

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.

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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 Paris 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.

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MONTHLY BALANCE
6th May 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

02/04/03 c/forward		£	7,559.62	
02/04/03 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	1,500.00	
02/05/03 HSBC	Transfer to Current	£	1,000.00	
	Sub Total	£	5,059.62	
15/04/03 MK Council	Precept	£	5,405.00	
28/04/03 MK Council	PP Grant	£	500.00	
		£	10,964.62	

TREASURER ACCOUNT

02/04/03 c/forward		£	257.87	
02/04/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	1,500.00	
02/05/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	1,000.00	
30/04/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.04	
	Total Income	£	2,757.91	

01/04/03 Anglian Water	Pavilion	£	62.26	Cheque 101121
01/04/03 D Coles	Pavilion Alterations	£	863.00	Cheque 101122
01/04/03 J Sharp	Clerk April Salary	£	176.50	Cheque 101123
01/04/03 BALC	Subscription	£	92.02	Cheque 101124
01/04/03 MK Council	Pavilion Rates	£	244.20	Cheque 101125
01/04/03 Comm Action	Subscription	£	15.00	Cheque 101126
	Total Expences	£	1,452.98	

BALANCE £ 1,304.93

TOTAL BALANCE @ 6th MAY 2003

£12,269.55

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Chairman
Clerk/RFO

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
MAY 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
06/05/03	Allianz Cornhill	Insurance Premium	1034.62	101127
06/05/03	A Cussell	Internal Audit	20.00	101128
06/05/03	J Sharp	May Salary	176.50	101129
06/05/03	PlayGround Supp	Playhouse	2715.43	101130

£3,946.55

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2002-2003

This report concludes the term of the Parish Council elected in 1999. There have been changes of personnel over that time. David Hyde, Moira Gorf and Peter Burton joined the Council to replace "veterans" Tony Pilcher, Michael Cook and Katie Hayes. These changes partially reflect the commitment required to undertake Parish Council work. Sherington PC has tried to play its full part in the decision making processes centred on Milton Keynes Council.

As I reported last year the tide of paper work, initiatives and consultation papers continues to grow. The drive for consultation on everything is underpinned by the best of motives but few parish councillors can realistically digest the amount of information that is in circulation. Too often consultation is a substitute for action. I seriously consider that the amount of paper and beurocracy is part of the reason deterring people from standing. This is evidenced buy the fact that only four people stood for election for the forthcoming year. The Parish Council will be forced to co-opt members if it is to have its full quota of seven members. The lack of an election means that we will not meet one of the key criteria to qualify as a Quality Parish Council, potentially damaging our ability to draw down on funding sources..

Sherington is now a member of the North East Area Forum which is an initiative designed to keep parishes more in touch with MKC and ward members. The success will be judged by analysing if communications with MKC improve and lead to more effective responses to issues.

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

- The kerbing of School Lane outside the school where a greater length was completed than we anticipated.
- Tree pruning on the Knoll has been successful with the large Plane tree left untouched.
- PC pressure resulted in a similar exercise being carried out by MKC in Carters Close with a similar successful outcome.
- New litter bins have been installed and the old ones removed from the play area;
- The pavilion is now repaired by an all Sherington Team carefully manage by John Cook.
- Old parish records have been copied by the Historical Society which ensures that they are preserved electronically.
- Fencing on the Knoll has been repaired.
- The new playhouse has been installed outside the Village Hall releasing the old one for use by the play group.
- With the utmost relief I note that MKC are rebuilding the Corn Close footpath (will Dennis be asked to cut the opening ribbon we ask?).
- 30mph limit has been adjusted on Gun Lane.

In addition the Parish Council also provided a grant to the Golden Jubilee Committee.

The Parish Council's role in commenting on planning applications can sometimes be difficult. The White Hart application typified the pressures now being felt by many rural communities – infilling, conservation area and access policies are all the subject of scrutiny. It stirred a lively debate. Routine maintenance in the village continues to cause problems and the speed of response from MKC leaves much to be desired. In addition the surfeit of work available to local builders and tradesmen leads to problems in obtaining quotations and getting work done. The new administration at MKC has launched many initiatives to improve the quality and speed of response of its maintenance teams. The impact of these changes has yet to be felt.

One of the major items for consideration by the new Parish Council will be the multi-purpose sports surface in the play area. The Parish Appraisal was put on over the winter period but now must be progressed.

Christine Bearman made a valuable contribution to the work of the Council particularly with her interest and expertise in field of education. Special mention must be made of Wendy Haynes who made an enormous contribution to the work of the Parish Council during her many years as a councillor. She has an intelligence network second to none and a passionate interest in the future of the village. I shall miss her wise counsel and active support for the football club. Lastly I must thank the clerk for her diligent work for the Parish Council and her particular knack of goading Milton Keynes Council into action. Long may you continue to be thorn in their side!

David Keene
6th May 2003

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY 6th MAY 2003.**

PRESENT: Cllr D Keene, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Burton, Cllr Hyde.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the Meeting held in May 2002 had been signed as a true record at the June 2002 meeting.
3. **CHAIRMANS REPORT:** The Chair report that during the last year there had been several changes of councillors and an ever increasing amount of paper work via Milton Keynes Council. Projects completed have been:
 - a) The kerbing of the area outside the School.
 - b) Tree pruning on the Knoll, also the green area in Carters Close (by Milton Keynes Council).
 - c) The Pavilion alterations in Perry Lane.
 - d) Parish Records have now been copied.
 - e) New Playhouse erected at the Village Hall and the old one now in the pre-school play area.
 - f) Corn Close footpath, finally, is in the process of being replaced.
 - g) 30mph Speed Limit adjusted in Gun Lane.

Particular thanks were made to retiring Councillors Wendy Haynes and Christine Bearman. Their contributions to the Parish Council had been invaluable. Cllr Keene also thanked the remaining Councillors and the Clerk for their work.

4. **LETTING OF STONEPITS CLOSE:** Cllr Keene outlined the Terms and Conditions of the Licence. The bid of £175 from S Clarke was accepted. It was also agreed that the future term of the Licence be discussed by the Parish Council at a later date.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**
There were no questions from the public.

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm.


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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 6th May 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Pat Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 1st April 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Keene was proposed as Chair by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Hyde. Cllr Keene accepted the position. Cllr Hyde was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Lewis. Cllr Hyde accepted the position.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Village Appraisal: Nothing further to report.

3.2 Repairs in Village: Potholes in Bedford Road are currently being repaired. Quotation has been received from T Pilcher to refurbish the seats and Noticeboards (boards £25 each, seats £15-£25 each). It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Hyde that this quote be accepted. All agreed.

3.3 Village Hall Car Park: Mr J Cook had advised the Council that a path around the Village Hall would cost approx £1,200. Cllr Keene will speak to Mr Cook before next meeting, when it will be discussed again.

ACTION: Cllr Keene

5. YOUTH INFORMATION SERVICE: Samantha Parrott attended and explained how the service worked, and that a trailer with all types of information would be parked on the Village Hall car park for two hour periods. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Burton that the Youth Information Service be invited to attend the village during the school holidays. Notices will be posted in advance.

6. THAMES VALLEY POLICE: PC Karen Sobers attended and gave the crime figures for the year April 2002-April 2003. There were 10 reported crimes in all, 2 of which were distraction burglaries. Leaflets advising of these had been circulated through the shop, also stickers for the home. PC Sobers then answered questions put by Councillors and the Public.

7. ACTIVITY AREA: A group of young people attended from the Perry Lane area of the village, requesting that a hard surface for ball games be placed in the Perry Lane Recreation Ground. It was explained that a project had not yet been agreed, nor had any site yet been established. A public consultation would be carried out before any firm decision is made.

8. VACANCIES: The Parish Council currently has three vacancies. There was no one present who wished to be co-opted, therefore this item will be placed on the June Agenda.

9. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR & REPRESENTATIVES:

School Governor: Cllr Burton was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Hyde.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Hyde was proposed by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

Thames Valley Police: Cllr Lewis to continue.

Playing Field: Cllr Keene to continue.

10. WEBSITE: It was established that the village already has a web-site, which hopefully the Parish Council could use to display Agendas, Minutes etc. Cllr Keene will speak to Mr Vale and ask him whether he is able to attend the next meeting.

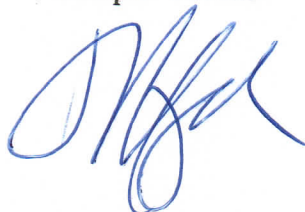
ACTION: Cllr Keene

11. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed **£1304.93** in the Treasurers Account and **£10,964.62** in the Enterprise Account.

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

Allianz Cornhill	Insurance Premium	Cheque 101127	£1034. 62
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Playground Supplies Ltd	Playhouse	Cheque 101130	£2,715. 43

Accounts/Audit 2002/2003: Clerk produced the accounts, which have been internally audited, together with the Audit form for completion. It was agreed proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Burton that these be signed as a true record.

12. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/00698	1A High Street	No objections
03/00515	2A Water Lane	No objections
03/00514	The Gables	No objections
03/00626	28 Crofts End	No objections

03/000354 Manor Farm Following a request from the Parish Council, we have now been advised that further car parking spaces have now been included in the plans.

Planning Appeal-GFX Hartigan: This appeal is ongoing, we have been advised that the area of land involved has now been altered.

3 Gun Lane: Milton Keynes Council have advised the following some objections, this application has been referred to the Development Control Committee for a decision. The meeting will be held on 28th May 2003.

