

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th April 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs David Hyde (Chair), Bill Lewis (Vice Chair), Peter Cook, Peter Herbert, Peter Burton and David Keene

ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk), Pat Seymour (MKC) and 8 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Finn.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Burton declared an interest in the Sherington Residents Management Group item and Cllr Cook declared an interest in the Sherington Shooting Ground planning application.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

### 4.1. Under grounding and street lighting in village.

**4.1.1. Street lighting.** Lorraine Calcott confirmed that she should have completed the design for the new lights within two weeks. It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Lewis would then meet with Lorraine in Sherington to review the design. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting.**

**4.1.2. Future works and Water Lane.** The cables are now all down in Water Lane and some poles have been removed. Central Networks have planned work in April at the end of Water Lane near the High Street. The main undergrounding work in the High Street is scheduled to start in July.

**4.2. Village Hall footpath.** The Clerk is still waiting to hear from John Cook whether the Village Hall Trustees have met. **ACTION: Clerk to chase.**

## 5. ~~MATTERS ARISING~~ VILLAGE REPAIRS

**5.1. Gas pipeline – Transco/Murphy repairs.** The clerk reported that Nick Brown had confirmed that Transco had completed most of their repairs. Cllr Lewis commented that the stopcocks opposite the gas pumping station looked unfinished. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**

**5.2. Anglian Water – Water Lane repairs.** The man hole covers were now being replaced with sealed covers. The Chair raised comments from a resident that there had been a further sewer leak over the weekend. The Clerk reported that Ian Norton at Anglian Water had not been informed of this leak. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**

**5.3. Pavilion shutters.** The Clerk reported that a further quote had been received from John Risby for the Pavilion shutters. This quote was lower than the previous quote as it was for 2 shutters rather than the 3 originally quoted for. The councillors discussed whether the toughened glass should be replaced rather than fit shutters. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

**5.4. Bus Shelter.** The Clerk is awaiting a response from a contractor that has been contacted to carry out the necessary repairs. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**

**5.5. High Street Ditches.** The Clerk reported that the ditch opposite Manor Farm had been cleared but the pipes still needed jetting. A map had been obtained that

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showed the appropriate landowners to contact regarding the clearance of the High Street ditches. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

- 5.6. Sherington Bridge Ditch.** Cllr Cook agreed to clear the ditch at Sherington Bridge T-junction adjacent to the left hand triangle. **ACTION: Cllr Cook**

### 6. OWNERSHIP OF THE KNOLL AND STONEPITS CLOSE

The Clerk reported that the Land Registry had responded regarding the ownership of The Knoll and Stonepits Close. They confirmed that various statutory forms required completion and further documentation was necessary. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

### 7. SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Council regretted the decision to close the Youth Club but were aware of the recent nuisance caused by a minority. The Chair agreed to speak to Jane Coles on her return from holiday and also consider approaching the Youth Service at MKC for advice and guidance. **ACTION: Chair and Clerk to progress**

### 8. THE KNOLL

**8.1 Flags.** The Council agreed that a flag would be flown at The Knoll on April 23<sup>rd</sup> St Georges Day. **ACTION: Cllr Cook**

**8.2 May Day.** Sherington CE First School should be contacted and asked to confirm whether they have adequate insurance cover in place for their May Day celebrations. They should also be informed about the new electricity arrangements. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.** It was also agreed that as the visitors from Sameon would be in Sherington that weekend the Tricolour would be flown. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**

**8.3 Plant Sale.** The Chair had received a letter from Jackie Inskipp regarding the SCAN Parish Plant Sale to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. It was agreed that she should be contacted to confirm that adequate insurance cover would be in place for the event.

### 9. BUS SHELTER

Cllr Burton reported that he had been approached by residents asking whether a bus shelter could be built next to the school. They confirmed that many children and parents use this bus stop. The Council agreed that before approaching nearby residents or MKC, the school should be contacted for their comments **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

### 10. PROMS IN THE PARK

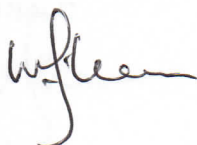
Cllr Lewis provided an update on this upcoming event. He confirmed that adequate insurance cover was in place, the village hall had been booked for use of the toilet facilities and publicity was beginning. The issue of parking was raised and it was suggested that the police were contacted for advice. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis.** The possible need for a central diary was raised. This would help avoid any key village events being booked on the same day.

### 11. SHERINGTON RESIDENTS MANAGEMENT GROUP

**11.1 Management Committee.** The second meeting to set up the management committee was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March. The SRMG has pointed out that the Parish Council must make suitable arrangements for managing the Sports Ground facilities ideally through a management committee.

**11.2 Perry Lane Sports Ground progress.** All major works complete except pavilion upgrade. Awaiting new signs, waste bins and picnic table. The area

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behind the garages now needs turfing. The Parish Council approved this and consequently the work will be put in hand. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to progress**

- 11.3 Development plan.** This will be discussed at the next SRMG meeting and a final draft will be available early May.
- 11.4 Pavilion extension.** The SRMG requested that the Parish Council appoint an architectural practice and the SRMG will brief them on the details. **Action: Clerk**
- 11.5 Business plan.** The SRMG advised that the Parish Council along with the Management Committee should prepare the business plan. Unless a suitable committee is set up then then Phase 3 will not be able to go ahead.
- 11.6 School.** Sherington CE First School have been given two keys to the Pavilion.

### 12. PERRY LANE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Football Club.** The fees for the 2005/06 season were still outstanding despite 2 letters and an invoice. It was agreed to write to the Club and ask them to advise the council of the date of their last fixture after which they must return the pavilion keys to the clerk. They will then be asked to meet with the Council to discuss arrangements for the 2006/07 season. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
- 12.2 Football pitch.** Concern was raised over the maintenance of the football pitch. Interest in playing games on the pitch had been received from Argos and MK Saints. With Argos wishing to play games up until early August the timeframe in which the pitch could be treated was limited. It was agreed to seek advice from MK Council on maintenance. **Action: Clerk to arrange**
- 12.3 Open day.** It had been agreed to postpone this to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June in order to give more time to establish a management committee and to organise activities. This date coincided with the weekend of the Church flower festival, open gardens and Proms in the Park.
- 12.4 Thanks.** The Chair once again thanked Peter Burton and the SRMG for their continued efforts in developing the Sports and Recreation ground.
- 12.5 Insurance.** Cllr Burton had been unable to contact Phillip Snell (MKC) regarding insurance of the new equipment to confirm that it would be covered by MKC. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 12.6 Management arrangements.** Cllr Herbert remarked that the Parish Council needed to ensure that they respond to action points raised by the SRMG. He also commented on the need for the council to take a greater involvement in establishing the Management Committee. Cllr Herbert offered his assistance in this and it was agreed that an action plan should be presented at the May meeting of the council. **ACTION: Cllr Herbert**

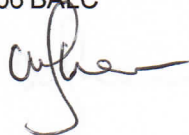
### 13. FINANCE

- 13.1 Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £20,880.39; Treasurer Account £7,203.85. This reflected the receipt of £6,882.00 Community Network Fund, £442.50 Parish Partnership Fund and a £50.00 donation from HSBC for the Perry Lane development.

- 13.2 Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|                        |                              |   |        |        |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| 04/04/06 A H Contracts | Dog bins                     | £ | 41.36  | 101323 |
| 04/04/06 Alan Scripps  | Perry Lane Ascot fencing     | £ | 875.00 | 101324 |
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| 04/04/06 L Bruce              | Clerks salary            | £ | 253.05    | 101331 |
| 04/04/06 L Bruce              | Clerks expenses          | £ | 20.86     | 101332 |
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It was noted that cheques 101340 to 101342 would not be issued until funding of £18,414.00 had been received from Shanks. This was due to be received on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. (This money has now been received.)

**13.3 Purchase orders for approval.** At the March meeting Cllr Herbert required further information before he could give his approval to the Perry Lane purchase orders. The councillors delegated authority to the Chair to approve the orders after the meeting when Cllr Herbert confirmed he was satisfied with the funding in place. This has now been done.

**13.4 Internal Audit Plans.** It was noted that Wendy Austyn would prepare the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 and organise the internal audit.

**13.5 MKC Sustainability Grant.** The Clerk reported that the council might be able to apply for funding up to £1,000.00 for projects that promote or action sustainable living. The nature study area at Perry Lane may fall under this category. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

#### 14. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Clerk presented data from the SIDs that had recently been positioned in the village. The speeds at Crofts End and Sherington Bridge were reasonable, but there were much higher speeds reported at the High Street from cars approaching from Olney. The clerk is awaiting comments from Matthew Hooks (MKC) on whether the data from this site will be investigated further. It was agreed that Kevin Whiteside (MKC) be asked to respond to this data when presenting the proposed cycle path route. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

#### 15. PLANNING

##### 15.1 06/00234/LBC 3 The Knoll

No comments.

##### 15.2 06/00120/MIN Shooting Ground

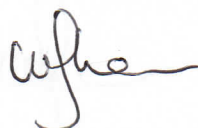
The Chair commented that the council had received further correspondence from Kirkby & Diamond and the noise consultant who both provided further information in response to concerns raised by councillors at the March meeting.

The Chair also commented that the application contained a technical inaccuracy as 2(c) asked whether the applicant owned any adjacent land. This had been marked as "Yes" but the applicant is J&L Groundworks who do not own the adjacent land.

The application was discussed and the councillors concluded that they would not be able to support the application due to the following points:

- They cannot see the need for bunding due to the lack of complaints

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- The nuisance of the work over 3 years from the lorry movements with little to show for it at the end of that period
- Loss of visual amenity re views west from the village

The Chair noted that the council had not been copied in on any written correspondence from residents regarding the application. This information was to be conveyed to Milton Keynes Council as part of the PC's comments on the planning application. The Chair also noted the council had not received a request from the applicant for permission to cross Stonepits for access.

### 16. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 16.1 **Community Safety Forum Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** Cllr Lewis attended and commented that although it involved interesting discussions there was nothing significant for our community.
- 16.2 **MKNECAF 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Cllr Hyde attended. Topics covered included waste management, the role of parish liaison and the closure of the postal delivery offices in Newport Pagnell and Olney.

### 17. CORRESPONDENCE

- 17.1 **Police Liaison.** Cllr Lewis noted a forthcoming meeting on Police and the Community that he may attend.
- 17.2 **Retirements.** It was noted that Alex Miller and Bernard Perkins are both retiring from MKC. It was agreed to write to them to thank them for their help and wish them well in their retirement. **Action: Clerk to arrange**

### 18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 18.1 A resident commented on planning application at 10 Crofts End. The Chair noted that this will be on the May agenda.
- 18.2 A resident commented on the lack of development at the mound. **ACTION: Clerk to chase.**
- 18.3 Pat Seymour noted the date of a meeting to be held by Your Energy at Emberton Pavilion on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm re the wind farm application.
- 18.4 The representative from J&L Groundworks (the applicant for the Shooting Ground bunding application) queried whether MKC would be notified of how individual councillors had voted on the bunding application.
- 18.5 A resident commented on the lack of facilities in the village for pensioners. The Chair noted that the council would welcome any ideas.

