await comments, before proceeding to the next step.

3.2 Repairs in Village: A further reply has been received from Anglian Water, regarding the problems in Water Lane. A letter had been received from Mr P Smith outlining the history of the Water Lane flooding, this will be circulated to all Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: The weather conditions have made it impossible for the large machine to move the pipes. This will be done as soon as the ground dries. Agreed to ask Mr Cook to move one of the new bins to the Carters Close entry at the same time.

3.4 Pavilion Alterations: Cllr Haynes advised that work has not yet commenced, it is important that this work is completed before the end of the current financial year on 31st March. **ACTION: Cllr Haynes**

3.5 Cross Albans Junction Reflectors: It is noted that at last we have two new reflectors.

3.6 Corn Close: Further correspondence has been received which now indicates that the path will be completely resurfaced, with the developer paying a small contribution. An order has been raised for the work to be carried out but no date given.

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £378.57 in the Treasurers Account and £7,978.87 in the Enterprise Account.

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

Powergen	Pavilion Electric	£20.22	Cheque 101109
Hacker Young	2001/2002 Audit	£141.00	Cheque 101110
J Sharp	Salary (January)	£166.67	Cheque 101111
J Sharp	Expenses (Oct-Dec)	£38.05	Cheque 101112
MKC	School Hire	£45.00	Cheque 101113

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

02/02092 – 2 Park Road – There are no objections to these plans.

02/002045-47 High Street – There are no objections to these plans, Clerk is asked to point out to Milton Keynes Council that there appears to be discrepancy between the plans and roof elevation on the second floor.

02/01819- Land Adjacent to the White Hart –Notification from Milton Keynes Council that this application has been refused.

01/00692- St Lauds Church -Notification that this application has been granted.

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6. PRECEPT 2003/2004 & SECTION 136: Chair explained the details of the proposed Precept for 2003/4. Provision has been made for a replacement Playhouse at the Village Hall Play Area. We await written confirmation that a grant has been approved by Milton Keynes Council towards this item. It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Lewis that the Precept for 2003/2004 should be levied at £10,200 (the same as last year). This was agreed by all. Milton Keynes Council have advised that the initial figure required for the purpose of Section 136 (Landscape Maintenance) is £6,100. Clerk advised that this may however be increased, due to some larger parish councils withdrawing from the Section 136 scheme. The financial implications of this are not known at the moment, we await confirmation from MKC.

7. SKATE BOARD FACILITY: Bernard Perkins had met with the Clerk and inspected the Play Area and drawings. There is some concern that there is insufficient room for this and the current football area. M Ferris advised that when he drew the plans, he was assuming that the football pitch be moved towards the Village Hall. It was agreed that Cllr Burton would contact Mr Perkins and arrange to meet him on site and have another look. **ACTION: Cllr Burton**

8. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Parish Assembly: Cllr Burton had attended and gave an outline of the subjects discussed, which included Section 136 and the Speedcheck Campaign.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

New Store Building: Mr J Cook asked that the Council consider provision of a replacement store. The one in the Perry Lane Recreation field is in very bad condition and contains items belonging to the village. It was agreed that Mr Cook should cost this and advise the Council, it will then be considered as a possible item for a Parish Partnership Grant application.

Trees in School and Gun Lane: Mr Ferris advised that the trees require pruning. It appears that they should be included in the Section 136 agreement. The Parish Council have already advised Milton Keynes Council that they wished to have trees maintained on a regular basis. Clerk will speak to the Landscape Department about this.

11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Cllr Burton advised that himself and Cllr Hyde will report to next meeting on the trees overhanging the Carters Close to Crofts End Footpath. **ACTION: Cllr Burton & Cllr Hyde**

Cllr Burton advised that the tarmac on the footpath in Carters Close is breaking up. This is the responsibility of Milton Keynes Council Highways Department. It is unlikely however that any funds will be available until the new financial year.