13. SHERINGTON MOUND: Milton Keynes Council have advised that the work they are planning will cost £6,187.50. They are asking what the Parish Council are willing to contribute towards this. This item will be placed on next Agenda. Cllr Burton advised that the benched had been removed from the mound and were currently in the Village Hall play area.

14. EXTERNAL MEETINGS: No external meetings have been attended during the last month. Cllr Lewis advised of a Parish Councils Planning Seminar which will be held on Wednesday 11th June, to which he will attend.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

Section 136 Consultative Committee: Letter asking whether we would like to make a nomination for the vacancy. Will discuss next month.

16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There were no questions from the public.

17. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Twinning: Cllr Lewis gave details of the visit to Sameon last weekend.

Seat: Cllr Burton advised that a further seat in the village hall area, needs repair. T Pilcher will look at this.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on **TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2003 at 7.30pm.**

The Meeting closed at 9. 15pm.



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MONTHLY BALANCE
3rd June 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

07/05/03 c/forward		£	10,964.62
12/05/03 S Clarke	Stonepits	£	175.00
15/05/03 MKC	Playhouse Grant	£	1,500.00
15/05/03 Sherington FC	Football	£	305.00
15/05/03 Monday FC	Football	£	80.00
	Sub Total	£	13,024.62
07/05/03 HSBC	Transfer to current	£	3,000.00
		£	10,024.62

TREASURER ACCOUNT

07/05/03 c/forward		£	1,304.93
31/05/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.11
07/05/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	3,000.00
	Total Income	£	4,305.04
02/04/03 HSBC	Transfer		
06/05/03 Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	Cheque 101127	£ 1,034.62
06/05/03 A Cussell	Internal Audit	Cheque 101128	£ 20.00
06/05/03 J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101129	£ 176.50
06/05/03 Playground Sup	Playhouse	Cheque 101130	£ 2,715.43
	Total Expences	£	3,946.55
	BALANCE	£	358.49

TOTAL BALANCE @ 3rd JUNE 2003

£10,383.11

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Chairman



Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 3rd June 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde.

The first two items on the Agenda were chaired by Cllr Hyde and the remainder by Cllr Keene

1. **APOLOGIES:** None.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the Meeting held on 6th May, also the Annual Meeting held on the same day, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **VACANCIES ON COUNCIL:** It was proposed by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Lewis that Mr Peter Cook be ask to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. This was agreed. Clerk advised that the Council will now have to go through the normal statutory procedure before any further co-options take place. A notice to this effect will shortly be displayed on the Notice Boards.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

4.1 **Repairs in Village:** The Bedford Road and Corn Close repairs have both been completed. T Pilcher had advised that one seat has so far been stained.

4.2 **Village Hall Car Park:** The Trustees of the Village Hall have requested a meeting between themselves, the Management Committee and the Parish Council. They are concerned about the insurance implications of a path, also damage to the Hall. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

4.3 **Sherington Mound:** Stephen Narborough (MKC) has provided a list of possible improvements to the mound, together with prices which total £6,187.50. They are requesting that the Parish Council make a contribution towards the cost. Not all the suggested items were thought to be necessary, Clerk asked to write back, giving the Parish Councils suggested list and clarify the amount of the contribution Milton Keynes Council are expecting the Parish to make. **ACTION: Clerk**

4.4 **Multi Activity Area:** Cllr Burton had visited Lavendon today. Their multi purpose area has not yet been completed, although this work is imminent. Cllr Burton will visit again before the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Burton

4.5 **Website:** Clerk had made contact with Ian Collinge, who is responsible for the Sherington Website. The Parish Council Minutes and Agenda, have both now been added to the site.

4.6 **Village Hall Committee:** We have now been advised that there is no longer a Parish Council representative allowed on this Committee.

5. **SECTION 136 COMMITTEE NOMINATION:** It was agreed that no nomination will be made for this Committee.

6. **STONEPITS CLOSE:** Following a letter from Mr S Clarke, it was agreed that the wording of the current licence would be discussed before the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

7. **FINANCE:**

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed **£358.49** in the Treasurers Account and **£10,024.62** in the Enterprise Account.

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

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J Sharp	Clerks June Salary	Cheque 101131	£176. 50
MK Council	School Hire	Cheque 101132	£45. 00

8. **PLANNING MATTERS:** There were no planning applications for discussion this month, however the following have been approved by Milton Keynes Council.

03/00515 2A Water Lane
03/00514 The Gables, 51 High Street

The Parish Council have been advised that an appeal is currently under way, regarding the refusal of Planning Permission on the land adjacent to the White Hart.

9. **EXTERNAL MEETINGS:** There have been no external meeting this month.

12th June Parish Assembly Cllr Hyde will attend
26th June Area Forum Cllr Keene will attend

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Good Councillor Guide: Clerk asked to order a further 7 copies of this publication. **ACTION: Clerk**
Electricity Board Quote: Following an inspection last year, quotes have been received to underground cables in two areas of the village. The prices are approx £50,000 for each area.

Wildlife Sites: Letter requesting details of ownership of land in the area. Clerk was given details the information to pass the Bucks & MK Wildlife Sites. **ACTION: Clerk**

Residential Parking Scheme: A letter has been received from Milton Keynes Council advising that a Residential Parking Partnership Scheme is being introduced, whereby a grant is available for 50% of the cost of parking improvements. The Parish Council did last year express an interest in adding more parking spaces in Perry Lane. Clerk will try and establish the cost of such a scheme and report back.

ACTION: Clerk

11. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

Corn Close: Mrs Teasdale passed on complaint from adjacent resident that the new path is higher than the previous one and takes privacy from their garden. It was also noted that this path is being used for skateboarding.

Sherington Mound: Mr J Cook advised that there is still fly tipping in the car parking area, also graffiti. Mr Cook asked whether a car park was really necessary, or whether pedestrian access only was more suitable, with a lay -by off the roadside. Clerk will pass on these comments to Milton Keynes Council.

12. **COUNCILLORS ITEMS:**

Cllr Hyde enquired about the frequency of mowing on the Knoll and in the Churchyard, as the grass in both areas is very long. Cllr Keene will speak to Giles Ferris about his. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** This will be held on **TUESDAY 1st July 2003 at 7.30pm.**

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BALANCE
1st July 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

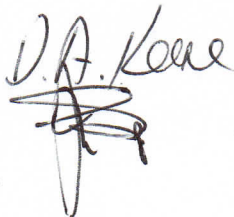
04/06/03 c/forward		£	10,024.62
	Sub Total	£	10,024.62
30/06/03 MKC	Transfer to Current	£	500.00
		£	9,524.62

TREASURER ACCOUNT

04/06/03 c/forward		£	358.49
30/06/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.01
30/06/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	500.00
	Total Income	£	858.50
03/06/03 J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101131	£ 176.50
03/06/03 MK Council	School Hire	Cheque 101132	£ 45.00
	Total Expences	£	221.50
	BALANCE	£	637.00

TOTAL BALANCE @ 1st JULY 2003 £10,161.62

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Chairman
Clerk/RFO

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
JULY 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
01/07/03	BALC	Good Councillor Guide	14.00	101133
01/07/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric	22.93	101134
01/07/03	J Sharp	July Salary	176.50	101135
01/07/03	J Sharp	Expenses April-June	28.55	101136
01/07/03	Sports Ground Srvs	Mowing	303.50	101137

£545.48

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1. **APOLOGIES:** None.

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

3.1 **Repairs in Village:** Work is progressing on the renovation of the seats in the village.

3.2 **Village Hall Car Park:** Cllr Keene had as yet been unable to arrange a meeting, this will be done before the September meeting of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

3.3 **Sherington Mound:** Milton Keynes Council had replied to the Parish Councils comments on the extent of the work on the mound. They have stated that they have no finance for this purpose, but suggest that a grant be applied for via the Countryside Agency. It was agreed that Clerk should contact Jan Phillips at Milton Keynes Council, who will be able to assist. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.4 **Multi Activity Area:** Several Councillors had visited the newly installed area at Lavendon and thought that it could be suitable for the village. Cllr Burton will try and arrange for some of the young people to inspect this facility and give their views. Further discussion will take place with Bernard Perkins (MKC) after which a consultation with the residents will be necessary. We will hopefully be in a position to make progress on this item at the September meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Burton**

3.5 **Electricity Board Quotation:** Cllr Hyde advised that he had suggested that a quotation be obtained, in order that this subject should be discussed at regular intervals. Cllr Keene suggested that this item be included in the village appraisal discussions, when they resume in the Autumn.

3.6 **Vacancies for Councillors:** Cllr Keene advised that the Parish Council will be advised after 12th July whether or not an election has been requested.

4. **FINANCE:**

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed **£637.00** in the Treasurers Account and **£9,524.62** in the Enterprise Account.

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

BALC	Good Councillor Guide	Cheque 101133	£14.00
Powergen	Electric	Cheque 101134	£22.93
J Sharp	Clerks July Salary	Cheque 101135	£176.50
J Sharp	Expenses April-June	Cheque 101136	£28.55
Sports Ground Services	Mowing	Cheque 101137	£305.50

5. **PLANNING MATTERS:** There were no planning applications for discussion this month.

6. **EXTERNAL MEETINGS:**

Cllr Hyde had been unable to attend the Parish Assembly meeting.

North Area Forum: Cllr Keene had attended and reported that only three of the thirteen Parish Councils were represented. The three Milton Keynes Councillors were however present together with officers from Milton Keynes Council. Andy Hudson had given a presentation on the waste aspect and advised which

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items were collected free of charge and which were charged for. The Fly Tipping and Streetcare programmes were also discussed.

Cllr Keene to complete the Best Value Review on Services to Parishes on behalf of the Parish Council. The next meeting will be held on 20th November at Stoke Goldington.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Section 136 Consultative Committee Vote: It was agreed that the Council would vote for Cynthia Cheney from Emberton Parish Council.