### 19. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 19.1 Cllr Keene noted that there was a large gap in the fence between the village hall playing field and the Old Rectory garden. **Action: Chair to contact J Hine**
- 19.2 Cllr Hyde had found a book of commemoration regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Parish Council and proposed to pass it on to the Historical Society.
- 19.3 Cllr Lewis noted that he would arrange a meeting with the new rural beat officer, Andy Perry and discuss any relevant issues.

### 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council would precede this at 7:00pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
4th April 2006**

|   |                     | INCOME            | EXPENDITURE       | Cheque<br>No. |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b><u>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</u></b> |                     |                   |                   |               |
| 07/03/06 B/forward                        |                     |                   | £                 | 19,921.34     |
| 08/03/06 MKC                              | PPG                 | £ 442.50          |                   |               |
| 09/03/06 HSBC                             | Perry Lane donation | £ 50.00           |                   |               |
| 20/03/06 HSBC                             | Community Network   | £ 6,882.00        |                   |               |
| 31/03/06 HSBC                             | Interest            | £ 84.55           |                   |               |
| 03/04/06 HSBC                             | Transfer            |                   | £ 6,500.00        |               |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>     | <b>£ 7,459.05</b> | <b>£ 6,500.00</b> |               |
| 04/04/06 C/forward                        |                     |                   | £                 | 20,880.39     |

| <b><u>TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286</u></b> |                                      |                   |                 |                  |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 07/03/06 B/forward                       |                                      |                   | £               | 1,537.60         |
| 07/03/06 A H Contracts                   | Dog Bins                             |                   | £ 41.36         | 101314           |
| 07/03/06 Peter Burton                    | Keys to gate at Perry Lane           |                   | £ 7.00          | 101315           |
| 07/03/06 Sherington Village Hall         | Hall Hire                            |                   | £ 44.00         | 101316           |
| 07/03/06 L Bruce                         | Clerk's Salary                       |                   | £ 173.40        | 101317           |
| 07/03/06 W Austyn                        | Clerk's Salary                       |                   | £ 256.63        | 101318           |
| 07/03/06 Bill Bethune                    | Architectural Services               |                   | £ 244.50        | 101321           |
| 07/03/06 N Beal                          | Cleaning                             |                   | £ 66.94         | 101322           |
| 31/03/06 HSBC                            | Interest                             | £ 0.08            |                 |                  |
| 04/04/06 HSBC                            | Transfer                             | £ 6,500.00        |                 |                  |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                      | <b>£ 6,500.08</b> | <b>£ 833.83</b> |                  |
| 04/04/06 C/forward                       |                                      |                   | £               | 7,203.85         |
|  | <b>Bank Balance @ 4th April 2006</b> |                   | <b>£</b>        | <b>28,084.24</b> |

*Unpresented Cheques:*

|                        |                   |        |  |        |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|--------|
| 07/03/06 Land Registry | Water Lane Ditch  | £4.00  |  | 101319 |
| 07/03/06 Land Registry | Stonepits / Knoll | £30.00 |  | 101320 |

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| 04/04/06 W Austyn          | Clerks salary                | £ 81.47    |  | 101339 |

**Subtotal    £            -            £6,226.20**

**Parish Council Funds @ 4th April 2006**

**£ 21,858.04**

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Prepared by L Bruce - Clerk

**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PROJECTED BALANCE  
10th April 2006**

**Parish Council Funds @ 4th April 2006**

|                               | INCOME          | EXPENDITURE        | Cheque No.       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                               |                 | £                  | <b>21,858.04</b> |
| 07/04/06 Funding from Shanks  | £ 18,414.00     |                    |                  |
| 10/04/06 Matta                |                 | £ 8,377.01         | 101340           |
| 10/04/06 Play-ground supplies |                 | £ 11,621.63        | 101341           |
| 10/04/06 Playworld systems    |                 | £ 9,637.21         | 101342           |
|                               |                 |                    |                  |
|                               | <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>£ 29,635.85</b> |                  |

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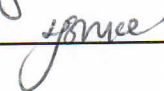
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MONTHLY BALANCE  
2nd May 2006**

|   |                 | INCOME             | EXPENDITURE        | Cheque<br>No. |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b><u>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</u></b> |                 |                    |                    |               |
| 04/04/06 B/forward                        |                 |                    | £ 20,880.39        |               |
| 07/04/06 HSBC                             | Shanks          | £ 18,414.00        |                    |               |
| 11/04/06 HSBC                             | Transfer        |                    | £ 30,000.00        |               |
| 13/04/06 MKC                              | Precept         | £ 9,056.50         |                    |               |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>£ 27,470.50</b> | <b>£ 30,000.00</b> |               |
| 02/05/06 C/forward                        |                 |                    | £ 18,350.89        |               |

**TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286**

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| 30/04/06 HSBC                 | Interest                           | £ 2.00             |                    |        |
|                               | <b>Subtotal</b>                    | <b>£ 30,002.00</b> | <b>£ 35,832.05</b> |        |
| 02/05/06 C/forward            |                                    |                    | £ 1,373.80         |        |
|                               | <b>Bank Balance @ 2nd May 2006</b> |                    | <b>£ 19,724.69</b> |        |

*Unpresented Cheques:*

|                        |                   |  |        |        |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|
| 07/03/06 Land Registry | Stonepits / Knoll |  | £30.00 | 101320 |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|

*Cheques for payment this month:*

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|--------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|--------|
| 02/05/06 L Bruce         | Clerks salary     |  | £ 261.01 | 101344 |
| 02/05/06 L Bruce         | Clerks expenses   |  | £ 30.74  | 101345 |
| 02/05/06 Swintex Limited | Waste bins        |  | £ 328.17 | 101346 |
| 02/05/06 W Austyn        | Clerks expenses   |  | £ 8.72   | 101347 |
| 02/05/06 W Austyn        | Clerks salary     |  | £ 37.76  | 101348 |
| 02/05/06 N Beal          | Pavilion cleaning |  | £ 63.00  | 101349 |

**Subtotal    £                    -                    £759.40**

**Parish Council Funds @ 2nd May 2006**

**£ 18,965.29**

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ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk), Pat Seymour (MKC) and 4 public.

## 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Keene nominated Cllr Lewis as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Finn. There were no other nominations for Chairman and Cllr Lewis accepted the position.

Cllr Burton nominated Cllr Hyde as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Cook. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairman and Cllr Hyde accepted the position.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Herbert.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Burton declared an interest in the Sherington Residents Management Group item and Cllr Cook declared an interest in item 15.2.

## 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

After the title of item 5 was changed to "Village Repairs" and item 5.6 was changed to read "Cllr Cook agreed to clear the ditch at Sherington Bridge T-junction adjacent to the left hand "triangle" ", the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

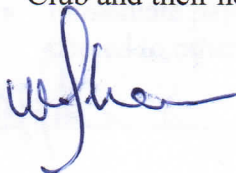
### 5.1. Street lighting in village.

The next phase of undergrounding will start in the High Street followed by Crofts End. At this point the new lights will start to be installed. Lorraine Calcott (MKC) has prepared a plan for the new lights and she will present this to councillors at a meeting that has been arranged for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Lorraine should be contacted to see whether she could provide details of the lighting plan in advance of this meeting, ideally in electronic format, in order that all the councillors can review it before the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

5.2. **Village Hall footpath.** A letter had been received from the Village Hall Trustees who state that they are unable to approve the construction of a footpath alongside the Village Hall. The councillors expressed their disappointment at this decision, especially as the original request for the footpath had come from a number of village groups. Councillors also expressed frustration that the Trustees had agreed to have drawings prepared for such a path at the Parish Council's expense. It was agreed that a reply would be sent to the Village Hall Trustees. A note would be put in SCAN to let residents know of this decision. **ACTION: Clerk to draft letter and Cllr Hyde to include in SCAN notes.**

5.3. **Youth Club.** Cllr Hyde had spoken to Jane Coles who explained the reasons for closing the Youth Club. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May between Cllr Hyde, Jane Coles and a representative of the Milton Keynes Youth Service to discuss future options for the Youth Club. Cllrs Lewis and Keene would also attend if possible. The Council indicated their support for the Youth Club and their hope that it will be started again in the near future.

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- 5.4. **The Mound.** Pat Seymour indicated that it might be possible to have a waste bin installed at The Mound. It was felt that waste bins can sometimes encourage rubbish. It was agreed to ask MKC to install a waste bin on a trial basis.

### 6. VILLAGE REPAIRS

- 6.1. **Gas pipeline – Transco/Murphy repairs.** Repairs have started on the stopcocks opposite the gas pumping station. An update on progress regarding the Gun Lane triangle and the verge opposite Bakers Farm on the High Street was needed and Nick Brown should be contacted. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
- 6.2. **Anglian Water – Water Lane repairs.** No further leaks have been reported.
- 6.3. **Pavilion windows.** It was reported that there had been further breaks to two windows at the pavilion. A quote for toughened glass replacement to the windows at the front had been obtained which was significantly cheaper than the quotes for shutters. Councillors agreed to replace all the broken windows with toughened glass and monitor future breaks. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to arrange**
- 6.4. **Bus Shelter.** The contractor that had expressed an interest in doing maintenance work for the council is currently working outside Sherington. An alternative contact was chosen and councillors agreed that he should be contacted as soon as possible to carry out the repairs. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
- 6.5. **Ditches.** The ditch at Sherington Bridge T-junction adjacent to the left hand triangle still needs clearing. **ACTION: Cllr Cook to arrange**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm for Pat Seymour to address the councillors and public. She reported on the work that she had done for Sherington Ward during the year. This included the following:

- Opposing Option 6 of the Milton Keynes Partnership development plan. This option included significant development between Moulsoe and North Crawley. It was felt that MKC would now favour a combination of Option 1 and 4 that included more development within inner Milton Keynes.
- Opposing the proposed wind farm at Petsoe End. The proposal is for 7 turbines that will stand 125m high. Pat reported that the grants received by firms such as Your Energy to build wind farms often equate to the cost of the electricity generated. The plan is expected to be submitted end May / beginning June.
- Liaising between Sherington Residents Management Group and MKC over the Perry Lane development. Pat wished the SRMG luck with Phase III.
- Keeping pressure on MKC to keep the Mound clear of rubbish that continues to build up. MKC were now clearing rubbish within 7 days of it being reported.
- Arranging for MKC to inspect the repairs by Anglian Water in Water Lane.
- Various pieces of casework for local residents

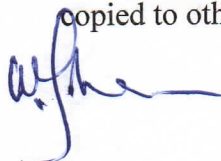
Pat reported that she was pleased to work with the Council on behalf of the residents. The Chair thanked Pat Seymour for all her work. The meeting was reconvened at 8:10pm.