Cllr Lewis advised that Mr Cook had cut back the hedge opposite Manor Farm. There are some brambles remaining, also brambles overhanging from spinney at junction of Crofts End and High Street. Cllr Lewis will attend to this. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 4th February 2003 at 7.30pm at the School.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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MONTHLY BALANCE
4th FEBRUARY 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

08/01/03 c/forward		£	7,978.87
08/01/03 St Lauds Church	Mowing Donation	£	650.00
	Sub Total	£	8,628.87
08/01/03 HSBC	Transfer to current a/c	£	500.00
	TOTAL	£	8,128.87

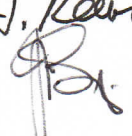
TREASURER ACCOUNT

08/01/03 c/forward		£	378.57
08/01/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	500.00
31/01/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.04
	Total Income	£	878.61
07/01/03 Powergen	Pavilion Electric	Cheque 101109	£ 20.22
07/01/03 Hacker Young	01/02/Audit	Cheque 101110	£ 141.00
07/01/03 J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101111	£ 166.67
07/01/03 J Sharp	Clerks Expences	Cheque 101112	£ 38.05
07/01/03 MK Council	School Hire	Cheque 101113	£ 45.00
	Total Expences	£	410.94
	BALANCE	£	467.67

TOTAL BALANCE @ 4th FEBRUARY 2003

£8,596.54

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Chairman
Clerk/RFO

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 4th FEBRUARY 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr D Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Bearman.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Only one response has been received following the article in Scan. Cllr Lewis and Tony Pilcher are intending to speak to some of the village organisations. A draft statement will then be produced for approval by the Parish Council.

3.2 Repairs in Village: Clerk asked to write another letter to Anglian Water regarding the tree roots that were found in the sewer. Concern that maybe this stretch of pipe should be replaced.

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: Nothing to report.

3.4 Pavilion Alterations: The plumbing alterations had commenced. Hopeful that more progress will be made before the next meeting.

3.5 Carters Close to Crofts End Path: Clerk asked to establish ownership of this stretch of path and shrubs, as residents appear not to have adopted it. To check whether Milton Keynes Council should be sweeping this area.

3.6 Graffiti: The Milton Keynes Council graffiti squad will be in the village on 23rd & 24th April. Parish Council now has its own graffiti kit, which can be used for small areas.

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £467.67 in the Treasurers Account and £8,128.87 in the Enterprise Account.

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

J Sharp	Clerks February Salary	Cheque No 101114	£166.67
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5. PLANNING MATTERS:

02/02092 – 2 Park Road – This application has been granted.

02/002045-47 High Street – Milton Keynes Council have advised that permission has been granted.

Gravel Extraction at Lathbury: The Parish Council have been advised that the appeal in respect of this application, has now commenced.

6. SECTION 136/ PRECEPT 2003/2004: Confirmation figures have now been received for the Section 136 Landscape Maintenance. The amount required for this purpose is £6,100. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Haynes and agreed by all that this figure be accepted. Clerk advised that the quoted figure of £1,440 on the Budget document for Recreation Ground Mowing, did in fact include an amount of £ 595 paid for Tree Surgery at the Knoll. It was agreed that the figures be altered and the balance put against Tree Surgery for the forthcoming year.

ACTION: Clerk

7. MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY/NEW PLAYHOUSE: Cllr Burton had met with Bernard Perkins (MKC), following this a quote has been received from F.J. Morris Ltd for £9,852. This figure does not include fencing which would be approx £3,500. It was agreed that the overall cost is too expensive. The young people who had requested the facility think that the design scheme is too elaborate, and that a flat tarmac surface would suffice. This however would still require fencing and full consultation with residents. It was agreed that the play area at the village hall was not an ideal location for such a facility, as it

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is primarily used by young children. Cllr Burton will go to the Youth Club and discuss the matter with the young people

ACTION: Cllr Burton

Milton Keynes Council have now confirmed that £1,500 has been granted towards the new Playhouse. This will leave a shortfall to be paid by the Council of approx £850. It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Burton that the new playhouse be purchased. A discussion took place into whether the old one should be removed or left. To leave would mean that a new site would be needed, which would need to be close to the Village Hall area. Clerk will speak to Bernard Perkins.