Parish Partnership Grant: Letter had been received advising that a grant of £4,000 has been allocated for the purchase of a new store to replace the dilapidated one at Perry Lane Recreation Field. Cllr Keene will contact Mr J Cook before the next meeting and ask him to obtain firm quotations. Emergency repairs have had to be carried out on the door of the building.

ACTION: Cllr Keene

Stonepits Close: Letter sent to Cllr Keene by Mr Clarke. This will be circulated to Councillors. No discussion has yet taken place on this item, will be put on the September Agenda.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Mr Hulston advised that dogs were being taken into the play area at the Village Hall. Clerk has some larger signs which she will let Councillors have. A notice will also be put in the Scan, advising that dogs are not allowed and if this activity continues, then the Dog Welfare Officer from Milton Keynes Council will be asked to investigate and prosecute if necessary.

Mrs Feasey advised that the School sign in School Lane was obscured by bushes. Mrs Feasey kindly offered to cut this back. The signs in the village are in need of cleaning. Clerk will bring this to the attention of Milton Keynes Council.

ACTION: Clerk

Mrs Graham asked about the times the Shooting Range was allowed to operate. Cllr Keene suggested that she phone David Rusling at Milton Keynes Council.

30mph Limit in Gun Lane: Mrs Graham asked when this was due to be moved. Clerk advised that Traffic Orders take a considerable time to impose.

Green Wheelie Bins: Mrs Graham congratulated MKC on the introduction of these and thought that the same bins should be introduced for all rubbish

Village Fete: Mrs Graham congratulated those involved in the very successful Fete.

Multi Activity Area: Mrs Graham raised concern over the policing of the area which would be used for a variety of activities.

9. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Community Safety Launch: Cllr Lewis advised that he will be attending this event.

Village Fete: Cllr Hyde suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mrs Stewart and the Committee on the success of the Fete. Parish Council are very pleased with the involvement of the residents and the village organisations, who will benefit from the proceeds.

Play Area: Cllr Hyde raised his concerns at the demise of the inspection rota, this was required to meet the conditions of the insurance cover. As soon as there is a full quota of Councillors, then a new rota will be produced. In the meantime Cllr Burton agreed to carry out a weekly inspection of the Play Area and keep a log.

ACTION: Cllr Burton

Village Name Signs: Cllr Burton commented that there were no name signs on the Bedford Road and Gun Lane entries to the village. He was advised that these are only placed on the main road.

Trees in Play Area: Mr Whatton had advised Cllr Keene that one tree in the play area had died and two Chestnuts were looking unhealthy. Cllr Hyde advised that there were some Chestnut trees in the Churchyard which also looked sick. Village Trees to be put on September Agenda.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 2nd September 2003 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.47pm

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT


02/07/03 c/forward		£	9,524.62
30/06/03 HSBC	Interest	£	32.90
02/07/03 EMEB	Wayleave	£	12.53
	Sub Total	£	9,570.05
30/08/03 HSBC	Transfer to current	£	500.00
		£	9,070.05

TREASURER ACCOUNT

02/07/03 c/forward		£	637.00
31/07/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.02
30/08/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	500.00
	Total Income	£	1,137.02
01/07/03 BALC	Guides	Cheque 101133	£ 14.00
01/07/03 Powergen	Electric	Cheque 101134	£ 22.93
01/07/03 J Sharp	Salary	Cheque 101135	£ 176.50
01/07/03 J Sharp	Expenses	Cheque 101136	£ 28.55
01/07/03 SGS	Mowing	Cheque 101137	£ 305.50
	Total Expences	£	547.48
	BALANCE	£	589.54

TOTAL BALANCE @ 2nd SEPTEMBER

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Minutes of the Meeting at the School on Tuesday 2nd September 2003 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Peter Cook.

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

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

3.1 **Multi Activity Area:** There was a large representation from the Youth Club present and a discussion took place regarding the proposed new surface. The young people would like to see some form of seating around the edge. It was agreed that the Youth Club should hold an event from which they could purchase the seating. Two quotes have now been received Wickstead Leisure have given a price of £4,014 net for black tarmac and £8,793 for green tarmac. Monster Play Systems have quoted £9,429 for black surface, but will not quote for green tarmac as prices have increased by 600%. A third company have not yet responded. Clerk advised that she had managed to secure a grant of £2,431 from the Play Area Enhancement Fund towards this project. The Youth Club had received a substantial donation from the proceeds of the fete and were prepared to make a contribution. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Cook that "the Parish Council make a contribution of up to £1,250 towards this project, this is subject to a public display of the scheme and full approval by the residents in the area". This was agreed by all Councillors.

3.2 **Repairs in Village:** Some of the most recently laid kerbstones are loose. Cllr Hyde will notify the Highways Dept of this. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**

3.3 **Village Hall Car Park:** The meeting to discuss the path has yet to take place. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

3.4 **Sherington Mound:** Jan Phillips from Milton Keynes Council had visited the mound with the Clerk. She advised that before any grant applications could be made, the use of the mound needed to be clearly defined. Her suggestion was that this specific item needed to be discussed in conjunction with the village appraisal, to establish its use and how much money the village via the Parish Council, were prepared to spend on it (any grant would almost certainly need to be matched on a 50/50 basis). She is quite willing to come along to a meeting and explain the situation.

3.5 **Village Appraisal:** It was agreed that further progress on this could be made in conjunction with the other projects of the Multi Activity Area and the Mound. Clerk asked to book the Village Hall for a Saturday morning in mid October, where these matters could be publicly discussed. A flyer will then be produced and delivered with the October Scan.

4. **VACANCIES ON COUNCIL:** The Parish Council have now received four letter from residents interested in co-option, these being Mr Bob Finn, Mrs Sarah Jackson, Mr Stuart Clarke and Mrs Wendy Clarke. A ballot was conducted and the result was that Mr Bob Finn and Mrs Sarah Jackson were co-opted to the Council.

5. **VILLAGE TREES:** Two trees in the Village Hall Play Area have died and require felling. Clerk asked to contact Sports Ground Services and obtain a price to carry out the work. Cllr Hyde asked that Milton Keynes Council be reminded that the stump in Carters Close had not yet been ground out as promised. Cllr Lewis advised that the Cherry Tree in front of 2 Park Road required cutting back. This is not thought to be the responsibility of the Parish Council, but probably Milton Keynes Councils responsibility. Clerk will check the Section 136 plans and report back.

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6. PERRY LANE STORAGE AREA: Mr J Cook asked that the Perry Lane Recreation Area be looked at in some detail before any decision is made on the new storage shed. The whole site is in need of desperate attention and should be discussed at the Saturday morning meeting in October.

The football field is well used by a number of teams, but there appears to be no pricing structure for this. Clerk asked to provide the Income and Expenditure of the site. A Management Group would appear to be the most effective way of running this area and will be put on the next Agenda for discussion.

7. STONEPITS CLOSE: It was agreed that the current Licence is in need of some clarification and simplification. It was proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Lewis that Giles Ferris be asked to quote a price to look at this and advise the Parish Council.

8. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed £589.54 in the Treasurers Account and £9,070.05 in the Enterprise Account.

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

J Sharp	Salary	August & September	Cheque 101138	£353.00
MK Council	Parish Conference		Cheque 101139	£50.00

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/001281	Ash Cottage, 8 High Street	No objections
03/001373	35 Church Road	No objections

10. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Safer Communities Launch: Cllr Lewis had attended this and advised that the new unit is multi agency ar will deal with such items as fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. There is a mobile CCTV available, which could possible by used at the Mound to identify those persons fly-tipping.

MK Association of Local Councils: Cllr Keene had attended this meeting, were the main focus was on Quality Parish Councils and the requirements to meet this status. As Sherington did not have 80% of its Councillors elected, then for the next four years we do not meet the first test of a Quality Parish.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Parish Conference: During the recess details had been sent for the Parish Conference on 11th October. Cllrs Cook and Hyde will attend. **ACTION: Clerk**

Thames Valley Police Presentation: This event takes place on 13th September, Cllr Lewis will attend.

Youth Shelters: Cllr Hyde asked that this item be put on the next Agenda.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Light on Corner of Water Lane: Council advised that this was permanently on due to the censor being covered by ivy. This is possibly not the responsibility on the Lighting Dept, if the ivy is coming from private property. Cllr Burton will have a look at this and report back. **ACTION: Cllr BURTON**

Garden Area at Sherington Bridge: Mrs Graham asked what the building was that had been erected on this land. Cllr Lewis advised that the owner of the land was using it for recreational purposes and that he understood that no planning consent was required.

13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Disability Act-Play Areas: Cllr Burton asked the Council to be aware that this Act will be introduced in 2004 and that Wickstead Leisure had sent a check list. Clerk has spoken to Bernard Perkins about this and he has advised that Milton Keynes Council will be checking play areas and advising Parish Councils of items that do not conform.

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Benches in Village Hall Play Area: Cllr Burton requested that one of the benches at the top of the area be moved further down. It was agreed that this was a sensible idea as there was no need for two in the present position.

Bonfires: Cllr Burton had been asked what the restrictions were on the lighting of bonfires. Clerk will try and obtain details from Milton Keynes Council.

Footpath in Carters Close: Cllr Hyde advised that roots from a tree appeared to have damaged the pavement and it was becoming dangerous. He will alert the Highways Dept of this.