### 7. FOOTBALL CLUBS

- 7.1 **Sherington Football Club.** Cllr Hyde had asked Jason Giller to contact him a week earlier to discuss the way forward but no reply had been received. The fees for the 2005/06 season remain outstanding. It was agreed that a letter should be written to Jason and copied to the chairman and manager. The letter should include a request for:

- immediate payment of the £250 for the 2005/06 fees. This letter should be copied to other contacts within the club;

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- the return of the keys to the pavilion, storage hut and security gates, and
- the fees for the 2006/07 season to be paid on collection of the keys for the first game of the new season.

The club will be given 14 days to respond. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**  
*Post meeting note from clerk - £240 has now been received. The additional £10 will be requested.*

**7.2 Argos.** The first game to be played by Argos was this evening and the council had been informed that the team had been unable to open the security gates, as the keys that had been cut from the original did not work. It was agreed that from now on the gates would be locked open. Posts would need to be installed to lock the gates to. **ACTION: Cllrs Burton and Cook to investigate**

**7.3 New City Saints.** The chair of the club, Mike Ovenden, had been on holiday and was unable to attend the council meeting this evening. It was agreed that a meeting must be arranged with him before the next Parish Council meeting.  
**ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

## 8. CYCLE PATH

Earlier in the evening Richard Duffill (MKC) had dropped off the plans for the cycle path into Sherington. After an initial review, councillors noted that the costings of an off-road track along part of Alban Hill had not been included. The plans were put into circulation and comments should be given to the clerk who will forward them to Richard. These comments should be copied to Kevin Whiteside, Pat Seymour and Caroline Godfrey. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

## 9. PROMS IN THE PARK UPDATE

There was no further progress to report as time had been taken up with a visit from residents of Sameon. Before the next meeting the Chair will liaise with the police over parking at the event. **ACTION: Chair to progress**

## 10. OPEN MORNING SHERINGTON RECREATION FIELD

Date now set as Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Betty Feasey has been asked whether she can include details of the Open Morning at the Perry lane Field on the map she is preparing for the Open Gardens Weekend. Residents will be encouraged to come along between 11am and 1pm. Refreshments will be made available – councillors approved expenditure of up to £50 for this. A note will be put in SCAN. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to include in SCAN notes**

## 11. SHERINGTON RESIDENTS MANAGEMENT GROUP

**11.1 Management Committee.** Due to lack of attendance at the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March it was not possible to establish a committee. Jeff Charles expressed a wish to continue to be involved at the future activities at Perry Lane.

**11.2 Perry Lane Sports Ground progress.** Waste bins and turfing to be done by Raymond Graham. It was suggested that the low bund of reclaimed earth should be removed and levelled otherwise it may attract tipping. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to liaise with Cllr Cook**

**11.3 Football Club.** The SRMG in agreement with proposals regarding SFC.

**11.4 Pitch maintenance.** Advice has now been received and matters are in hand to progress. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**

**11.5 Pavilion extension / Multi Sport Arena.** Agreed to see what village support there is at the Open Day before any further commitment is made on these new facilities.

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- 11.6 **School.** Ongoing use of environment area handed over to Sherington CE First School. Raymond Graham indicated he would be prepared to maintain area for first 6 months prior to an active management committee being operational.
- 11.7 **Business plan / financial account.** Parish Council will be requested to produce a draft of the business plan that will be needed if and when further funding is sought for Phase III.
- 11.8 **Jubilee account.** If Phase III is actioned then it may prove beneficial for the SRMG to have their own bank account instead of being amalgamated into the village jubilee account.
- 11.9 **Future of SRMG.** Group will continue to meet and monitor the future until Phase III is reached.

### 12. PERRY LANE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A management committee was still not in place. Cllr Burton suggested the parish council "employ" a caretaker who could be paid a nominal amount to maintain the new facilities. There would need to be a job specification. Parish Liaison should be consulted over any employment issues. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Parish Liaison.** Councillors approved the "employment" of this new caretaker role. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to draw up job specification**

### 13. FINANCE

13.1 **Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £18,350.89; Treasurer Account £1,373.80. Receipts during the month included parish precept £9,056.50 and Shanks funding of £18,414.00

13.2 **Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|                          |                 |   |        |        |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|--------|--------|
| 02/05/06 L Bruce         | Clerks salary   | £ | 261.01 | 101344 |
| 02/05/06 L Bruce         | Clerks expenses | £ | 30.74  | 101345 |
| 02/05/06 Swintex Limited | Waste bins      | £ | 328.17 | 101346 |
| 02/05/06 W Austyn        | Clerks expenses | £ | 8.72   | 101347 |
| 02/05/06 W Austyn        | Clerks salary   | £ | 37.76  | 101348 |
| 02/05/06 N Beal          | Cleaning        | £ | 63.00  | 101349 |

13.3 **Insurance.** The Clerk reported that the new benches and shelters at Perry Lane had been added to the insurance policy. The new play equipment was expected to be covered under MK Council's maintenance and insurance programme, but final confirmation was awaited from Phillip Snell at MKC.

13.4 **MKC Sustainability Grant.** The Clerk reported that Sherington CE First School have been contacted to ask what further development they would like that could be applied for under this grant. The deadline for the application is 12<sup>th</sup> May. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

13.5 **Maintenance for Perry Lane Field.** Synergy had been contacted for advice on remedial works to the football pitch. They have provided a "menu" of treatments that can be selected in the future. Their advice for immediate treatment, however, would include verti-drain, overseed 65% of pitch, selective weedkiller and single roll. The cost of this is £683.99 and the council approved this expenditure. **ACTION: Clerk to progress when "official" quote received.**

### 14. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Matthew Hooks at MKC had reported back to the Clerk that the site of significant levels of speeding had been brought to the attention of Thames Valley Police (TVP) road safety department for consideration by mobile enforcement. Residents confirmed that TVP had been doing checks that week and a number of people had been stopped.

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**15. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS****15.1 06/00353/FUL 10 Crofts End**

Councillors felt the proposed extension was an "over development" of the site. This comment would be passed to MKC who would also be asked to take into account comments from residents, one of whom believes that their sewer runs under the proposed extension.

**15.2 06/00521/FUL Manor Farm**

MKC would be asked to ensure that the original access be closed off once the new access is created. Although this was noted in the drawings, it was not noted in the application.

**15.3 06/00234/LBC 3 The Knoll**

Application granted.

**16. EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**16.1 Your Energy wind farm exhibition 25<sup>th</sup> April.** Cllr Hyde attended. Plans for the wind farm showed 7 turbines (originally 10). Photo montages were on view and views of the turbines are clear from Sherington (although it was not clear from where in Sherington the photo was taken). In 25 years the turbines will either have to come down (cost not known) or a new application be submitted. The council will be formally asked for views on the farm when the application is submitted.

**16.2 Lighting Design (Lorraine Calcott) 18<sup>th</sup> May.** Cllrs Lewis & Hyde to attend.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

**17.1 Thames Valley Police.** The Council and residents are invited to put forward a PC who they think deserves recognition for their service to the community.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**18.1** A resident commented on the surface water on Bedford Road near the nursery.

**ACTION: Clerk to chase**

**18.2** A resident asked whether the police had been consulted on the proposed cycle path. **ACTION: Clerk to ask Kevin Whiteside.**

**18.3** A resident asked whether the league that SFC played in would be interested in their non-payment of fees.

**19. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS**

**19.1** Cllr Burton agreed to get a quote for the glass at the pavilion. The insurance policy should be checked to see if we are covered. **ACTION: Clerk to check**

**19.2** Cllr Finn asked whether any funding was available for a new bus shelter outside the school. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate**

**19.3** Cllr Finn asked for any comments on the Village Appraisal to be passed to him as he will prepare an update for the Sept meeting. **ACTION: All Councillors**

**19.4** Cllr Hyde noted that the Sherington Bridge proposal was purely speculative.

**19.5** Cllr Keene thanked Cllrs Hyde and Lewis for their tremendous work, diligence and energy over the past year as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

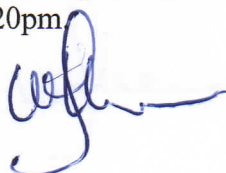
**19.6** Cllr Lewis reported that he would contact the new Police Constable shortly.

**19.7** Cllr Lewis reported that the visit from Sameon residents went well. The visitors had brought a gift of a "windmill" that may be offered to the School.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next two meetings will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
6th June 2006**

|                                    |                      | INCOME          | EXPENDITURE       | Cheque<br>No.    |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</b> |                      |                 |                   |                  |
| 02/05/06 B/forward                 |                      |                 | £                 | 18,350.89        |
| 09/05/06 HSBC                      | Sherington FC        | £ 240.00        |                   |                  |
| 11/05/06 Argos                     | Football 2006        | £ 500.00        |                   |                  |
| 23/05/06 HSBC                      | Pavilion electricity | £ 32.00         |                   |                  |
| 06/06/06 HSBC                      | Transfer             |                 | £ 4,500.00        |                  |
|                                    | <b>Subtotal</b>      | <b>£ 772.00</b> | <b>£ 4,500.00</b> |                  |
| 06/06/06 C/forward                 |                      |                 | £                 | <b>14,622.89</b> |

**TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286**

|                          |                                     |                   |                 |                  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 02/05/06 B/forward       |                                     |                   | £               | 1,373.80         |
| 02/05/06 W Austyn        | Clerks expenses                     |                   | £ 8.72          | 101347           |
| 02/05/06 W Austyn        | Clerks salary                       |                   | £ 37.76         | 101348           |
| 02/05/06 Swintex Limited | Waste bins                          |                   | £ 328.17        | 101346           |
| 02/05/06 N Beal          | Pavilion cleaning                   |                   | £ 63.00         | 101349           |
| 02/05/06 L Bruce         | Clerks salary                       |                   | £ 261.01        | 101344           |
| 02/05/06 L Bruce         | Clerks expenses                     |                   | £ 30.74         | 101345           |
| 31/05/06 HSBC            | Interest                            | £ 0.07            |                 |                  |
| 6/06/06 HSBC             | Transfer                            | £ 4,500.00        |                 |                  |
|                          | <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>£ 4,500.07</b> | <b>£ 729.40</b> |                  |
| 06/06/06 C/forward       |                                     |                   | £               | <b>5,144.47</b>  |
|                          | <b>Bank Balance @ 6th June 2006</b> |                   | <b>£</b>        | <b>19,767.36</b> |

*Unpresented Cheques:*

|                        |                   |  |        |        |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|
| 07/03/06 Land Registry | Stonepits / Knoll |  | £30.00 | 101320 |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|