ACTION: Clerk

The surface of the Village Hall car park was discussed. It was agreed that this item be put on the March Agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

8. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: Association of Local Councils: Cllr Haynes had attended, the main discussion was about the Section 136 scheme and the action taken by some of the larger Councils. Milton Keynes Council have now advised that they are looking to alter the existing Protocol in order that Parish Councils have much more financial detail. As the service is purchased by the Parishes, they have a responsibility to show "best value" to the parishioners, the current lack of transparency does not allow this. **MK Area Forum:** Cllr Keene had attended the first Meeting. It was agreed that maybe this forum could be a more effective way of dealing with local issues that effect more than one parish. Local Milton Keynes Councillors and officers of the Council will attend. It was suggested that the Rural Affairs Assembly could probably not be required, if problems could be dealt with on a more regional basis.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

St Lauds Church: Letter requesting permission to use the Play Area for an event in conjunction with the Fete on 21st June 2003. There are no objections to this request.

ACTION: Clerk

Letter from Mr T Pilcher requesting that he be considered for future Painting & Decorating quotations.

Environment Agency: Cllr Lewis had completed and returned the communication requesting details on the recent floods.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Resident reported large hole in road outside 14 Crofts End, Clerk will report to Milton Keynes Council.

Street Light not working opposite Knoll Close, Clerk to be notified of post number.

It was noted that at last the kerbs have been repaired in School Lane.

11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Cllr Haynes advised that the Perry Lane litter bin is not being emptied. Clerk will report.

Cllr Hyde advised that the Newport Road had not be swept since the recent flooding, Clerk will ask Newport Town Council to chase this.

Replacement Store at Perry Lane Recreation Ground: It was agreed at the last Meeting that this item be considered for a possible Parish Partnership Grant. An estimated price has not been received from Mr Cook. It was agreed by all that if this be given to the Clerk before the deadline on 28th February, then a Parish Partnership Grant should be applied for.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 4th March 2003 at 7.30pm at the School.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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MONTHLY BALANCE
4th March 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

05/04/03 c/forward		£	8,128.87
	Sub Total	£	8,128.87
02/03/03 HSBC	Transfer to Current A/C	£	300.00
	TOTAL	£	7,828.87

TREASURER ACCOUNT

05/02/03 c/forward		£	467.67
28/02/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.03
02/03/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	300.00
	Total Income	£	767.70
04/02/03 J Sharp	Clerk Salary	Cheque 101114	£ 166.67
	Total Expences	£	166.67
	BALANCE	£	601.03

TOTAL BALANCE @ 4th MARCH 2003

£8,429.90

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D. A. Keane 04/03/03
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Chairman
Clerk/RFO

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
MARCH 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
04/03/03	MK Council	School Hire	45.00		45.00	101115
04/03/03	SJ Arnold	Pavilion Work	167.77		167.77	101116
04/03/03	J Sharp	March Salary	166.67		166.67	101117
04/03/03	J Sharp	Exp Jan-Mar	31.80		31.8	101118
			£ 411.24		£411.24	

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282
530
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1005 @ 20p
1005 @ 20p
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1005 @ 20p

CHEQUES EXPENSES 1999-2003

CLERKS EXPENCES Jan-Mar 03

Mileage 70 miles @ 20p	14.00
Stamps 10 @ 27p	2.70
Telephone/Fax	3.85
Photocopying 225 @ 5p	11.25

TOTAL **£31.80**

Date	To	Amount	Particulars	Net	VAT	Total	Checks
01/03/03	1	14.00	Exp 70 miles			14.00	
01/03/03	1	2.70	Stamps 10 @ 27p			2.70	
01/03/03	27	3.85	Telephone/Fax			3.85	
01/03/03	225	11.25	Photocopying			11.25	
						31.80	

WOLLENGA CHECKING
 SHELLINGTON BRANCH OFFICE
 10/10/03

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 4th MARCH 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Christine Bearman.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: One further response has been received. Cllr Lewis suggested that the conclusion of this matter be held over until after the elections in May. All agreed.