Village Walkaround: Cllr Keene asked that a date be set for this. The 28th September, 10.00am at the Village Hall was agreed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 7th October 2003 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

03/09/03 c/forward		£	9,070.05
19/09/03 MKC	Precept	£	5,405.00
19/09/03 MKC	Section 136 Refund	£	737.00
30/09/03 HSBC	Interest	£	33.82
	Sub Total	£	15,245.87

TREASURER ACCOUNT

03/09/03 c/forward		£	589.54
30/08/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.01
30/09/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.02
	Total Income	£	589.57

02/09/03 J Sharp	Guides SALARY.	Cheque 101138	£	353.00
02/09/03 MK Council	Parish Conference	Cheque 101139	£	50.00

Total Expences £ 403.00

BALANCE £ 186.57

TOTAL BALANCE @ 7th OCTOBER 2003 £15,432.44

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<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
07/10/03	Anglian Water	Pavilion Water	84.20	101140
07/10/03	Scan PC	Photocopying	14.00	101141
07/10/03	JW Cook	Playing Field Rent	100.00	101142
07/10/03	Powergen	Pavilion Electric	22.96	101143
07/10/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	176.50	101144
07/10/03	J Sharp	Expenses July-September	18.00	101145
7/10/03	Sherington Village Hall	fine - 25/10/03	15.75	101146

£415.66

£431.41

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PRESENT: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Peter Cook, Cllr Sarah Jackson, Cllr Bob Finn.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Repairs in Village: Cllr Hyde had reported the loose kerbing.

Ivy around Lamp Post-corner of Water Lane: Since the last meeting two Councillors had cut the ivy at the base (the intention being to clear when it had died off). A letter of complaint had been received from the owners of Primrose Cottage whose land adjoins the verge on which the light is sited, stating that previously the Electricity Board had cleared the ivy from the light. The Parish Council were not aware of this. Clerk asked to write to residents and explain the Parish Councils position. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.2 Village Hall Car Park: Cllr Keene had spoken to Mr Hine and formed the opinion that the Trustees were not in favour of a path. Mr J Cook advised that the Trustees had not yet met to discuss this matter, the Village Hall Management Committee had however agreed to the path in principle, but were not prepared to finance it. Councillors agreed that this matter should be pursued and that a meeting of all parties should be arranged. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

3.3 Sherington Mound: This item is listed for discussion with residents at the meeting on Saturday 25th October. Jan Phillips from Milton Keynes Council will be attending.

3.4 Multi Activity Area: It was agreed that plans need to be on display at the meeting on 25th October, which show that exact location. It is hoped that all residents with a view on the proposed location attend on this day and make their views known to the Parish Council. The flyers have been produced and delivered with Scan, there are also two mentions of the event in the magazine.

3.5 Village Appraisal: As the event on 25th October is also to be used to obtain views towards the Village Appraisal, it was agreed that a meeting be held during the week prior to this. Cllr Lewis will organise. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

3.6 Village Trees: The two dead trees in the Village Hall play area to be removed this weekend by Cllr Burton and Mr J Cook, these will be burnt, however the tree surgeon advises that there appears to be a disease, which is already beginning to effect other trees in the village. It was agreed that Clerk will ask Milton Keynes Council in inspect the trees and advise of the possible cause. Milton Keynes Council have agreed to reduce the size of the tree in front of 2 Park Road and have instructed Vincent Landscapes to carry out the work, also to grind out the tree stump on Carters Close.

Stump in Pre-School Area: Pre-school have requested that this be ground out, in order that further equipment can be installed. Clerk has requested a quote for this to be done.

3.7 Stonepits Close: Mr Giles has agreed to look at the license for no initial fee, Clerk has sent this to him.

4. STREETCARE INITIATIVE: Parish Council have been asked to complete a form, stating which items under this heading (graffiti, vandalism etc) are their highest priority. It was agreed that Cllr Hyde complete on behalf of the Council.

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5. VILLAGE WEBSITE: Mr I Collings attended and advised that the Village Website had been chosen as website of the month for October 2003. Mr Collings was congratulated on this as there are 2000 websites in this category. The website was shown to the meeting and the Parish Council were asked to decide what further material they would like on there (minutes and agendas already shown).

6. YOUTH SHELTER: Cllr Hyde asked that this item be considered as a future project. He had contacted Thames Valley Police for their comments, but had as yet received no reply. It was agreed that as these shelters can be contentious, that the subject be raised at the meeting on the 25th. Meanwhile Cllr Hyde has sent for brochures to establish types, prices etc.

7. VILLAGE WALKABOUT UP DATE:

Play Area: The climbing frame has rotted and fallen down- Clerk will speak to MKC about this.

Levelling of football pitch and raising of goal mouth areas.

Removal of dead tree near Village Hall - in hand

Clearing of perimeter overgrowth - Cllr Cook will look at this with a view to clearing

School Lane: Additional Light – apart from the expense, additional lighting could be met with opposition. This item will be left on future Agendas.

Dead Tree: This will be removed at the same time as the village hall tree.

Hollow in pavement: Cllr Hyde will report this to the Highways Department.

Broken Inspection Chamber – Clerk will report this to the Gas Board

Perry Lane Recreation Field: Management Committee: Mr J Cook has seven names of people who are willing to make proposals on the running of this area. Next month Parish Council will appoint a representative to join this working party.

Sherington Mound: Litter Bins and Rubbish Management Sign.

Spinney at Junction of High Street & Crofts End:

The tidying of this is in hand.

ACTION: Cllr Cook

8. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed **£186.57** in the Treasurers Account and **£15,245.87** in the Enterprise Account. Clerk advised that there had been a refund of £737 on the 2002/3 Section 136 Landscape Charge.

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

Anglian Water	Pavilion	Cheque 101140	£84.20
Scan PC	Photocopying	Cheque 101141	£14.00
JW Cook	Recreation Ground Rent	Cheque 101142	£100.00
Powergen	Pavilion Electric	Cheque 101143	£22.96
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101144	£176.50
J Sharp	Clerks Expenses (3 months)	Cheque 101145	£18.00
Village Hall	Hire for 25/10/03	Cheque 101146	£15.75

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/001630 47 High Street

No objections

03/001373 35 Church Road

This application has been granted

10. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Thames Valley Police Presentation: Cllr Lewis had attended, this had focused on the relationship between the police and parishes. The mobile CCTV camera is available, Parishes need to make a bid to use it.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

New Cycle Route: Clerk had notified Milton Keynes Council of the concern on routing this through the village, but had received no reply. The cycle path is now to go straight up the by-pass, not through Emberton (the original route).

Youth Club: Letter from Club pledging £650 towards the Multi-Surface project. They are also intending to fund raise for seating.

Speedcheck Signs: The positioning of these has been altered in Gun Lane:

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

No 1 Bus Service: With the exception of the 8.13am, all services have now been altered to go straight up the by-pass, rather than through the village. Clerk had been made aware of this and had spoken to Cllr Mabbutt. Milton Keynes Council have made very strong complaints to MK Metro regarding this but they are adamant about the changes. Mr Sims advised that a card previously used on the No 1 service were now not being accepted.

Commitment on Spending: Concern about the amount of money the Parish Council are currently looking to spend on future projects, also that most items are youth orientated.

Drain Cover: One is missing opposite 53 High Street, Clerk will notify Anglian Water.

Pricing for Football: Suggestion that Councillors look at the facilities offered elsewhere, before setting prices.

Crofts End-Carters Close: The road is badly in need of attention. Cllr Hyde will report this.

Sherington Mound: Mr Ferris advised that this area has nothing to do with the Parish Council. The land was handed to Milton Keynes Council by Bucks County Council. Caution should be given before committing the village to any expenditure on the Mound.

Electricity Cables-Gun Lane: Following a cable break on 1st October, there is concern about the age and subsequent safety of the overhead cables. The preference is still for undergrounding, although EMEB have made it clear that this will not happen in the near future. It was agreed to ask them to carry out a safety inspection of the remaining cables.

Streetcare Initiative: Mr J Cook concerned that one Councillor be asked to complete this form. It was agreed that each Councillor would receive a copy and the responses be collated, before the form is completed.

Speedcheck Signs: These are part of the Speedcheck Campaign (only stay up for a few weeks every 3 months or so), which the Parish Council signed up too. This also includes the use of the Speed Indicator Device.

13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Pavement Parking-Carters Close: A complaint had been received on this subject. Parking on pavements is a police matter and should be reported to them. It was agreed that an item be put in Scan asking residents not to park on the pavement.

Flood Event Data Gathering: Cllr Lewis asked that any flood incidents be reported to him.

Lighting of Bonfires: Correspondence from Milton Keynes Council indicates that this is only allowed after 4.30pm on weekdays (not Weekends or Bank Holidays).