*Cheques for payment this month:*

|                                       |                    |            |                  |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|--------|
| 06/06/06 N W Gotts                    | Internal audit     |            | £ 60.00          | 101350 |
| 06/06/06 P Burton                     | Keys and locks     |            | £ 66.50          | 101351 |
| 06/06/06 Sherington Village Hall      | Hall Hire          |            | £ 44.00          | 101352 |
| 06/06/06 Sports Ground Services       | Mowing             |            | £ 243.23         | 101353 |
| 06/06/06 Danny Coles                  | Concrete path      |            | £ 885.00         | 101355 |
| 06/06/06 Anglian Water                | Pavilion water     |            | £ 16.97          | 101356 |
| 06/06/06 A H Contracts                | Dog bins           |            | £ 93.06          | 101357 |
| 06/06/06 Alan Scripps                 | Pedestrian gate    |            | £ 245.00         | 101358 |
| 6/06/06 Lara Bruce                    | Clerks salary      |            | £ 235.50         | 101359 |
| 06/06/06 Lara Bruce                   | Clerks expenses    |            | £ 19.13          | 101360 |
| 06/06/06 Allianz Cornhill Insurance p | Insurance renewal  |            | £ 1,175.52       | 101361 |
| 06/06/06 Raymond Graham               | Work at Perry Lane |            | £ 1,050.00       | 101362 |
| 06/06/06 N Beal                       | Pavilion cleaning  |            | £ 78.00          | 101363 |
| 6/6/06 JW Cook                        | Gate posts         |            | £ 146.88         | 101364 |
|                                       | <b>Subtotal</b>    | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£4,241.91</b> |        |

**Parish Council Funds @ 6th June 2006**

**£ 15,525.45**

£ 15,378.57

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Chairman

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Clerk/RFO

Prepared by L Bruce - Clerk

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), David Hyde (Vice Chair), Peter Cook, Bob Finn, Peter Burton and David Keene

ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk) and 3 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Herbert.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lewis declared an interest in the planning items for The Barn and Sherington Shooting Ground. Cllr Keene declared an interest in the planning items for 10 Crofts End and 14 Park Road. Cllr Burton declared an interest in the Sherington Residents Mangement Group item.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

### 4.1. **Underground and street lighting in village.**

The clerk reported that Alec Chinnery from Central Networks has confirmed that the next stage of undergrounding in the High Street followed by Crofts End will now start in September and is expected to be completed by December. Cllrs Lewis and Hyde met with Lorraine Calcott (MKC) on 18<sup>th</sup> May. She presented her plan for the positioning of lights in the village and suggestions for the design of the lights. These items will be circulated among the councillors who can then comment on the design.

It is understood that due to the lights being replaced as a result of the undergrounding of the electricity cables and not because the Parish Council requested new lights, the Parish Council will not be expected to contribute to the cost of the new lights.

### 4.2. **The Mound.** The clerk reported that Ted Smith from STREETCARE has made arrangements for Sherington Mound to be adopted into the North Landscape Maintenance Contract. It will be on a maintain "as is" basis.

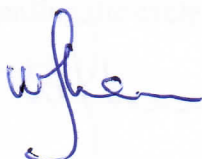
With regards to the installation of a waste bin, Chris Carvell (MKC) has informed the clerk that it is not council policy to install bins into areas that are not visited at least three times a week. This is due to windblown litter, arson, vandalism etc.

### 4.3. **Pavilion windows and shutters.** A quote was received from UK Glazing in Newport Pagnell for replacement windows, mesh and PVCu for the dome. It was agreed to go ahead with the work other than the grills to the front entrance. The total work approved came to £741.76. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

### 4.4. **Bus Shelter Repairs.** A quote was received from David Haycock for £160 for the repairs and maintenance work to the bus shelter. It was agreed to ask David to amend the quote to include painting the sides of the bus shelter above the seat. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

### 4.5. **Ditch.** The ditch opposite Manor Farm is now getting full and the pipes may still need jetting. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**

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- 4.6. **Village Hall footpath.** Cllr Hyde presented the minutes from the prior years Village Hall Management Committee AGM (held on 9/6/05) where it was agreed that a path would be built within 2 to 3 months.

### 5. VILLAGE REPAIRS

- 5.1. **Drainage on Bedford Road.** The clerk reported that Mark Bennett (MKC) had confirmed that this matter has now been passed to him to investigate. The drains installed last year in Bedford Road are on the west side of the road and the water is on the east side so it is unlikely that the new drains are to blame. The water main runs along the east side of the road and this may be leaking. Mark will send Anglian Water an official "Section 81" notice. In addition, there is a ditch that may not have been piped along the east side of Bedford Road and there is also a drain that comes from the corner of a field on the east side and crosses the road. Mark has added jobs to the list of work for both the specialist drain jetting contractor (to be done 1<sup>st</sup> July) and in the drain file for further investigation.

**ACTION: Clerk to chase**

- 5.2. **Hillview repairs.** A letter had been received from residents of Hillview who are concerned with the state of the footpaths and road. They drew attention to the rusty road sign. It was agreed to chase up Ian McGregor with regard to the pilot scheme that he thought might be suitable for Sherington and also request a new road sign. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

*Post meeting note from clerk – Hill View is due to have the footpath resurfaced during 2007/08 according to the 5 year plan for highways repairs in Sherington.*

### 6. FOOTBALL CLUBS

- 6.1 **Sherington Football Club.** An email had been sent to Sherington Football Club (SFC) on 23<sup>rd</sup> May giving members of SFC a choice of four dates to meet with councillors. No date was agreed by SFC, no alternative dates were suggested by SFC and no meeting has taken place. Councillors agreed to withdraw the right for SFC to use the football pitch at Perry Lane with immediate effect. If SFC did wish to use the football pitch for the 2006/07 season then the following action must be taken within 7 days:

- Payment of the remaining £10 that is still owed for the 2005/06 season
- Return of the keys to the pavilion, storage hut and security gates
- Agreement to pay future agreed fees by 31<sup>st</sup> August at which point the keys will be made available to SFC
- Agreement on a date before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 to meet councillors to discuss any future use of the pitch and facilities

**ACTION: Clerk to write to SFC**

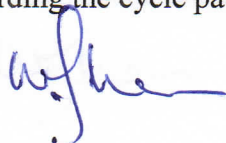
*Post meeting note from clerk – Jason Giller has now paid both the £10 outstanding for the 05/06 season and the £400 agreed for the 06/07 season.*

- 6.2 **Argos.** Payment of £500 has now been received.
- 6.3 **New City Saints.** A meeting with the new secretary of New City Saints Eddy McDermott was arranged for 9pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. **ACTION: Cllrs Hyde and Burton to attend.**
- 6.4 **Goal posts.** An application for funding for new goal posts has been made to the FA but no response has been received as yet. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to chase.**

### 7. CYCLE PATH

The clerk reported that no responses had been received from Richard Duffill for the questions raised after the May meeting and the responses from the councillors regarding the cycle path proposals. Cllr Hyde suggested contacting Caroline Godfrey

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at Parish Liaison who may be able to chase up a response. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

### 8. PROMS IN THE PARK UPDATE

Cllr Lewis reported that all entrances and exits will be marked at the event. Facilities such as toilets, first aid and marshalling will also be available. Electricity will be used from 8a Church Road. With regards to parking it was hoped that the new local PC Andy Perry would attend and give assistance, or in his absence some "Specials" may be available.

### 9. PLAY AREA JUNIOR FOOTBALL PITCH

Cllr Burton drew attention to the poor state of the football pitch at the village hall play area, in particular around the goalmouths where there was now no grass. The only way to prevent this happening in the future is to put down rubber matting. A quote should be sought. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to arrange**

*Post meeting note from clerk – the matta type mat is not suitable. MKC have been contacted for advice.*

### 10. OPEN MORNING SHERINGTON RECREATION FIELD

It was agreed that a couple of councillors should attend this Open Morning. Cllr Keene confirmed he would be able to attend.

### 11. SHERINGTON RESIDENTS MANAGEMENT GROUP

- 11.1 **Perry Lane Sports Ground progress.** All minor works now complete.  
 11.2 **Bowls Club.** SSMBC confirmed that they have not had any feedback from other clubs showing an interest in using an outdoor bowling facility.  
 11.3 **Development plan.** It was agreed to do no further work on this until and when more practical needs arise.  
 11.4 **Future of SRMG.** It was agreed to adjourn any further meetings of SRMG for the foreseeable future.

### 12. PERRY LANE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In the absence of a management committee it was agreed to appoint a "caretaker" to take on various responsibilities at Sherington Sports & Recreation Ground. It was agreed to offer this role to Shane Lea for £50 per month for a 6-month trial period. It was agreed that Cllrs Burton and Cook would meet with Shane to go through a job description. **ACTION: Clerk to let Shane know of appointment and pass on keys to pavilion, storage hut, security gates and play area. Cllrs Burton and Cook to arrange a meeting.**

It was noted that there were an increasing amount of weeds at the Perry Lane car park. **ACTION: Clerk to contact MKC to arrange a yearly programme of maintenance.**

### 13. FINANCE

13.1 **Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £14,622.89; Treasurer Account £5,144.47. Receipts during the month included Sherington Football Club £240, Argos £500 and pavilion electricity meter £32.

13.2 **Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|                                  |                |   |        |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|--------|
| 06/06/06 N W Gotts               | Internal audit | £ | 60.00  |
| 06/06/06 P Burton                | Keys and locks | £ | 66.50  |
| 06/06/06 Sherington Village Hall | Hall Hire      | £ | 44.00  |
| 06/06/06 Sports Ground Services  | Mowing         | £ | 243.23 |

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|---|--------------------|---|----------|
| 06/06/06 Danny Coles                    | Concrete path      | £ | 885.00   |
| 06/06/06 Anglian Water                  | Pavilion water     | £ | 16.97    |
| 06/06/06 A H Contracts                  | Dog bins           | £ | 93.06    |
| 06/06/06 Alan Scripps                   | Pedestrian gate    | £ | 245.00   |
| 06/06/06 Lara Bruce                     | Clerks salary      | £ | 235.50   |
| 06/06/06 Lara Bruce                     | Clerks expenses    | £ | 19.13    |
| 06/06/06 Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc | Insurance renewal  | £ | 1,175.52 |
| 06/06/06 Raymond Graham                 | Work at Perry Lane | £ | 1,050.00 |
| 06/06/06 N Beal                         | Pavilion cleaning  | £ | 78.00    |
| 06/06/06 J W Cook                       | Gate posts         | £ | 146.88   |

**13.3 Parish accounts year ended 31 March 2006 .** The Clerk reported that Noel Gotts had now internally audited the accounts. They were approved by councillors and signed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Lewis. They will now be sent to the external auditors, Hacker Young. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

**13.4 Parish Partnership Fund 2006/07.** The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have been awarded £6,000 for further development at Sherington Sports and Recreation Ground. This figure has to be matched by this council before we can claim the money.

#### 14. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

**14.1 06/00573/FUL 3 High Street**

Councillors felt the drawings supporting the application lacked detail. No additional comments.

**14.2 06/00677/FUL Plot next to 10 Crofts End**

Councillors felt that the proposed property overwhelms the plot. MKC would also be asked to take into account resident's objections.

**14.3 06/00687/FUL 14 Park Road**

No comments.

**14.4 06/00614/FUL The Barn, Sherington Bridge**

No adverse comments.

**14.5 06/00644/CLUE Sherington Shooting Ground**

No adverse comments.

**14.6 Recent decisions.**

Applications were *refused* for the construction of bunding at Sherington Shooting Ground and a two-storey side extension at 10 Crofts End. The application for new vehicular access was *permitted* at Manor Farm.