3.2 Repairs in Village: Reply from Anglian Water stating that the root damage to the pipe was minor and does not warrant a replacement pipe. They also feel that the sewer system is adequate for the village.

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: This matter has not been forgotten and will be carried out when ground condition allow.

3.4 Pavilion Alterations: The water tank has now been moved and the alterations will hopefully be completed before the end of March.

3.5 Carters Close to Crofts End Path: This path is part of the Section 136 Landscape Agreement and Clerk has asked Milton Keynes Council to tidy up this area. It is noted that some of the shrubs have been cut back, but the path not yet swept. Clerk will speak to Cleansing Dept. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet which showed £601.03 in the Treasurers Account and £7,828.87 in the Enterprise Account.

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

Milton Keynes Council	School Hire Jan/Feb/Mar	Cheque 101115	£45.00
SJ Arnold	Pavilion Alterations	Cheque 101116	£167.77
J Sharp	Clerks March Salary	Cheque 101117	£166.67
J Sharp	Expenses Jan-March	Cheque 101118	£31.80

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/00118- Land Adjacent to 32 High Street – Notice of intention to fell five Willow Trees. There are no objections to this.

Proposals for Hazlemead Farm: Parish Council has been advised of proposals that have been put to Milton Keynes Council Planning Department. This item is currently on circulation to Councillors and will be included for discussion at the April meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. VILLAGE HALL PLAY AREA: Bernard Perkins has confirmed that a further area could be found for the new Play House. Pre School have expressed an interest in having the old Play House in the toddler play area. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Bearman that this course of action should be taken. All agreed. Clerk asked to order the new Play House. **ACTION: Clerk**

Multi Activity Area: Members of the Youth Club attended and advised that they would like to see a small tarmac area, with Basketball net at the top left hand side of Play Area. This would probably not need fencing if only for this purpose, but if used for BMX or skateboards, would require the fencing as previously discussed. This idea will also require consultation with residents. It was suggested that as the school playground had the ideal surface for the requirement, it was a pity that an agreement could not be reached between the Parish Council and School. Cllr Bearman will speak to the School and report back. Cllr Bearman also advised that a substantial amount of damage had been caused in the school grounds during

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the recent half term holiday. Cllr Burton agreed to speak to Bernard Perkins (Milton Keynes Council) again, and obtain a further price.

ACTION: Cllr Burton & Cllr Bearman

7. VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK: There have been suggestions that the car park at the Village Hall should have a tarmac surface. The Village Hall Committee are not in favour of this idea as it would create further play area with additional problems. The gravel surface is a problem for push chair users. Parish Council asked that Village Hall Committee, at its next meeting, consider a path around the contour of the building, which would solved this problem without creating an additional skateboarding surface.

8. SECTION 136 PROTOCOL: Letter received from Milton Keynes Council with proposed alterations to the Section 136 Protocol, which would enable Parish Councils to have full transparency of the cost of the Landscape work, also input when the contracts are renewed. It was agreed that the proposals would allow the Parishes more control over the Landscape work. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Haynes, that the Parish Council should advise Milton Keynes Council that they were in agreement with the suggested changes. All agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

School: Cllr Bearman advised that the School were upset by the recent damage in the ^{Playground}. Also advised Council of the forthcoming retirement of Mrs Feasey at the end of this term. Confirmation had now been received that the age of transfer will be reduced to 7 years of age.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Sherington Mound: Letter received stating that Milton Keynes Council did intend to complete the project, and would welcome an indication from the Parish Council of the amount of finance they were willing to put into this. Clerk asked to clarify what the intentions of MKC were before next meeting.

It was suggested that the car parking area be disposed of, as this only creates an area for fly-tipping.
Trees in School & Gun Lane: Reply to our letter stating that the trees had been inspected and that the Landscape Department did not feel that any were in need of urgent attention.