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 4th November 2003 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.55pm

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

08/10/03 c/forward		£	15,245.87
08/10/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	500.00
03/11/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	3,000.00
	Sub Total	£	11,745.87

TREASURER ACCOUNT

08/10/03 c/forward		£	186.57
08/10/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	500.00
30/10/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.02
03/11/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	3,000.00
	Total Income	£	3,686.59

07/10/03 Anglian Water	Pavilion	Cheque 101140	£	84.20
07/10/03 Scan PC	Photocopying	Cheque 101141	£	14.00 <i>not cashed</i>
07/10/03 JW Cook	Field Rent	Cheque 101142	£	100.00
07/10/03 Powergen	Pavilion	Cheque 101143	£	22.96
07/10/03 J Sharp	Salary	Cheque 101144	£	176.50
07/10/03 J Sharp	Expenses (3 mnths)	Cheque 101145	£	18.00
07/10/03 Village Hall	Hire 25th October	Cheque 101146	£	15.75

Total Expences £ 431.41

BALANCE £ 3,255.18

TOTAL BALANCE @ 4th NOVEMBER 2003

£15,001.05

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
NOVEMBER 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
04/11/03	G Ferris	Grass Cutting	2500.00	101147
04/11/03	Sports Ground Srvs	Recreation Field Mowing	381.88	101148
04/11/03	Hacker Young	Audit 2002/2003	141.00	101149
04/11/03	J Sharp	November Salary	176.50	101150
4/11/03	W. Lewis	Items for meeting 25/10	6.81	101151

£3,199.38

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PRESENT: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Peter Cook, Cllr Sarah Jackson, Cllr Bob Finn.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hyde.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Repairs in Village: Andy McPherson (MKC), will carry out a survey on the Carters Close junction. Clerk had as yet been unable to contact the correct person at EMEB, with regards to a safety check of the overhead power cables. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.2 Village Hall Car Park: This item is still ongoing. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

3.3 Sherington Mound: Various comments received on this item at the recent presentation. Jan Phillips had advised that a concrete litter bin would cost £120. Her understanding is that Chicheley Estates own the land, therefore Milton Keynes Council are unwilling to meet the cost. There had been further fly tipping, from which Cllr Jackson had found some possible clues to the identity of the culprits. Enforcement Officer had been contacted, they will investigate further. It was agreed by all Councillors that in the first instance the entrance to the mound should be blocked off (initially for a trial period), to assess whether this problem improves. Milton Keynes Council to be asked if they could carry out this task, preferably not with a soil mound. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.4 Multi Activity Area: All residents close to the proposed site attended the presentation on 25th October. There were no adverse comments on the proposal. Cllr Keene thanked the Youth Club members for serving refreshments on the day. It was proposed by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Lewis that the scheme should be approved. Agreed by all. Clerk will contact Milton Keynes Council and the contractors. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.5 Village Appraisal: A few extra items were raised by residents on 25th October. Councillors will meet on Monday 24th November at 3 Gun Lane at 8pm to discuss the format of the document that will be sent to village groups.

3.6 Village Trees: Resident of 1 The Knoll has asked that Parish Council consider felling the tree outside his property. It was agreed that Sports Ground Services be asked to quote for this. Cllr Burton advised that whilst looking at the football area with contractors, it had been noted that some willow trees were in need of attention. To ask tree surgeon to inspect at the same time. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. PERRY LANE RECREATION AREA:

Following an initial meeting the request was made that a Parish Council led sub committee be formed with the brief to initially manage and maintain on a day to day basis, the current facility. It was proposed by Cllr Keene and seconded by Cllr Finn, that Cllr Burton should represent the Parish Council on the initial working party. All agreed.

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5. PLAY AREA TREE STUMPS: A quote of £130 (to include hire of equipment) had been received from Sports Ground Services. There are two other stumps in the play area which also require grinding + the one left on the Knoll. Clerk will liaise with tree surgeon and ensure that all stump grinding is carried out whilst they have the hire equipment.

6. STONEPITS CLOSE LICENCE: Mr Ferris had supplied a simplified version of the current licence. This will be circulated to Councillors and discussed again at the December meeting.

7. PARISH BASIC ALLOWANCE: The correspondence on this matter had been circulated. There was unanimous agreement that Councillors did not wish to make any financial claims for duties carried out.

8. FINANCE:

Current Balances: Clerk provided balance sheet, which showed **£3,255.18** in the Treasurers Account and **£11,745** in the Enterprise Account.

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

G Ferris	Mowing	Cheque 101147	£2,500.00
Sports Ground Services	Recreation Field Mowing	Cheque 101148	£381.88
Hacker Young	Audit 2002/3	Cheque 101149	£141.00
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101150	£176.50
W Lewis	Stationery for Presentation	Cheque 101151	£6.81

9. PLANNING MATTERS: There were no planning matters for discussion.

10. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Parish Conference: Cllr Cook had attended together with Cllr Hyde and was interested to learn of the different nature of the problems faced by the urban parishes in comparison to the ones in rural locations.

Thames Valley Police Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th November, Cllr Lewis will attend.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Section 136: Notification that this scheme will be terminate, with effect from the end of this financial year Milton Keynes Council will be discussing in the near future possible devolution of some services.

Training Session for New Councillors: This will be held on Tuesday 25th November. Cllrs Jackson, Burton and Finn would like to attend.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Bus Service No 1: A petition had been signed by over 300 villagers. Apparently the 8.13am bus which should come through the village, is unreliable. There was a meeting today between Stuart Simmonds (MKC) and MK Metro to discuss services. Cllr Keene will speak to Stuart Simmonds. This item will be kept on the Agenda.

ACTION: Cllr Keene

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25th October Presentation: Mr J Cook congratulated the Parish Council on the clarity of the presentation and hoped that a summary of views would be published in the Scan.

Streetcare Initiative: Mr J Cook asked whether this had been completed. Councillors had returned their forms to Cllr Hyde to be collated and returned to Milton Keynes Council.

Cycle Path: Mr J Cook asked whether the Parish Council had been advised of the route this will take through the village. Clerk advised that the comments were passed to Milton Keynes Council, but that no reply had been received. This will be chased. Item to be kept on Agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

Lighting at the Knoll: Mrs Atkinson asked that the Council again consider lighting on the phone box corner of the Knoll. It was agreed that Milton Keynes Council be requested to look at this and make recommendations. This can then be considered when the 2004/5 budget is set. **ACTION: Clerk**

Light on Corner of Water Lane: The light is still continually on, despite the ivy having been cut. Clerk asked Councillors to notify her of the pole number, this can then be reported. **ACTION: Clerk**

Power Surges and Cuts: Mr Sims requested that these be brought to the attention of EMEB, when asking them to carry out a safety check. **ACTION: Clerk**

Speedcheck Posters: Resident asked how long these were to be left up for. We had been advised that this was for a few weeks (not specified).

13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Dog Fouling Outside School: Cllr Jackson advised that this was an ongoing problem and that the dog bin close by was not being used. ^{by some people} Cllr Lewis will put item in Scan. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**

Pavement Parking: Cllr Lewis advised that reference to this had been made in this months Scan.

Replacement Monkey Bars: Milton Keynes Council had advised that they do not have the finances to replace these. Clerk will obtain prices. **ACTION: Clerk**

Notice Boards & Benches: It is noted that the refurbishment of these has not been completed, despite the quote having been accepted in early summer. Cllr Keene will speak to T Pilcher about this. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

National Tree Week: The subject of replacement trees for those that have been felled, will be discussed next month.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held on TUESDAY 2nd December 2003 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Perry Lane Sports and Recreation Field Management Group Meeting;

20th November 2003

In attendance: Glynis King, Phil Pounder, John Cook, Peter Burton.

- This was the first meeting of the Group.
- The aim of this group is to manage and maintain the existing facilities to acceptable standards and to explore the possible potential for the expansion of sporting and recreational activities.
- It was agreed to split the activities of the group into two areas:
 - a) **John Cook** and **Phil Pounder** will organise the every day running and maintenance of the existing equipment and facilities.
 - b) **Glynis King** and **Peter Burton** will concentrate on the future potential use and development plus the money raising possibilities i.e. grants, special funds.
- It is understood that these two working parties will work closely, share relevant information and work towards the common aim of current improvement and maximising potential.
- The formation of this Management Group will be set out in SCAN and will update progress as appropriate.
- Other village residents have expressed interest in helping, these people will be contacted to ascertain the extent of their commitment and, if positive, will be invited onto the Management Group. Any other constructive input will be welcomed.
- Residents with special skills will be invited to help as deemed appropriate.
- John Cook will provide the details of cost, construction and building of the new storage unit, taking into consideration the anticipated increase in various sporting and village activities.
- Areas for early consideration could be the improving of existing car parking, fencing, garages and lighting.
- The next full meeting will be held during January 2004; date and venue to be confirmed

Peter Burton
21.11.03

Contact telephone Numbers

- Glynis King: 01908 612320
- John Cook: 01908 610909
- Phil Pounder: 01908 610090
- Peter Burton: 01908 614034

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2nd DECEMBER 2003**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

05/11/03 c/forward		£	11,745.87
01/12/03 HSBC	Transfer to current	£	750.00
TOTAL		£	10,995.87

TREASURER ACCOUNT

05/11/03 c/forward		£	3,255.18
30/11/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.08
01/12/03 HSBC	Transfer	£	750.00
Total Income		£	4,005.26

04/11/03 G Ferris	Mowing	Cheque 101147	£	2,500.00
04/11/03 SGS	Mowing	Cheque 101148	£	381.88
04/11/03 Hacker Young	2002/3 Audit	Cheque 101149	£	141.00
04/11/03 J Sharp	Salary	Cheque 101150	£	176.50
04/11/03 W Lewis	Stationery	Cheque 101151	£	6.81

Total Expences £ 3,206.19

BALANCE £ 799.07

TOTAL BALANCE @ 2nd DECEMBER 2003 £11,794.94

Signed
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DA. Keene


Chairman
Clerk/RFO

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MONTHLY CHEQUES
DECEMBER 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
02/12/03	SCAN	Section 137 Donation	200.00	101152
02/12/03	Parish Church	Section 137 Donation	275.00	101153
02/12/03	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	176.50	101154

£651.50

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2003 at the School.

Present: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Cook, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Bob Finn, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Sarah Jackson.