#### 15. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

15.1 **Parish Assembly Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.** No councillors are able to attend.

15.2 **MKNECAF Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** Cllrs Keene and Hyde to attend.

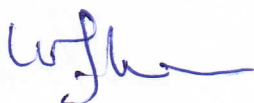
15.3 **Youth Club Mangement Committee Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.** Cllrs Hyde, Keene and Burton to attend.

#### 16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 **Your Energy.** The company behind the application for the wind farm are arranging a bus trip to the existing wind farm at Burton Latimer for 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors and local parishioners are invited to attend. **ACTION: Clerk to post a notice on parish notice board and village shop.**

16.2 **Milton Keynes Pensioners Association.** A letter has been received from MKPA asking for the councils comments on the increase in the 06/07 precept.

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together with details of any projects planned for elderly parishioners during the year. **ACTION: Clerk to respond.**

### 17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 17.1 A resident commented that they had yet to meet the new local PC Andy Perry.
- 17.2 A resident asked whether the village hall play area football pitch could be shortened in order to renovate the areas without grass. Cllr Burton explained that Health & Safety rules were likely to restrict this.
- 17.3 A resident asked why the Village Hall Trustees were able to refuse a new footpath around the car park when it is what local residents want. It was suggested that residents attend the Village Hall Management Committee AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- 17.4 A resident asked if there was or should be a restriction on the hours that model aircraft were flown at Sherington Shooting Ground.
- 17.5 A resident commented that the footpath between Sherington and Newport Pagnell is overgrown and very narrow in places. Cllr Hyde explained that this problem was expected to be addressed when the cycle path is put in place for this section.

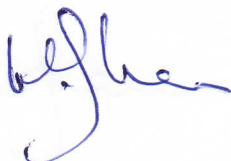
### 18. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 18.1 Cllr Burton reported on an incident that had occurred the previous week, when he had gone to close the security gates to the car park, involving him and a Sherington resident. Cllr Burton later contacted Parish Liaison who advised that the incident must be reported to the police as Cllr Burton was on council business.
- 18.2 Cllr Hyde commented that the green area in Carters Close had not been mown satisfactorily. **ACTION: Clerk to report to MKC**
- 18.3 Cllr Hyde commented that the recent flooding on the road to Newport Pagnell was unacceptable. **ACTION: Clerk to report to MKC**
- 18.4 Cllr Lewis reported on a recent meeting with the new local PC, Andy Perry. They discussed the Proms in the Park event, speeding, the Youth Club and the cycle path.
- 18.5 Cllr Lewis reported that Cllr Herbert had given him verbal notice that he is resigning as a councillor from the Parish Council. Advice would be sought from Parish Liaison on whether a resident can be co-opted for the period before the election next year. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
- 18.6 Cllr Lewis reported that a resident had asked for a dog bin to be installed in Water Lane. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate**
- 18.7 Cllr Lewis had received a letter from Filgrave Parish Council asking if Sherington Parish Council would be holding a public meeting about the Wind Farm. He informed them that no meeting was planned.

### 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next two meetings will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed



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Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), David Hyde (Vice Chair), Peter Cook, Bob Finn and David Keene

ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk) and 4 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Burton.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cook declared an interest in the planning item for Manor Farm.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk reported that a notice had been displayed notifying residents of the recent vacancy for a parish councillor. If no response is made to the notice then the Parish Council can co-opt. Councillors should consider who to invite to join the Parish Council. **ACTION: Councillors and clerk to progress**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

### 5.1. Undergrounding and street lighting in village.

Since the last meeting councillors had had time to review the street lighting plan proposed by Lorraine Calcott (MKC). The proposed plan would provide more even lighting and meet appropriate lighting standards.

There was concern from some councillors that there were too many additional lights for a village environment.

It was agreed that an additional Parish Council meeting be held to present the plan to residents to assess their views and that Lorraine Calcott should attend if possible. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

Concern was raised as to the effect any delay in approving the new lighting plan would have on the planned under grounding. Central Networks would need to be contacted to ascertain timescales. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**

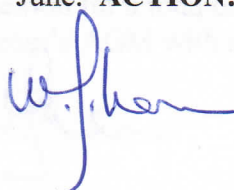
The clerk reported that MKC had enquired as to when payment of an invoice would be made that related to new lights in Water Lane. The invoice dated back to February 2006 and was for work done in 2005. Cllr Hyde stated that John Peachy (MKC) had confirmed that MK Council would normally pay the cost of replacement lamp posts from their budget. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

5.2. **Pavilion windows and shutters.** The clerk reported that work had started on the replacement windows, mesh grilles and PVCu for the dome at the Pavilion.

5.3. **Bus Shelter Repairs.** The clerk reported that an additional quote of £85 had been received from David Haycock for painting the interior of the bus shelter above the seat. This additional expenditure was approved and confirmation of the order should be made. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

5.4. **Ditches.** The clerk reported that Andy McPherson (MKC) had confirmed that the pipes in the ditch opposite Manor Farm were due to be jetted at the end of June. **ACTION: Clerk to chase.**

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Following the report last month of flooding outside the Hanson site on the road to Newport Pagnell, the clerk reported that Mark Bennett (MKC) had confirmed that some limited ditch and grip cleaning had since taken place that should alleviated the flooding problem. He stated that some more extensive cleaning would be required, however, including removing a number of self-seeded trees to gain access. This work should be done before the autumn. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.** Cllr Lewis had queried the nature of pipes under the road outside the Hanson site. Mark Bennett believes they are twin brick arch culverts. There are side deep "ditches" on both sides of the road from the bridge up to these culverts and these ditches are now quite silted up. The bridge engineer at MKC, Chris Hughes, would be contacted to confirm how the culverts function.

**ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**

The land registry had been contacted to see if ownership could be confirmed for the ditch in the fields behind Water Lane. Their response was not clear and would need to be reviewed. **ACTION: Cllr Cook to review.**

Cllr Cook confirmed that no clearance work had been required at the ditch at the Sherington Bridge T-junction adjacent to the left hand triangle.

- 5.5. **Youth Club.** Cllr Hyde reported that there had been a reasonable turnout at the meeting at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June to agree the future of the Youth Club. He reported that Jane Coles confirmed she would continue with her involvement but on the understanding that she would have more parental support. It had been agreed that the first Youth Club meeting to be held in September would be attending by both children and their parents at which the "ground rules" would be agreed and parents given a "contract" of behaviour for their children.

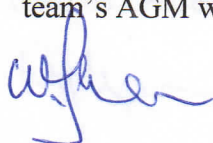
### 6. VILLAGE REPAIRS

- 6.1. **Hillview.** The clerk reported that Hillview is due to have the footpath resurfaced during 2007/08 according to the 5-year plan for highway repairs in Sherington. With regard to a replacement for the rusty street sign at Hillview, Chris Watson (MKC) had confirmed that budgets would be reviewed at the end of the month and a decision would be taken at that point. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**
- 6.2. **Pilot scheme.** The clerk reported that Ian McGregor (MKC) had confirmed that Sherington Parish Council will be able to participate in the new pilot scheme possibly in September or October. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up..**

### 7. FOOTBALL CLUBS

- 7.1 **Sherington Football Club.** The Chair reported that since the last meeting Sherington Football Club (SFC) had paid the £10 outstanding for the 05/06 season and the £400 agreed for the 06/07 season. In addition, councillors had met with SFC. At this meeting it was agreed that:
- SFC can keep their keys for use of the facilities during the season "downtime"
  - SFC will be provided with list of Argos fixtures **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**
  - SFC will provide the Clerk with the SFC fixtures, including pre-season friendlies, as soon as they become available (usually 6 weeks in advance)
  - Argos to be asked to pay for cost of lime used. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
  - A new "agreement" would be drawn up between the parish council and SFC
- ACTION: Cllr Lewis to follow up**
- 7.2 **New City Saints.** Cllr Hyde reported on the meeting he had with Cllr Burton and the new secretary of New City Saints Eddy McDermott. It is anticipated that the club wish to use the football pitch for their Under 17's team for the 2006/07 season for a total of 12 games. Eddy McDermott will contact the Clerk after the team's AGM with a proposal for fees. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

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**7.3 Goal posts.** Cllr Hyde reported that the application for funding from The Football Foundation for new goal posts has been successful. The Foundation has agreed to fund 50% of the cost. An acceptance form needs to be completed and sent back to The Football Foundation and an order for goals made to B G Sports International for £530 plus VAT. The council approved this expenditure. Once specifications for installation have been received appropriate contractors should be contacted for quotes. **ACTION: Clerk to progress.**

### 8. CYCLE PATH

The clerk reported that Richard Duffill has confirmed that he is technically no longer the Cycling Officer and has now taken over traffic management. A response to the council's queries and concerns was received this afternoon, however, and details have been forwarded to councillors. Councillors have been invited to respond to Richard's comments. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

### 9. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND – MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT

**9.1 Caretaker.** Shane Lea provides caretaker services for Sherington Sports & Recreation Field and will invoice the parish council monthly for work completed. This should not exceed £50 per month. Shane will liaise with the Clerk over any maintenance work required. It was reported this month that the exterior of the Pavilion requires decoration. Shane will be asked to provide a quote for this work. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

**9.2 Weeding.** MKC have confirmed that the area in front of the garages and the car park will be treated as part of their weed-killing schedule. It was agreed that the other areas at the Pavilion need additional attention and that Raymond Graham should be asked to provide a quote. It was agreed that this additional work should not exceed £200. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to liaise with Raymond Graham**

**9.3 Football pitch maintenance.** The clerk reported that Synergy has now carried out the overseeding on the football pitch and some work on the goal mouth areas, including a light top-dressing and overseeding. The verti-drain and selective weedkiller application will be undertaken towards the end of the summer when ground conditions permit. Cllr Hyde reported that Dave Potts at Synergy has confirmed that should the overseeding not be successful and repeat application will be done in the autumn at no additional cost. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

**9.4 Pavilion – appointment of architect.** Cllr Finn reported that before Phase III can commence it would be necessary to have drawings of the pavilion extension along with the appropriate planning permission. The cost of this has been included in the budget. Councillors noted, however, that this presupposed that Phase III would go ahead, which at present is not the case. It was agreed not to appoint the architect at this time, but to monitor the situation.


### 10. FINANCE

**10.1 Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £15,128.75; Treasurer Account £6,170.42. Receipts during the month included Sherington Football Club £410 and a VAT refund of £5,711.52.

**10.2 Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|                              |                        |   |        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|
| 04/07/06 D C Blunt           | Mowing                 | £ | 924.46 |
| 04/07/06 Northamptonshire CC | Signs at Sports ground | £ | 576.55 |
| 04/07/06 Lara Bruce          | Clerk salary           | £ | 222.30 |
| 04/07/06 Lara Bruce          | Clerk expenses         | £ | 16.29  |
| 04/07/06 Shane Lea           | Caretaker duties       | £ | 50.00  |
| 04/07/06 A H Contracts       | Dog bins               | £ | 41.36  |

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04/07/06 Nina Beal

Cleaning pavilion

£ 69.72

**11. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS****11.1 06/00768/FUL Manor Farm**

The Chair reported that some councillors had attended the site at Manor Farm where the new storage facility would be situated. Councillors felt the position of the new storage barn should be rotated in order that it is kept within the existing tree/hedge boundary.