Emberton Park Lay-By: Following the decision to permanently close this area, Clerk had written to Cllr Mabbutt. Reply had been received which stated that alternatives for short stay parking were being investigated.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Graffiti: There is graffiti on the Perry Lane garages, Clerk will advise Cleansing of this.

Grass in front of Hill View Bungalows: Resident advised that where residents have cut their frontages, then Vincent did not mow. Clerk advised that tenants should not mow at all, if they wished the contractors to do it.

Mound: Again this area is full of rubbish, this should be collected by Cleansing as it is on their schedule.

Corn Close Footpath: Resident asked whether this could be swept. Clerk will chase.

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Parish Partnership Application for Village Store Building. Clerk advised that the application had been made for 50% of the estimated £8,000 cost of a new store. Mr Cook advised that this figure includes the cost of dismantling the old store and disposal of the asbestos roofing.

Bench at top of Play Area (Carters Close): Cllr Burton asked whether this broken bench could be refurbished.

Notice Boards: Cllr Hyde commented that the Notice Boards were in urgent need of varnish.

Cllr Haynes advised that the Perry Lane sign is broken, there is also a tree that blew down in last gales and has yet to be removed. Tree cuttings left at rear of Hill View property need removing. At the bottom of Gun Lane a tree branch needs removing from verge before mowing commences and the village seats all require attention. It was agreed that these items be put on the April Agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

Water Lane Turning Bay: Cllr Hyde commented that the promised road markings have not been done. Clerk will chase Highways about his. **ACTION: Clerk**

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 1st April 2003 at 7.30pm at the School.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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MONTHLY BALANCE
31st March 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

05/03/03 c/forward		£	7,828.87
25/03/03 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	300.00
	Sub Total	£	7,528.87
31/03/03 HSBC	Interest	£	30.75
		£	7,559.62

TREASURER ACCOUNT

05/03/03 c/forward		£	601.03
12/03/03 Customs & Excise	Vat Refund	£	34.15
25/03/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	300.00
28/03/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.03
	Total Income	£	935.21

04/03/03 MK Council	School Hire	£	45.00	Cheque 101115
04/03/03 SJ Arnold	Pavilion Alterations	£	167.77	Cheque 101116
04/03/03 J Sharp	Clerks March Salary	£	166.67	Cheque 101117
04/03/03 J Sharp	Expenses Jan-Mar	£	31.80	Cheque 101118
25/03/03 Powergen	Pavilion Electric	£	31.10	Cheque 101119
25/03/03 MK Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£	235.00	Cheque 101120
	Total Expenses	£	677.34	

BALANCE £ 257.87

TOTAL BALANCE @ 31st MARCH 2003 £7,817.49

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D.A. Keene


Chairman
Clerk/RFO

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
APRIL 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
01/04/04	Anglian Water	Pavilion	62.26	101121
01/04/03	D Coles	Pavilion Alterations	863.00	101122
01/04/03	J Sharp	April Salary	176.50	101123
01/04/03	BALC	Annual Subscription	92.02	101124
01/04/03	MK Council	Pavilion Rates	244.20	101125
01/04/03	Community Action	Subscription	15.00	101126

£1,452.98

Cheques authorised during month

25/03/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric	31.10	101119
25/03/03	MK Council	Dog Bin Emptying	235.00	101120

£1,719.08

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1st APRIL 2002-31st MARCH 2003