1. Apologies: Cllr P Seymour (Milton Keynes Council), D Hulston (Resident)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Cllr Jackson requested that the wording under item "Dog Fouling Outside School" be amended to read "bins not being used by some people". The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2003 were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising:

- 3.1 Cycle Route:** Richard Duffill (Milton Keynes Council) attended and discussed the options available for the route through the village. The general agreement of the Parish Council and those residents present, was that the route via Perry Lane would not be used and that Route B (direct route from Alban Hill through the village, would be the preferred route). This route would require a separate path being installed as the road is unsafe to simply mark a cycle area. It was agreed that the Village Hall be booked for a Saturday morning in January, when this matter could be discussed with the residents (Mr Duffill will attend). In the meantime some more accurate costing of the different routes will be carried out. Mr Duffill was also asked what the route from Sherington Bridge to Newport Pagnell was likely to be. There are also options for this, which can be discussed at the same time.
- 3.2 Sherington Mound:** Stephen Narborough (MKC), has advised that the council do not want the entrance blocked off. The site is currently cleansed under the Section 136 scheme, but only on an eight weekly cycle. This would cause a problem with a litter bin as this would need to be emptied at least weekly and the cost may well fall to the Parish Council. It was agreed that as the cleansing is being carried out under the Landscape Contract, then the Parish Council would continue to put pressure on Milton Keynes Council to clear any rubbish left there. Cllr Keene suggested that possibly a working party from the village, could tidy the area in the Spring
- 3.3 Multi Activity Area:** The order has been placed with Wickstead Leisure and installation is expected before the end of the year.
- 3.4 Village Appraisal:** Councillors had met and put together some items to include in the Village Appraisal. A letter will be sent to residents early in the new year. Village groups will also be consulted.
- 3.5 Village Trees:** An inspection of the trees has taken place. The ones needing attention in the play area are a dead chestnut (suffering from Beech Bark disease), which needs felling and a large limb which needs removing from the Poplar at the side of the path. The cost of this + the felling of the Chestnut on the Knoll and the grinding out of all stumps is £580.00. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Jackson, that Sports Ground Services be instructed to carry out the work, all agreed. Resident informed the Council that the tree outside No 5 School Lane has died, Clerk will inform Milton Keynes Council, also chase the grinding of the tree stump in Carters Close. The dead tree in Water Lane was discussed. The Parish Council have been aware of this for some time and have approached the owner on several occasions without any response. Clerk advised that Tree Surgeon had commented that whilst the Plane tree on the Knoll was in a very healthy condition, it was still his opinion that it required re-shaping (currently touching wires). **ACTION: Clerk**

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- 3.6 Perry Lane Recreation Area:** The Management Group has met and submitted notes of that meeting. They will continue to meet on a regular basis and report back to the Parish Council. The charges for football games will be agreed at the budget meeting in January.
- 3.7 Stonepits Close:** All Councillors have now seen the new proposals for the licence. Cllr Lewis felt that the wording was still a little unclear with regard to the type of animals allowed. It was agreed that there are certain items that need bringing to the attention of prospective tenants a) that there is no running water (only ditch, which sometimes dries), b) that fencing will be required (could cost £4,000 to £5,000) and c) that there is vehicle access across the field for the Shooting Club.
ACTION: Clerk
- 3.8 Bus Service:** This item had been discussed with Cllr Mabbutt at the recent Area Forum. Mr Sims advised that he had been informed by Milton Keynes Council that a new timetable will become effective from 19th January 2004 and that at this time alternative No 1 buses will be re-instated through the village.
- 3.9 Village Repairs:** A reply has been received from East Midlands Electricity. They are satisfied that the lines are currently safe, but that the lines in Gun Lane will be raised as a project in 2005. Cllr Jackson will speak to Richard Smith and ask whether this means that the cables will be put underground. Cllr Hyde had spoken to Andy McPherson (MKC), who was not fully aware of the problem in School Lane. The Highways budget for this financial year has been spent. The last annual survey of the village carried out by the Highways Department, will be sent to the Clerk.
ACTION: Cllr Jackson (EMEB)
- 3.10 Street Lighting:** A quote has been received from Milton Keynes Council to install a light on the corner of the Knoll. A standard fitting would cost £1,200 and a light that matches the one next to the bus shelter £1,800. Residents highlighted areas in Gun Lane and School Lane which both require extra lighting. This item will be discussed at the budget meeting.
- 4. FINANCE:** The current balances are £10,995.87 in the Enterprise Account and £799.07 in the Treasurer Account.

Cheques: It was agreed that the following cheques be signed:

Scan	Section 137 Donation	£200.00	Cheque 101152
Sherington PCC	Section 137 Donation	£275.00	Cheque 101153
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	£176.50	Cheque 101154

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/01909 Willow House, 2 Church End There are no objections, providing that neighbours privacy is maintained.

03/01911 7 Perry Lane Parish Council are aware of neighbours concerns about this front extension. Milton Keynes Council will be asked to take these into account.

6. VILLAGE HALL PATH: Cllr Keene had met with Village Hall Trustees and two possible routes for a path had been discussed. Route 1 was closer to the Village Hall but would mean the path on both Village Hall and Parish Council land and would involve agreements on maintenance etc. Route 2 is around the edge of the car park (all Parish Council land). Representatives of both Youth Club and Playgroup attended and explained the difficulties in moving equipment across shingle from the storeroom to the hall. Ideally they would like the path to run alongside the hall. Cllr Keene will speak to Trustees again. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

7. PAVILION HIRE: Request from St Lauds District Church Committee to use the Perry Lane Recreation Area on 10th July 2004 for a Pig Roast. The Parish Council has no objections to this, Clerk will advise.
ACTION: Clerk

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8. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Councillor Training: Cllr Jackson and Cllr Burton had attended a Training Session at Milton Keynes Council for new Councillors.

Thames Valley Police: Recent meeting discussed Anti Social Behaviour Orders (6 made in Milton Keynes area) and Speed Indicator Devices. Some Parishes have suggested that a joint device be purchased, which could be moved from village to village.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

St Lauds District Church Committee: Letter requesting that Council consider an increase in the donation towards the church lighting. This years donation already agreed in January 2003, will discuss this further at budget meeting in January.

Precept Leaflets with Council Tax Bills: Letter from Milton Keynes Council, asking whether the Parish Council wish to have leaflets explaining their precept distributed with the Council Tax bills. Parish Council will continue to provide information to residents via the Scan.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Knoll Lighting: Mr Pilcher advised that he did not wish to see any further lighting on the Knoll.

Christmas Tree: Mr Pilcher and Mr Ferris will erect the tree and contact Cllr Keene when help required to put on lights.

11. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Distraction Burglaries: Cllr Jackson concerned that there have been two of these in the village this year. Cllr Lewis will ask Thames Valley Police whether they still have the information video on this type of crime.

Insurance Cover: Cllr Burton asked that the Parish Council insurance cover be looked at in detail. This will be investigated at the budget meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 14th January, 7.30 at the home of Cllr Keene.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on 6th January 2004 in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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MONTHLY BALANCE
6th JANUARY 2004**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

03/12/03 c/forward		£	10,995.87
31/12/03 HSBC	Interest	£	40.56
		SUB TOTAL	£ 11,036.43
05/01/04 HSBC	Transfer to current a/c	£	250.00
		TOTAL	£ 10,786.43

TREASURER ACCOUNT

03/12/03 c/forward		£	799.07
31/12/03 HSBC	Interest	£	0.03
05/01/04 HSBC	Transfer from Enterprise	£	250.00
		Total Income	£ 1,049.10

02/12/03 Scan	Section 137 Donation	Cheque 101152	£	200.00
02/12/03 Sherington PCC	Section 137 Donation	Cheque 101153	£	275.00
02/12/03 J Sharp	Salary	Cheque 101154	£	176.50

Total Expences £ 651.50

BALANCE £ 397.60

TOTAL BALANCE @ 6th JANUARY 2004

£11,184.03

Signed

D.A. Kane 6/1/04 Chairman

[Signature]

(Clerk - RFO)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2004 at the School.

Present: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Cook, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Bob Finn, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Sarah Jackson.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Thames Valley Police: WPC Clare Westrop attended, regarding the two distraction burglaries in the village last year. She advised that a new Home Office Video on the subject was now available and that she would be happy to attend the village and show this to residents. It was agreed that an ideal time would be at the end of one of the Bowls Club sessions on a Monday afternoon. Mr Arnold will speak to the Bowls Club and obtain their opinion, he will then liase with the Parish Council on a possible date. This will be in February in order that a prior notice can be put in Scan. Mr Hulston will inform the Thursday Lunch Club. Brochures on this subject have been put in the village shops.

3. Matters Arising:

- 3.1 Multi Activity Area:** This is imminent, Bernard Perkins is currently chasing the installers for a firm date.
- 3.2 Village Appraisal:** A draft document has been compiled by Cllr Keene. All Councillors have now been supplied with this and it will be discussed in depth at the Budget meeting. Meetings will then be arranged with village groups for the completion of the forms.
- 3.3 Village Trees:** An application has been made to the Planning Dept for the felling of the tree on the Knoll. Sports Ground Services have been asked not to carry out any of the tree surgery until approval has been given.
- 3.4 Perry Lane Recreation Area:** A further meeting has been arranged for February. This will be an open meeting to be held in the Village Hall. At the moment there appears to be support for a possible Tennis Court and Multi Activity Area.
- 3.5 Bus Service:** Milton Keynes Council have advised that there will be changes to the No1 service effective from 18th January. This will involve some peak time buses coming through the village. Clerk will contact Stuart Simmonds and ask which services will be re-instated.
- 3.6 Village Repairs:** Andy McPherson has not as yet sent the details of the last Village Survey. Cllr Hyde will chase this. Cllr Keene advised of light out in Corn Close. Cllr Jackson had contacted EMEB regarding their letter on the safety of the overhead cables in the village and was advised that an in depth patrol of wiring in Gun Lane and other parts of the village, will be carried out in mid 2004. Cllr Jackson will request that the Parish Council be notified in advance of exactly when this is to be carried out. There is a damaged sign in Perry Lane, Cllr Hyde will inspect and report to the Clerk.
- 3.7 Village Hall Path:** A further letter had been received from the Trustees stating that their position remains unaltered with regard to the siting of a possible path. The Parish Council will further consider the installation of a path on their land around the perimeter of the car park. It was felt that this was something on which the views of the user groups should be obtained. This could be done in conjunction with the completion of the Village Appraisal documents.