**11.2 Other applications.**

The councillors had no comments to make on applications 06/00792/FUL 9/11 Park Road, 06/00774/LBC 3 The Knoll, 06/00813/FUL 3 The Knoll and 06/00844/TCA The Lodge 1 High Street.

**11.3 Recent decisions.**

The clerk reported that applications for The Barn Sherington Bridge and 3 High Street had been permitted.

**12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- 12.1 MKNECAF Thursday 29th June.** The Chair reported that he attended this meeting along with Cllr Keene and Cllr Hyde. Trevor Dove (MKC) was in attendance and confirmed that the parish council would have a reply regarding their comments on the cycle path. There was also a useful discussion about signs on highways. The next meeting of MKNECAF is due to be held in Sherington in September and the village hall should be booked. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

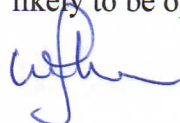
**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 13.1 Woods Hardwick.** The Chair reported that councillors had received correspondence from Woods Hardwick planning consultants on behalf of The Cook Family in relation to the possibility of a new housing development on the Bancroft field next to Crofts End. The development proposed 45 new dwellings. The Chair reported that the letter had not requested a response from councillors. The Chair reminded councillors that they had also received other development proposals regarding land at Smiths Yard and the Kyte field. It was agreed that councillors would have an informal meeting to discuss development and related matters in Sherington. **ACTION: Clerk to schedule meeting**
- 13.2 Sherington Twinning Association.** The Chair presented a letter sent to the Twinning Association suggesting a milestone for the village. It was agreed that the Twinning Association should consider this matter. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**
- 13.3 Thames Valley Police.** The Clerk reported that a mobile police station from Thames Valley Police would visit the village during July and August. A poster should be put in the notice boards to publicise this. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
- 13.4 Traffic Management.** The Clerk reported that data from the SIDs recently positioned in the village had been received which showed an improvement on the amount of speeding through the village.
- 13.5 Charter 88.** The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a Charter 88 regarding their campaign for a modern democracy, empowering citizens and local councils. It was agreed not to respond.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 14.1** A resident questioned whether the new grain drier at Manor Farm would be noisy. Cllr Cook confirmed that it would be, but reported that the drier would be positioned further away from the village compared to the current drier and was likely to be operating for fewer hours a day.

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- 14.2 A resident reported that the building work at 3 The Knoll would not affect 2 The Knoll despite the properties sharing a flat roof.
- 14.3 A resident reminded the council that they were responsible for maintaining the shingle on the drives of numbers 1, 2 and 4 The Knoll. More shingle would be needed shortly, but it was agreed to order this when another event in the village required shingle in order to minimise costs.
- 14.4 A resident reported there was a dead tree on The Knoll and it was agreed that this could be removed.
- 14.5 A resident asked whether it was possible to have a noise report for the new grain drier at Manor Farm which compared noise levels to the current drier. The resident also questioned what would happen to the new drying barn should it become surplus to requirements.
- 14.6 A resident has 2 potted trees that the council may have and it was agreed to plant these in September when the type of tree had been ascertained. **ACTION: Tony Pilcher to identify trees**
- 14.7 A resident noted the cycle path in Leighton Buzzard was not well used and queried whether paths were cleaned regularly. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 14.8 A resident asked whether it was possible to move the site of the SID on the High Street from its current position opposite Crofts End to a position next to the flats in the High Street. This may give a more accurate report on the level of speeding through the village as vehicles slow down in the High Street to turn left into Crofts End. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 14.9 A resident reported that MKC were no longer printing the full bus timetable.
- 14.10 A resident asked if a note could be put in SCAN reminding residents that pink recycling sacks were available at Virginia House Stores. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**
- 14.11 A resident reported that it was good to see an improved relationship between the Parish Council and Sherington Football Club as they had had concerns over the future of the Club playing in Sherington. The resident asked whether councillors could retrieve a copy of the agreement between the Cooks and the Council for the land at Perry Lane where the football pitch is situated to establish what had originally been agreed. The resident also reiterated the need for new shower facilities at the Pavilion. Other comments from the resident included the cost of Sports Ground Services, the poor condition of litter bins next to the bus shelter and that not all villagers would support a milestone.

### 15. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 15.1 Cllr Hyde reported that a resident in Crofts End had complained of leakage from a manhole cover during the recent storms. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 15.2 Cllr Hyde commented that sewage had once again been leaking from a manhole cover in Water Lane. Anglian Water should be asked to confirm whether their work in Water Lane is complete and if so, what the work set out to achieve. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 15.3 Cllr Hyde reported that a resident had received a letter from Anglian Water stating that their property was no longer situated in an area liable to flooding.
- 15.4 Councillors congratulated the Chair on a successful Proms in the Park event.
- 15.5 Councillors agreed that Betty Feasey should be congratulated on a successful Flowers and Open Gardens event. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

### 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed



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# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st August 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), David Hyde (Vice Chair), Bob Finn, Peter Burton and David Keene

ATTENDING: Lorraine Calcott, Pat Seymour (MKC) and 14 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Cook.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. STREET LIGHTING

New Street Lighting will be needed in the village as electricity supply cables are undergrounded and the old poles removed.

Lorraine Calcott, the lighting engineer who has designed the new lighting scheme for the village, gave a brief presentation and answered questions from councillors and members of the public. Concern was expressed about the number of extra lights that would be installed under this scheme. It was resolved to write to Milton Keynes Council asking to know: -

- what options there are for posts, brackets, lamps and optics
- whether additional lights can be installed in order to eliminate existing "black spots"
- what the differences in cost are between the type of posts, brackets and lamps recommended in the proposed new scheme and those which the Milton Keynes Council Officer responsible for Street Lighting has indicated he could supply
- that there are no legal issues or liabilities resting on the Parish Council if lights are replaced in the same position as at present using those offered by Milton Keynes Council.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 Residents from Hillview reported that young people using the Perry Lane Recreation Field were causing a nuisance, often until late in the evening. Examples given were of footballs being kicked into gardens and against the car park fence and loud music coming from the area around the Pavilion. The cladding which has been built onto the field side of the Storage Hut is regularly used but footballs kicked over the hut often land in the Hillview gardens. Residents were asked to report any further incidents to Councillors and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the September meeting. In the meantime Councillors will be liaising with the caretaker to monitor the situation

5.2 Parts of Corn Close are overgrown and need clearing.

## 6. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

6.1 There is a dead tree in the Village Hall Play Area that should be removed.

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*W. J. Lewis*

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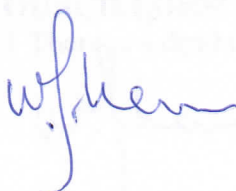
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- 6.2 A draft agreement between Sherington Parish Council and Sherington Football Club is being circulated to Councillors for their comments.
- 6.3 An enquiry has been received asking about the possible use of the Perry Lane Football Field on certain Sunday mornings by a veterans' team. Councillors have asked for dates of games. The Council is already waiting for a response from MK Saints concerning their request to use the pitch again this year. It is accepted that the pitch should ideally not be used more than twice a week.
- 6.4 The MKNECAF (North East Consultative Area Forum) will hold its next meeting in Sherington Village Hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- 6.5 Emails have been sent to Anglian Water concerning recent spills of waste water from manholes in Water Lane; this will be discussed at the September meeting.

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
5th September 2006**

|   |                        | INCOME | EXPENDITURE   | Cheque<br>No.    |
|---|------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|
| <b><u>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</u></b> |                        |        |               |                  |
| 04/07/06 B/forward                        |                        |        | £             | 15,128.75        |
| 25/08/06 Argos                            | Game fee               | £      | 20.00         |                  |
| 25/08/06 Central Networks                 | Wayleave               | £      | 13.19         |                  |
| 16/08/06 Argos                            | Refund for lime        | £      | 31.96         |                  |
| 31/08/06 Football Association             | Goal post contribution | £      | 312.00        |                  |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>        | £      | <b>377.15</b> | £                |
| 05/09/06 C/forward                        |                        |        | £             | <b>15,505.90</b> |

**TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286**

|                                   |  |   |        |                                       |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 04/07/06 B/forward                |  |   | £      | 6,170.42                              |                                     |
| 06/06/06 Sherington Village Hall  | Hall Hire                                | £ | 44.00  |                                       | 101352                              |
| 04/07/06 D C Blunt                | Mowing                                   | £ | 924.46 |                                       | 101367                              |
| 04/07/06 Northamptonshire CC      | Signs at Sports ground                   | £ | 576.55 |                                       | 101368                              |
| 04/07/06 Lara Bruce               | Clerk salary                             | £ | 222.30 |                                       | 101369                              |
| 04/07/06 Lara Bruce               | Clerk expenses                           | £ | 16.29  |                                       | 101370                              |
| 04/07/06 Shane Lea                | Caretaker duties                         | £ | 50.00  |                                       | 101371                              |
| 04/07/06 A H Contracts            | Dog bins                                 | £ | 41.36  |                                       | 101372                              |
| 04/07/06 Nina Beal                | Cleaning pavilion                        | £ | 69.72  |                                       | 101373                              |
| 13/07/06 UK Emergency Glazing     | Glazing for pavilion                     | £ | 500.69 |                                       | 101374                              |
| 13/07/06 B G Sports International | Goal posts                               | £ | 622.75 |                                       | 101375                              |
|                                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                          | £ | -      | £                                     | <del>3,068.12</del> <b>3,067.92</b> |
| 05/09/06 C/forward                |  |   | £      | <del>3,102.50</del> <b>3,102.50</b>   |                                     |
|                                   |  |   | £      | <del>18,608.20</del> <b>18,608.40</b> |                                     |
|                                   | <b>Bank Balance @ 5th September 2006</b> |   | £      | <b>18,608.20</b>                      |                                     |

*Cheques for payment this month*

|                                   |                      |   |        |   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------|---|-----------------|
| 05/09/06 Sherington Village Hall  | Hall Hire            | £ | 33.00  |   | 101376          |
| 05/09/06 UHY Hacker Young         | 2006 Audit fee       | £ | 411.25 |   | 101377          |
| 05/09/06 Tony Pilcher             | Conduit expenses     | £ | 56.46  |   | 101378          |
| 05/09/06 Sports Ground Services   | Mowing               | £ | 405.38 |   | 101379          |
| 05/09/06 Powergen                 | Pavilion electricity | £ | 49.93  |   | 101380          |
| 05/09/06 David Haycock            | Bus shelter repairs  | £ | 245.00 |   | 101381          |
| 05/09/06 A H Contracts            | Dog bins             | £ | 93.06  |   | 101382          |
| 05/09/06 Lara Bruce               | Clerks salary        | £ | 280.49 |   | 101383          |
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|                                   | <b>Subtotal</b>      | £ | -      | £ | <b>1,849.65</b> |

**Parish Council Funds @ 5th September 2006**

£ **16,758.55**

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Chairman

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Clerk/RFO

Prepared by L Bruce - Clerk

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), Peter Cook, Bob Finn, Peter Burton and David Keene  
ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk) and 10 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Hyde.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

### 4.1. Undergrounding and street lighting in village.

Since the last meeting MK Council had confirmed that they would replace the street lights that were taken down as part of the undergrounding project on a like for like basis or the parish council could purchase "heritage" style lights at a cost of £130 each. This is a reduced price and may not be available for future lights when the undergrounding continues in the village. It was agreed to go ahead with the "heritage" style lighting. MK Council should be informed of the decision immediately. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

### 4.2. Trees from Tony Pilcher.

The trees had been identified as maple and prunus. It was agreed that Perry Lane Recreation Field was a suitable location but that we should wait for another month before re-planting.