PAYMENTS
01/02

RECEIPTS
01/02

PAYMENTS
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RECEIPTS
02/03

	£ 169.41	Bank Interest		£ 74.39
	£ 10,015.00	Precept		£ 10,200.00
	£ 2,800.00	PP Grant		£ 1,947.00
	£ 241.00	Rent		£ 150.00
		Stonepits		£ 163.42
	£ 1,707.82	Donations		0.00
£ 3,150.00	£ 3,150.00	Section 136	5,350.00	£ 5,350.00
	£ 326.00	Sale of Equipment		£ 51.00
	£ 736.00	Section 131 Grant + Refund		£ 665.00
		ADMINISTRATION		
1872.00		Clerks Salary	1,989.37	
181.84		Clerks Expenses	143.74	
774.83		Insurance	904.18	
1353.09		Audit	755.60	
222.75		Rents (School Hire)	165.00	
194.66		Subscriptions	142.90	
		Parish Conference/Code of Conduct Advert	65.00	
		Bank Charges	28.13	
		GENERAL GROUNDS		
3023.00	650.00	Mowing & Associated Expenses	2,500.00	650.00
600.00		Fencing	448.03	
855.00		Tree Surgery	595.00	
		RECREATIONAL		
589.15		Pavilion-Utilities	672.74	231.93
552.98		Repairs	279.77	
270.00		Mowing/Ground Rent	945.00	
7716.00		New Equipment	137.50	
		HIGHWAYS		
100.00		Dog Fouling	300.00	
27.95		Sand/Bulbs	0.00	
267.5		Shingle	0.00	
		Knoll Maintenance	390.00	
		School Lane Kerbing	4249.53	
		Litter Bins	600.00	
220.20		Notice Boards/Signs	0.00	
		SECTION 137		
25.00		Christmas Tree	25.00	
160.00		Scan Magazine	175.00	
200.00		St Lauds Church	250.00	
200.00		Pre-School	0.00	
25.98		Church Flower Festival	0.00	
		Golden Jubilee	326.00	
		VAT		
1,909.59		Vat Payments	£ 628.58	
	£ 1,912.55	Vat Recovered		£ 592.10
£ 24,491.52	£ 21,707.78	TOTAL	£ 22,066.07	£ 20,074.84

BALANCES @ 31st MARCH 2002

508.30	Bank Treasury Account	£ 1,081.18
£ 12,084.16	Bank HRD Account	£ 8,727.54

BALANCES @ 31st MARCH 2003

£ 1,081.18	Bank Treasury Account	£ 257.87
£ 8,727.54	Bank HRD Account	£ 7,559.62
£ 34,300.24	£ 34,300.24	£ 29,883.56
		£ 29,883.56

CLERK/RFO: Mrs J Sharp

CHAIRMAN: D KEENE


 D.A. Keene

Date: 1/4/2003

Date: 01/04/03

Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 1st APRIL 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Wendy Haynes, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Christine Bearman, Cllr Peter Burton.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Nothing further to report.

3.2 Repairs in Village: Nothing further, Clerk will chase potholes repairs again.

3.3 Pipes in Play Area: Mr M Cook advised that these will be removed tomorrow.

3.4 Pavilion Alterations: Alterations have now been completed. Cllr Haynes reported that an excellent job had been carried out in the pavilion. It was agreed that a letter of thanks to all those concerned should be enclosed with the payment. The Football Club have offered a donation to the Parish Council, it was agreed that this be accepted.

3.5 Carters Close to Crofts End Path: Cleansing have carried out a one off sweep, but have advised that under the new cleansing regime, hand sweeping will not be carried out on footpaths.

3.6 Village Hall Car Park: Village Hall Committee had discussed a path, and whilst understanding the reasons for the suggestion, were not prepared to fund it as their finances are committed this year to re-decoration and refurbishment of the kitchen. Mr J Cook had obtained prices for a path some time ago, and would bring the figures to the next meeting.

3.7 No Parking Sign in Water Lane: This has now been painted on the road in the turning bay.

4. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed £257.87 in the Treasurers Account and £7,559.62 in the Enterprise Account. Cheques for the emptying of the dog bins and electricity for the pavilion, have been authorised by Councillors since the last meeting, these relate to the financial year which finished on 31st March.