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3.8 Cycle Path Route: A presentation has been arranged for Saturday 10th January in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm. This information has been put in the Scan, it is however noted that the January Scan has not yet been delivered. Clerk will put notices on boards tomorrow. All present were requested to spread this information to as many people as possible. Cllr Keene will contact the Youth Club.

4. FINANCE: The current balances are £10,786.43 in the Enterprise Account and £397.60 in the Treasurer Account.

Cheques: It was agreed that the following cheques be signed:

P Burton	Presentation Expenses	£13.60	Cheque 101155
Powergen	Pavilion Electric	£26.23	Cheque 101156
T Pilcher	Xmas Tree Electric	£25.00	Cheque 101157
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	£176.50	Cheque 101158
J Sharp	Expenses Oct-Dec	£27.36	Cheque 101159

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/02189 Willow House, 2 Church End The Council have been advised that the application discussed last month has now been withdrawn. A further set of plans have been received with alterations. The Parish Council will advise Milton Keynes Council that any objections received from neighbours, be given serious consideration. **Action: Clerk**

03/01911 7 Perry Lane: We have been advised by Milton Keynes Council that this application has been refused.

6. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Thames Valley Police Meeting: This will be held at Newport Pagnell on Thursday 8th January.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Campus Extension to Ousedale School at Olney: This item had been seen by Councillors, it was agreed that support be given for this plan. **Action: Clerk**

The Peoples Places Award Scheme: This could be a possible area of funding for the improvements to the Perry Lane Recreation Area. Details have been retained.

Flood Alert: Cllr Hyde anticipated that there could be further problems in Water Lane and asked whether Anglian Water could be requested to carry out a presentation to the Parish Council. Clerk will contact Anglian Water. **Action: Clerk**

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Mr Sims advised that there had been another power surge in the High Street, which had damaged computers. To ask EMEB for further clarification as to the reasons for these incidents.

Mr Ferris asked about the promised screening around the compound in Newport Road. Cllr Cook advised that a Hawthorn Hedge had been planted, but was slow growing.

9. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Village School/Pre School: Cllr Cook advised that there was concern about the future of the village schools. Clerk advised that this is a problem in most of the villages, due to the earlier age of school entry and the falling birth rate. Another local village is looking to move the pre-school into the infants school, but this is something to be discussed between the two groups.

Christmas Tree: Cllr Lewis had received favourably comments on the xmas tree. Thanks will be put in Scan to the group responsible.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on 3rd February 2004 in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BALANCE
3rd February 2004**

ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

07/01/04 c/forward		£	10,786.43
21/01/04 Sher PCC	Mowing Contribution	£	650.00
	SUB TOTAL	£	11,436.43
02/02/04 HSBC	Transfer to current	£	500.00
	TOTAL	£	10,936.43

TREASURER ACCOUNT


07/01/04 c/forward		£	397.60
31/01/04 HSBC	Interest	£	0.02
02/02/04 HSBC	Transfer from enterprise	£	500.00
	Total Income	£	897.62

06/01/04 P Burton	Stationery	Cheque 101155	£	13.60
06/01/04 Powergen	Electricity	Cheque 101156	£	26.23
06/01/04 T Pilcher	Electricity	Cheque 101157	£	25.00
06/01/04 J Sharp	Clerks Salary	Cheque 101158	£	176.50
06/01/04 J Sharp	Clerks Expenses	Cheque 101159	£	27.36

Total Expences £ 268.69

BALANCE £ 628.93

TOTAL BALANCE @ 3rd FEBRUARY 2004 £11,565.36

Signed *D.A. Keen 03/02/04*
Signed 

Chairman
Clerk/RFO *3/2/04*

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 MONTHLY CHEQUES
 FEBRUARY 2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
03/02/04	Village Hall	Cycle Route Meeting	10.50	101160
03/02/04	MK Council	School Hire	120.00	101161
03/02/04	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	176.50	101162

£307.00

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2004 at the School.

PRESENT: Cllr David Keene (Chair), Cllr Peter Cook, Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr David Hyde, Cllr Bob Finn, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Sarah Jackson.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: Cllr Cook declared an interest in Item 7 (Stonepits Close) and Item 8 (Planning Application for Mercers Farm).

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2004 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Multi Activity Area: This has now been installed, although there is some finishing off to complete and the markings to be painted. Contractors have agreed to return. To mark the opening a competition could be organised by the Youth Club. Cllr Hyde proposed and Cllr Burton seconded the motion that £15 be spent on a prize for the event, all agreed. The Councils thanks go to Cllr Burton for his work on this project.

4.2 Village Appraisal: The final copy has now been agreed and will be distributed.

4.3 Village Trees: Milton Keynes Council Planning Department has agreed the application. To remove the tree on the Knoll. Tree surgeon has advised that work will commence in approx two weeks time.

4.4 Perry Lane Recreation Area: A Meeting took place on 21st January, the notes of this have been circulated. A Public Meeting has been arranged for 17th February in the Village Hall. It is hoped that all interested parties will attend.

ACTION: Cllr Burton


4.5 Bus Service: A new timetable has been delivered by the Clerk to the Shops in the village. It is understood that there will be further changes to the bus timetable in April 2004.

4.6 Village Repairs: MK Council has advised that the Perry Lane sign has been repaired. Cllr Jackson had joined Mr Chinnery (EMEB) on his inspection of the village. The High Voltage cable into the village is already under ground, and is therefore not the cause of the problems of interruption of power. This week will see a more comprehensive check of all poles in the village. Mr Chinnery to recommend that cables are put underground from Virginia Stores to the sub station in Water Lane. There will however still be poles as these also carry telephone wires. Cllr Hyde requested that EMEB be asked what their general policy is, regarding the undergrounding of unsightly cables. Cllr Jackson advised that the EMEB have a Discovery Bus, which they use to educate children on the dangers of electricity. Details will be passed to the School. Andy McPherson has still not passed to the Clerk the details of the last inspection of the village. Clerk will chase.

4.7 Village Hall Path: This item was discussed under Parish Partnership Grants.

4.8 Thames Valley Police Presentation (Distraction Burglaries): This has been organised for Monday 16th February between 4 and 5pm in the Village Hall. Clerk will put up notices. Item has been put in the Scan.

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Lewis



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4.9 Cycle Path Route: The Public Presentation was very well attended and a further route proposed. This is via the by-pass and Winyards track into Gun Lane. The meeting almost unanimously agreed to this route and Richard Duffill (MK Council), will report back to the Parish Council in due course.

5. FINANCE:

5.1 The current balances are £10,936.43 in the Enterprise Account and £628.93 in the Treasurer Account.

5.2 Cheques: It was agreed that the following cheques be signed:

Village Hall	Cycle Path Meeting	£10.50	Cheque 101160
MK Council	School Hire	£120.00	Cheque 101161
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	£176.50	Cheque 101162

5.3 Football Prices 2003/2004: There was further discussion into the prices that should be charged for the current season. Cllr Keene proposed and Cllr Lewis seconded the motion that, Sherington Football Club should be invoiced for £100 for their two teams. Sherington Veterans £100 and MK Saints £80. All agreed. Further discussion will take place regarding future prices.

5.4 Parish Partnership Grants: It was proposed by Cllr Hyde and seconded by Cllr Jackson that an application be made for a grant towards the Village Hall path.

5.5 Precept 2004/2005: It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Burton that the Precept for the year 2004/2005 be set at £10,500. All agreed.

6. BUS SHELTER REPAIRS: Cllr Lewis advised that there was damage to the roof tiles and mortar on the bus shelter, also that the inside was in dirty condition, with graffiti. The Council are advised that the offending tree branch has been removed and the inside cleaned. Thanks to Mr P Smith and Mr Pepper for carrying out this work. Clerk will have the repairs carried out.

7. STONEPITS CLOSE LICENCE: (Cllr Cook left the meeting at this point). A second draft had been circulated and the contents generally accepted. Clerk will draft the notes for distribution with the licence and circulate before the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**


8. PLANNING MATTERS:

03/00231 & 00232 Mercers Farm There are no objections to this application.

9. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES: (Cllr Cook returned to the meeting). The continued publication of Minutes was discussed. Cllr Jackson proposed and Cllr Hyde seconded that for the time being the village website continues to be used for this purpose. A vote was taken, 4 in favour, 2 abstentions.

10. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

There is an Open Meeting of Thames Valley Police at the Olney Centre on 18th February.
Rural Affairs Committee: Next Meeting to be held at Hanslope on 19th February.



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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from Mr I Collinge regarding the publicity of the Cycle Path meeting and other matters. Councillors are concerned at the contents of this e-mail and will reply in due course.

Gateway Feature: Letter from Milton Keynes Council advising that they would like to put a gateway feature at the entrances to the village, with new village signs and road markings. The Council are asked to choose which colours they would like to see this in. It was agreed by all that a green base with white lettering was appropriate.

Anglian Water: Reply to our letter asking whether they would like to attend a meeting to explain the current situation (in particular to Water Lane). They do not think this is necessary and have made various comments about future work which are not altogether clear. Cllr Keene will speak to Anglian Water and attempt to clarify. **ACTION: Cllr Keene**

Best Value Review Working Group: This Council will make no nomination.