### 4.3. Co-option of councillor.

Cllr Finn reported that he would be approaching a possible candidate during the next month. **ACTION: Cllr Finn to follow up**

## 5. VILLAGE REPAIRS

### 5.1. Hillview.

The clerk reported MK Council had confirmed a new street sign would be available for Hillview in mid-September.

The situation reported last month of children causing a nuisance with footballs at Hillview was reported to have improved, but it was still evident. It was agreed to put a note in SCAN. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to include in SCAN notes**

A resident noted that a hawthorn hedge that had been planted behind the gardens of some of the properties in Hillview had improved the situation as it has acted as a deterrent and it was suggested that this planting be continued all the way along. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain a quote**

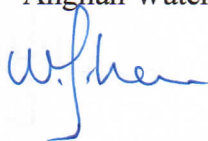
Residents also reported a lorry that had been parked in the car park at Perry Lane. This would be monitored.

The clerk reported that Ian McGregor had informed the parish council earlier in the year about a pilot scheme that they might be able to participate in where a parish council can prioritise repair works in their area. He is now able to explain how this scheme will work and has suggested attending the October parish council meeting to present the proposal. **ACTION: Clerk to invite Ian McGregor to October meeting**

### 5.2. Water Lane.

Since the meeting in July, a resident in Water Lane reported sewage leaking from a manhole cover outside their property. Ian Norton from Anglian Water (AW) had confirmed that the 8 foul manhole covers in Water

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Lane should have been replaced with covers with sealing plates. This was done to stop the ingress of surface water and land drainage into the foul sewer and taking up its capacity. He confirmed that a site inspector would meet the contractor in Water Lane to ensure that this had taken place on the manhole cover that was leaking sewage. The clerk reported that Ian Norton had not yet come back and confirmed the outcome of this meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

*Post meeting note – AW confirmed that the manhole cover in question had not been replaced with a cover with a sealing plate but that this had now been done.*

- 5.3. Bedford Road.** With regards to the surface water outside the nursery on Bedford Road, the clerk reported that MK Council would be sending a specialist drain-jetting contractor to the site during the coming month. It is still unknown as to whether Anglian Water has tested the surface water to see if it is a leak from the mains. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 5.4. Footpath between Manor Farm and Newport Pagnell.** It was noted that this footpath is now severely restricted by overgrown hedges and undergrowth both above and on the path. A resident also reported that a bench on the corner of Sherington Bridge is completely covered by overgrown hedges. It was understood that it is MK Councils responsibility to ask landowners to keep hedges cut back. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

### 6. FOOTBALL CLUBS

- 6.1 Sherington Football Club.** The Chair reported that since the last meeting an agreement had been drawn up between the club and the parish council that has been passed to them for their approval and signature. The clerk reported that Argos had reimbursed the parish council for the lime used during their summer tournament and these funds would be forwarded to the Football Club.
- 6.2 New City Saints.** The Clerk reported that she had been unable to get in contact with the club's representative. They will be given 2 more weeks to decide whether they wish to use the pitch. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 6.3 Other team interest.** There had been some interest from a veteran's team for use of the pitch during the 06/07 season but no details had yet been received. Councillors confirmed that they would need full details before a decision could be made. **ACTION: Clerk to let the team know**
- 6.4 Goal posts – maintenance & safety.** The clerk confirmed that the goal posts were due to be installed during the coming week and the 50% funding had been received from the Football Foundation. On-going maintenance & safety would be the responsibility of the parish council, as it was with the previous goalposts.

### 7. CYCLE PATH

The council had received a response in answer to their queries from Richard Duffill at MK Council in July. Councillors had now had time to review his responses and only wish to acknowledge his comments rather than make any additional comments to MK Council. Councillors reiterated their main concerns of the cycle path that included:

- They are not happy with the proposal but feel it will progress regardless of their comments.
- They are pleased to see that the 30mph speed limit will start from the top of Alban Hill
- It was felt that the project was more of a traffic calming measure rather than the creation of a cycle path and would merely change the character of the road.

**ACTION: Clerk to acknowledge Richard Duffill's comments**

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**8. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND**

**8.1 Caretaker.** Shane Lea has begun sanding down the exterior of the Pavilion. He will be asked to purchase the wood stain himself and then claim expenses back from the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Shane**

*Post-meeting note – Shane Lea submitted his report during the meeting. They noted broken glass on the Pavilion doors. ACTION: Clerk to arrange a quote.*

**8.2 . Bench.** The fixings left behind from the vandalised bench have now been removed. The legs of the picnic table have also been secured. Councillors approved the purchase of a replacement bench. **ACTION: Clerk to request a quote from Raymond Graham.**

**9. VILLAGE APPRAISAL**

The village appraisal was updated last year but needs to be reviewed. The councillors had arranged an informal meeting later in the week to start this process and will report back at the October meeting. A note should be included in SCAN to ask residents for their views. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to include note in SCAN**

It was agreed that the village appraisal should be included on the agenda each month to allow any relevant issues to be raised and a more thorough review performed every quarter. **ACTION: Clerk to amend agendas**

**10. FINANCE**

**10.1 Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £15,505.90. Treasurer Account £3,102.30. Receipts during the month included £20 from Argos for an additional game as part of their summer tournament, £31.96 from Argos for lime used, £13.19 wayleave from Central Networks and £312 from the Football Foundation in relation to the new goal posts.

**10.2 Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|          |                          |                      |   |        |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------|
| 05/09/06 | Sherington Village Hall  | Hall Hire            | £ | 33.00  |
| 05/09/06 | UHY Hacker Young         | 2006 Audit fee       | £ | 411.25 |
| 05/09/06 | Tony Pilcher             | Conduit expenses     | £ | 56.46  |
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**11. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS****11.1 Applications**

No comments were made on the following applications:

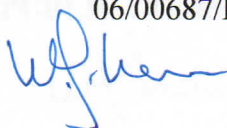
- 06/01050/FUL – 3 Church Road
- 06/01075/FUL – 25 Water Lane
- 06/01129/FUL – 9 School Lane

**11.2 Decisions**

The clerk reported the following applications had been permitted:

- 06/00844/TCA – The Lodge, High St
- 06/00774/LBC – 3 The Knoll
- 06/00687/FUL – 14 Park Road
- 06/00792/FUL – 9/11 Park Road
- 06/00768/FUL – Manor Farm
- 06/00677/FUL – 10 Crofts End

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The clerk also reported that an appeal has been lodged for application 06/00353/FUL 10 Crofts End which is for a two storey side extension.

### 12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 12.1 **Allotments Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.** The meeting at MKC was being held to inform councillors how allotment land and the management thereof would be passed over to parish councils. Councillors would not be attending this meeting as the allotment land in Sherington is owned by the Cook family and is managed by a resident. Councillors confirmed that it is a key responsibility of the parish council to provide allotments to residents and it was agreed to include a note in SCAN to this effect. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to include in SCAN notes.**
- 12.2 **Parish Assembly Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.** This meeting will start at 8:15pm and will be preceded by a presentation by Thames Valley Police on the role of Police Community Support Officers. Cllrs Lewis and Keene to attend.
- 12.3 **MKNECAF Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.** This meeting will be held at Sherington Village Hall at 7:30pm. The Clerk reported that Councillor Pat Seymour has arranged for Kevin Whiteside to attend to answer questions on the cycle path and Peter Joel to attend to report on the process that the planning application for the wind farm at Petsoe End would follow.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 **Hillview.** A letter has been received from residents in Hillview who were concerned about the increasing nuisance caused by youths kicking footballs into the back gardens of residents in Hillview. See point 5.1.
- 13.2 **Council Housing.** The clerk reported that a letter had been received from a resident who is currently renting a property in the village. She is a fourth generation Sheringtonian with a child at pre-school in the village and has also joined the pre-school committee. She is looking for support from the Parish Council in her attempts to gain a council house. Councillors agreed that a letter of support should be written to MK Council, with a copy also sent to Pat Seymour. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 13.3 **Waste Management.** The Clerk reported the parish council have been invited by MK Council to complete a survey on waste management in Milton Keynes. Cllr Keene explained that this survey should be completed carefully as MK Council would be identifying future waste **ACTION: Cllr Keene to complete survey and Clerk to provide Cllr Keene with accompanying CDrom**
- 13.4 **Clerk's maternity leave.** The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the previous Clerk, Wendy Austyn, who is currently on maternity leave. Although she had originally intended her maternity leave to be for a period of 6 months she wanted the council's permission to extend her leave until January 2007 at which point she would undertake a handover with the current clerk. The current clerk expressed her agreement with this proposal. The councillors agreed this suggestion. **ACTION: Chair to follow up with Wendy Austyn**
- 13.5 **Traffic Management.** The Clerk reported that we have a new Safer Roads Liaison Officer who has agreed to look into moving the location of the SID in the High Street from opposite Crofts End to a position nearer the retirement flats.
- 13.6 **Sherington Pre-School.** A letter had been received from Sherington Pre-School who are looking to further develop the toddler play area adjacent to the village hall. This area of land is understood to be owned by the parish council. The details will be circulated.