25/03/03	Powergen	£13.10	Cheque 101119
25/03/03	MK Council	£235.00	Cheque 101120

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

Anglian Water	Pavilion	Cheque 101121	£62.26
D Coles	Pavilion Alterations	Cheque 101122	£863.00
J Sharp	Clerks April Salary	Cheque 101123	£176.50
BALC	Annual Subscription	Cheque 101124	£92.02
MK Council	Pavilion Rates	Cheque 101125	£244.20
Community Action	Subscription	Cheque 101126	£15.00

Receipts and Payments year 2002/2003: Clerk produced the Receipts and payments for the last financial year. It was agreed that these be signed as a true record.

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/000368 **24 School Lane:** There are no objections to these plans.

03/000354 **Manor Farm:** There are no objections in principle to the plans, however it was agreed that Clerk should advise Milton Keynes Council that adequate parking be catered for, if possible to include overflow parking for the current office space.

03/00254 **Water Lane Farm:** Application to remove Tree. There are no objections.

Proposals for Hazlemead Farm: Councillors have inspected the proposals for this site and have no objections in principle, but feel that attention needs to be given to the safety aspect of the access. Mr Soul advised that no comments have yet been received from Milton Keynes Council. There is no firm planning application to submit at this time. This matter will be discussed again when it appears as a firm application.

6. VILLAGE HALL PLAY AREA: The Playhouse has been ordered and delivery is expected within the next two weeks. The old house will have to be removed in advance. Cllr Keene will speak to the Pre-School and arrange the transfer to the new area as soon as possible. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

Multi Activity Area: Cllr Burton had obtained, from Milton Keynes Council the quotes for a similar area, being installed by Lavendon Parish Council, (the lowest quote being £3,700). As this will be finished in the next few weeks it was agreed that this would be inspected, before any further action is taken.

7. YOUTH INFORMATION SERVICE-SUMMER VISIT PROJECT: Letter asking whether the Parish Council would like the mobile unit to attend the village during the school holidays. It was agreed that the Council would like to speak to the organisers before a decision is made. Clerk will ask that they attend a meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

8. SEATS & NOTICE BOARDS: It was agreed that the seats and notice boards require rubbing down and staining. Clerk asked to obtain quotes for next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

9. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: No external meetings have been attended during the last month.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Emberton Park Lay-By: Cllr Lewis has been received from Milton Keynes Council, advising of the reasons for the closure. Alternative parking for short stay visitors, within the park, is now being investigated by Milton Keynes Council.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Corn Close: Mr Hulston asked whether there was any further news on Corn Close. Clerk has nothing further to report. Cllr Seymour will chase this again.

Pot Holes: Mr J Cook advised that there are holes in the car park at Perry Lane and also outside the White Hart. Cllr Seymour will speak to Highways and Housing about these.

Junction –Crofts End and High Street: Mrs Stewart asked whether any further progress had been made on the redesign of this junction. Council advised that due to the cost (£10,000), this had not been included in the Budget for the forthcoming year.

Hazlemead Farm: Mr Ferris requested that a pre-condition to any planning application for this area, should be the immediate removal of the old vehicles and lorry bodies which are in the field.

Mr Ferris thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for their work during the last year.

Play Area Rota: Cllr Hyde advised that the rota had expired. Clerk will draw up new one, once the new Parish Council is formed.

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Swings in Village Hall Area: Cllr Haynes has been asked by resident whether safety surfacing is required under the swings. Clerk advised that there is no current safety implication on a grassed surface, but at such time, in the future, when the swings are replaced, then a safety surface would need to be installed.

Web-Site: Cllr Lewis advised that Community Action could provide help to set up a Village Web-Site. It was agreed that this item be put on the next Agenda.

Speed Indicator Device: Cllr Lewis asked whether the Council had been informed of the dates on which this is expected. Clerk will speak to David Moxon, but advised that this device has been installed in other villages for periods as short as 2hrs.

Stonepits Close: Clerk advised that she will put notices on the boards, regarding the letting of this area for the forthcoming year. Sealed bids will be required before the next meeting, which is also the Annual Meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be the ANNUAL MEETING, which will be held on TUESDAY 6th MAY 2003 at 7.00pm, followed by the Monthly Meeting at 7.30pm..

The Meeting closed at 8. 55pm.