Distribution of MKC Parish Newsletter: Letter asking whether Councillors would like individual copies sent – not required.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Perry Lane Recreation Area: Mr Tofts has great concerns about the amount of dog dirt, in and around the swings and playing field. More signs will be put up. The pavilion is in poor condition. The Parish Council do intend to give this area future attention.

Speed Activated Devices: Mr Hulston asked whether these are to be permanent fixtures. Council advised that these are only used for very short periods as the effect reduces if left up too long. They are put up as part of the Speedcheck Campaign (also signs).

Chestnut Trees: Mr Ferris asked whether the problem had been positively identified as he had seen an article on Sudden Oak Death Disease which can affect chestnuts. Clerk will speak to Tree Surgeons and Milton Keynes Council again about this. **ACTION: Clerk**

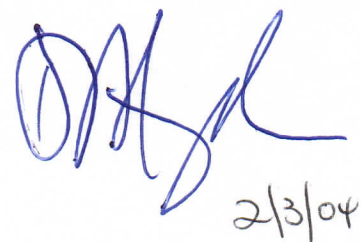
13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings: Cllr Cook had been asked to investigate the availability and reported that the 1st Tuesday of each month was free (apart from Knitting Group). This will be looked into further.

Verge Outside Manor Farm: Cllr Hyde advised that this was being worn away, possibly by heavy vehicles turning.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on 2nd March 2004 in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.



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MONTHLY BALANCE
2nd March 2004**

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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

04/02/04 c/forward		£	10,936.43
16/02/04 New City Saints	Football 2003/2004	£	80.00
27/02/04 Sherington Vets	Football 2003/2004	£	100.00
02/03/04 Sherington FC	Football 2003/2004	£	100.00
	SUB TOTAL	£	11,216.43
02/03/04 HSBC	Transfer to current	£	5,250.00
	TOTAL	£	5,966.43

TREASURER ACCOUNT

04/02/04 c/forward		£	628.93
29/02/04 HSBC	Interest	£	0.03
02/03/04 HSBC	Transfer	£	5,250.00
	Total Income	£	5,878.96
03/02/04 Village Hall	Meeting Hire	Cheque 101160	£ 10.50
03/02/04 MK Council	School Hire	Cheque 101161	£ 120.00
03/02/04 J Sharp	Salary	Cheque 101162	£ 176.50
	Total Expences	£	307.00
	BALANCE	£	5,571.96

TOTAL BALANCE @ 2nd MARCH 2004

£11,538.39

Signed
Signed



Chairman
Clerk/RFO

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SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY CHEQUES
MARCH 2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
02/03/04	Sports Ground Srvs	Tree Surgery	681.50	101163
02/03/04	RJS	Bus Shelter Repairs	30.00	101164
02/03/04	J Sharp	Clerks Salary	176.50	101165
02/03/04	J Sharp	Clerks Expenses Dec-Mar	30.67	101166
02/03/04	MK Council	Dog Bin Emptying	615.89	101167
02/03/04	MK Council	Basketball Area	4,014.00	101168

£5,548.56

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2004 at the School.

PRESENT: Cllr David Hyde (Chair), Cllr Bill Lewis, Cllr Bob Finn, Cllr Peter Burton, Cllr Sarah Jackson, Cllr Pat Seymour (Milton Keynes Council).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr David Keene, Cllr Peter Cook.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2004 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Multi Activity Area: This area has now been completed.

4.2 Village Appraisal: Forms have been sent out to village organisations, who have been asked to return them by mid march. Councillors will then meet to collate the responses.

4.3 Village Trees: The tree surgery has been carried out. Moth beetle was detected in some Poplar trees in the village hall play area. Clerk will speak to Milton Keynes Council tree expert about the seriousness of this.

ACTION: Clerk

4.4 Perry Lane Recreation Area: Approx 30 residents attended the public meeting to discuss this area. A list of possible improvements has been drawn up, to include further repairs and improvements to the pavilion, the possible fencing of the childrens play area, together with further on site parking.

ACTION: Cllr Burton

4.5 Village Repairs: Andy McPherson has eventually sent a list of the faults in the village detected at the last Highways inspection (believed to have been last year). Cllr Hyde will now check whether any of these faults have since been rectified and chase any still outstanding. There are still loose covers on Anglian Water points on the grass verge (junction of Crofts End and School Lane). Clerk will chase these again. The pole top inspection had been carried out by EMEB last week, the report has not yet been received. Cllr Jackson had been advised that undergrounding of cables only takes place when poles are no longer safe. Cllr Keene had spoken to Anglian Water following their letter last month and had sent a report stating that a bid was being made to OFWAT for funding. If this is successful (will be known in November), then Water Lane should be one of the areas to benefit, during the next five years.

ACTION: Cllr Hyde/Clerk

4.4 Parish Council Meeting Place/Minutes: It had now been established that the village hall would be suitable for council meetings. The cost would be £5.25 per hour. It was proposed by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Finn, that subject to the consent of the School, meetings from May onwards be held at the Village Hall. All agreed. A discussion took place regarding the legality of publishing minutes before they are approved by the Council. No decision was made, this will be discussed again next month.

ACTION: Clerk

4.7 Stonepits Close: Clerk had circulated the proposed notes to be sent out with the draft licence. It was agreed that these were acceptable. Clerk will now advertise the letting of this land.

4.8 Bus Shelter: This has now been repaired.

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4.9 Cycle Path Route: Clerk has sent several e-mails to Richard Duffill, but has received no reply.

4.10 Dog Fouling: After discussion, it had been agreed that a designated dog walking area in the Perry Lane Recreation field, was not the way forward, instead the council should be looking to stop all dogs being walked in this area. The gate will once more be padlocked and NO DOGS signs will be put up.

5. FINANCE:

5.1 The current balances are £5,966.43 in the Enterprise Account and £5,571.96 in the Treasurer Account.

5.2 Cheques: It was agreed that the following cheques be signed:

Sports Ground Services	Tree Surgery	£681.50	Cheque 101163
RJS	Bus Shelter Repair	£30.00	Cheque 101164
J Sharp	Clerks Salary	£176.50	Cheque 101165
J Sharp	Clerks Expenses	£30.67	Cheque 101166
MK Council	Dog Bins	£615.89	Cheque 101167
MK Council	Basketball Area	£4014.00	Cheque 101168
P Burton	Stationery	£13.65	Cheque 101169
S Jackson	Stationery	£5.84	Cheque 101170

5.3 Mowing Contract:

Five tenders had been returned, the lowest of these being DC Blunt at £1,573.20 (net). It was proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Burton that contract be awarded to DC Blunt. All agreed.

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

04/000092	Rowan Cottage, 1 & 3 Park Road	No objections
04/00014	Sherington Manor	No objections
04/000289	27 Church Road	No objections
03/02189	Willow House, Church End.	We have been advised that this had been granted

7. EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Distraction Burglary Presentation: This was well attended and very well presented by WPC Clare Westrop.

Thames Valley Police-Open Meeting in Olney: This was well attended. Police advised that they are experiencing drug problems, which come with the size and population of Milton Keynes. They do, however have less officers than other similar sized towns.

Police Liaison Meeting: This will be held on Thursday 4th March at Newport Pagnell. Cllr Jackson will try and attend in the absence of Cllr Lewis.

Listening Evening on Landscape Contracts: This will be held on Thursday 4th March at the Civic Offices.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Residential Parking Grants 2004: In order to apply for a grant to improve parking, the Parish Council needs to contribute at least 50% of any proposed work. The Parish Council has no funds in the budget for the forthcoming year for this purpose, therefore will be unable to apply.

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9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Village Repairs: Mr J Cook asked that a list be maintained by the Parish Council, of outstanding repairs in the village.

Street Lights: Mr Hulston reported a street light that was not working (also two at the Mound).

Bus Timetables: Mr Sims reported that these had not been delivered due to the carrier cost. He has now agreed to collect from Milton Keynes Council. Mr Sims also advised that the London bus will not be coming through the village, effective from April 2004.

Gun Lane Speed Limit: Mrs Graham asked when the new speed limit will be introduced. Clerk advised that The new traffic orders do appear to take a very long time to implement, but this will be chased.

Fly Tipping: Mr Sims asked who these incidents should be reported to, Clerk advised that she should be informed.

Green Slow Signs on Road: Mrs Graham was advised that the village is to have these shortly.

Dog Bin – Gun Lane: Mrs Graham asked whether a bin could be installed. The cost of purchase and installation of a bin is approx £100, + £145.60 per year to empty. This item will be put on next months Agenda for discussion.

Mowing in Hill View: Mr Ranger asked for clarification of who was responsible for the mowing. Clerk advised that Milton Keynes Council contractors covered all the grass in front of the council bungalows. There was also a question about overhanging trees. If Clerk is notified, then a letter can be written to residents concerned.

Village Hall Path: Mrs Graham asked about the current situation. Parish Council has applied for a Parish Partnership Grant towards this work. It will not be known until May whether this has been successful.

10. COUNCILLORS ITEMS:

Basketball Area: Cllr Burton advised that the Youth Club are planning fund raising to buy seating for this area.

Playing Fields Association: Cllr Burton requested that the Parish Council consider joining this association, as there could be funding benefits. This will be put on the next Agenda.

Moving of 30mph Signs: Cllr Burton asked whether the signs at the entrance to the village, could be moved to wards Newport, when the new gateway feature is installed. This is not possible, as new traffic orders need to be implemented and can take a very long time.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on 6th April 2004 in the School at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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