### 14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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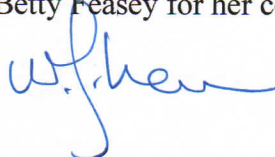
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- 14.1 A resident commented on the foul drain and surface water flow from the Pavilion to Hillview. They explained that the main drain in Hillview had been blocked in the past and that this coincided with the football season. It was agreed that the situation be monitored.
- 14.2 A resident questioned what further developments there would be on the proposed footpath outside the village hall. Councillors explained that the matter now rested with the Village Hall Trustees who had no wish to pursue the matter any further, despite the support for the footpath from residents.
- 14.3 A resident questioned whether an additional streetlight could be installed at the end of Field Close due to poor lighting in the area. It was agreed that this would be considered when that phase of undergrounding was underway.
- 14.4 A resident commented that a sign stating "No Ball Games" be placed on the pavilion to encourage youths to stay away from that area.
- 14.5 A resident asked what progress had been made in the possibility of having a bus shelter outside the school. The clerk reported that MK Council explained that funding would need to come from the Parish Partnership Fund – the next time this can be applied for is March 2007. The clerk also reported that the school did not have any objections. It was agreed to start investigating costs and processes.  
**ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 14.6 A resident asked whether a new bench could be positioned by the notice board at the end of Carters Close. **ACTION: Clerk to look into costs**
- 14.7 A resident reported on the number of children without suitable lights on their bikes and the safety concerns this brings as the nights draw in. It was agreed to put a note in SCAN. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to include note in SCAN**
- 14.8 A resident commented on the cycle path and how at earlier presentations from Richard Duffill he had said that costings for alternative routes would be provided, but this has not happened.
- 14.9 A resident commented on the poor state of some footpaths in the village that had mud on them that was coming from verges. They asked whether the road sweepers undertake any footpath cleaning. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 14.10 A resident commented on the increasing number of cars parked in the High Street, particularly outside Virginia House Stores and the Knoll. They queried whether white parking space lines would help. It was suggested this be raised with Ian McGregor who will be invited to attend the October parish council meeting.
- 14.11 A resident asked whether the verges in Crofts End would be sprayed for weeds. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**

## 15. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 15.1 Cllr Cook commented on point 14.11 as to whether MK Council should be spraying weed killer on verges, as residues flow directly into surface water drains.
- 15.2 Cllr Finn commented on the increasing number of cars parked on the pavements, particularly in Church Road and Carters Close. It was agreed to include a note in SCAN. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde to include a note in SCAN.**
- 15.3 Cllr Finn noted dead trees on the Knoll and the Village Hall play area that Tony Pilcher and Cllr Burton respectively have agreed to remove.
- 15.4 Cllr Burton reported that the Youth Club was starting again on 13th September under new rules. Councillors expressed their support once again for the Club.
- 15.5 Cllr Lewis reported that dumped tyres were a continuing problem and any further sightings should be reported to the Clerk.
- 15.6 Cllr Lewis reported that a new development of retirement homes in Milton Keynes had requested an advert to be placed in SCAN. He has forwarded this onto Betty Feasey for her consideration.

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## 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

### A. APPEARANCES

### B. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### C. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Clerk.

### D. MATTERS ARISING

1.1. ... and street lighting in village. ... MK Council had decided that they would replace the street lights. ... with the "beton" style lights. MK Council ... decision immediately. ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

1.2. Trees from Tony Pichers. The trees had been identified. ... Field was a suitable location for them. ... for another month before re-planting.

1.3. ... ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

### E. VERBAL REPORTS

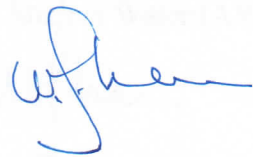
2.1. ... had considered a few street signs would be available for the new road.

2.2. ... ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

2.3. ... ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

2.4. ... ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
3rd October 2006**

|   |                 | INCOME            | EXPENDITURE | Cheque<br>No.      |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</u></b> |                 |                   |             |                    |
| 05/09/06 B/forward                        |                 |                   |             | £ 15,505.90        |
| 08/09/06 MK Council                       | Precept         | £ 9,056.50        |             |                    |
| 30/09/06 Interest                         |                 | £ 94.89           |             |                    |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>£ 9,151.39</b> | <b>£ -</b>  |                    |
| 03/10/06 C/forward                        |                 |                   |             | <b>£ 24,657.29</b> |

**TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286**

|                                   |  |            |                   |                    |        |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 05/09/06 B/forward                |  |            |                   | £ 3,102.50         |        |
| 05/09/06 Sherington Village Hall  | Hall Hire                              |            | £ 33.00           |                    | 101376 |
| 05/09/06 UHY Hacker Young         | 2006 Audit fee                         |            | £ 411.25          |                    | 101377 |
| 05/09/06 Tony Pilcher             | Conduit expenses                       |            | £ 56.46           |                    | 101378 |
| 05/09/06 Sports Ground Services   | Mowing                                 |            | £ 405.38          |                    | 101379 |
| 05/09/06 Powergen                 | Pavilion electricity                   |            | £ 49.93           |                    | 101380 |
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| 05/09/06 Shane Lea                | Caretaker duties                       |            | £ 100.00          |                    | 101386 |
| 05/09/06 Nina Beal                | Pavilion cleaning                      |            | £ 126.00          |                    | 101387 |
|                                   | <b>Subtotal</b>                        | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£ 1,849.65</b> |                    |        |
| 03/10/06 C/forward                |  |            |                   | <b>£ 1,252.85</b>  |        |
|                                   | <b>Bank Balance @ 3rd October 2006</b> |            |                   | <b>£ 25,910.14</b> |        |

*Cheques for payment this month*

|                         |                        |            |                 |  |        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|--------|
| 03/10/06 Lara Bruce     | Clerks salary          |            | £ 143.19        |  | 101388 |
| 03/10/06 Lara Bruce     | Clerks expenses        |            | £ 15.00         |  | 101389 |
| 03/10/06 Shane Lea      | Caretaker duties       |            | £ 50.00         |  | 101390 |
| 03/10/06 J W Cook & Son | Weed killing           |            | £ 35.25         |  | 101391 |
| 03/10/06 Anglian Water  | Pavilion water         |            | £ 90.82         |  | 101392 |
| 03/10/06 Synergy        | Goal post installation |            | £ 323.13        |  | 101393 |
| 03/10/06 Nina Beal      | Pavilion cleaning      |            | £ 56.00         |  | 101394 |
| 03/10/06 A H Contracts  | Dog bins               |            | £ 41.36         |  | 101395 |
| 03/10/06 J W Cook & Son | Perry Lane Rent        |            | £ 100.00        |  | 101396 |
|                         | <b>Subtotal</b>        | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£ 854.75</b> |  |        |

**Parish Council Funds @ 3rd October 2006**

**£ 25,055.39**

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Chairman

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Clerk/RFO

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), Peter Cook, Bob Finn, Peter Burton, David Hyde and David Keene

ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk), Ian McGregor (MKC), Pat Seymour (MKC), Raymond Graham and 4 public

## 1. APOLOGIES

None.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hyde declared an interest in item 10.1 planning application at 31 Carters Close.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. VILLAGE REPAIRS

**4.1. Pilot Scheme.** The Chair welcomed Ian McGregor from MK Council who presented a new initiative whereby village repairs could be prioritised according to need. The initiative would involve two steps. Step 1 is Asset Management and would involve all roads in Sherington being driven over by a vehicle fitted with infrared equipment that would assess the condition of the road. The collected data would be fed into a national database that would then "rate" the condition of the road and thereby prioritise the need for road repairs in the village. Step 2 is Area Estate Management. This would involve identifying all the "assets" in the village such as roads, footpaths, signs etc. A First Impression Survey would be carried out by MK Council, the Parish Council and possibly local residents with the aim of "scoring" the assets. This would give a baseline from which improvements could be prioritised and carried out, subject to budget restraints. Councillors welcomed this initiative and confirmed they would like the parish council to participate. Ian McGregor will prepare a note for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter and this would then be included in SCAN in order that residents are aware of the scheme. When the Terms of Reference have been finalised these will be forwarded to the parish council from Ian McGregor.

**ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

**4.2. Carters Close.** Cllr Hyde reported that although the resurfacing of the footpath was continuing, it was felt that the road surface was in greater need of re-surfacing compared to the footpath. It was noted that when the current phase of re-surfacing has been completed, however, there would still remain parts of the footpath not re-surfaced. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up with MK Council**

**4.3. Hanson site.** In June it was reported to MK Council that the flooding outside the Hanson site was unacceptable. As a result of this the ditches have been cleared and the culverts repaired to a good standard. Flooding no longer appears to be an issue. It was agreed to send compliments to MK Council. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

**4.4. Water Lane.** Anglian Water (AW) has now confirmed that all manhole covers in Water Lane have been replaced with sealing plates in order to prevent the ingress of surface water into the foul sewer. The aim of this was to prevent Water Lane flooding with sewage. The clerk reported that a letter had been received from a resident in Water Lane who confirmed that despite this work

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being carried out, there was once again flooding of sewage following heavy rain. Councillors agreed that this was not acceptable and that the responses received from AW were not satisfactory. It was agreed that MP Mark Lancaster and the Chairman of AW, Jonson Cox, would be contacted to voice the dissatisfaction of the parish council with regards to this matter. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

- 4.5. Bedford Road.** The surface water remains outside the nursery on Bedford Road and this matter will continue to be chased with MK Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1. Undergrounding and street lighting.** Cllr Hyde reported that Nick Brown has confirmed that the undergrounding work would be starting shortly. It was agreed that the light in the copse between the High Street and Crofts End would be repositioned closer to the footpath as at present trees obscure it. Lorraine Calcott has confirmed that the new lights have now been ordered.

- 5.2. Co-option of councillor.** Cllr Finn reported that the individual he approached did not have the time available to become a councillor. Cllr Cook reported that he did have an interested party and Cllr Hyde agreed to liaise with them.

**ACTION: Cllr Hyde to follow up**

- 5.3. Sherington Pre-School play area development.** A letter from the pre-school outlining proposed development to the play area had been circulated amongst councillors. No objections were raised to these proposals. **ACTION: Clerk to confirm with pre-school**

## 6. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND

- 6.1 Raymond Graham.** Raymond Graham attended the meeting and updated the councillors on a number of items. He has submitted quotes for planting different types of hawthorn hedge along the edge of the Perry Lane car park that backs onto the Hillview properties for both up to the security gates and to the end of the car park. This will be circulated and councillors will agree which quote to proceed with at the next meeting.

The replacement bench for the environmental area at Perry Lane will be fixed within the next two weeks.

A quote will be submitted for a bench and paving to be positioned at the end of Carters Close.

The seeding around the Ascot fencing for £210 was approved.

- 6.2 Goal posts.** Bernard Haynes has now dismantled the old goal posts and it is hoped that he will be removing them shortly.

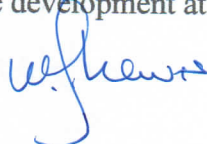
- 6.3 Pavilion decoration.** Shane Lea will be asked to complete the staining of the exterior of the Pavilion before the next meeting. It was also agreed that the damaged glass in the Pavilion door does not need replacing. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Shane**

## 7. VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The Chair reported that councillors now felt it was time to encourage some small scale growth in the village. Milton Keynes Council has been contacted for advice. It was stressed that any development would want to be undertaken on Parish Council terms and would include conditions such as improving sewers in the village. Cllr Finn reported that Nigel Andersen, Chair of Governors at Sherington CE School, is keen to liaise with the Parish Council over their development plans.

Cllr Finn also reported that he has started updating the Village Appraisal for village developments such as the undergrounding of the electricity cables in Water Lane and the development at Perry Lane.

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**8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk confirmed that there is £100 in the budget for purchasing new Christmas tree lights and councillors approved this spend. The Parish Council have not yet received any offers of a donated Christmas tree. It was agreed that a note should be included in SCAN.

**9. FINANCE**

**9.1 Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £24,657.29. Treasurer Account £1,252.85. Receipts during the month included the remaining £9,056.50 precept from Milton Keynes Council for 2006/07.

**9.2 Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|                         |                        |   |        |        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| 03/10/06 Lara Bruce     | Clerks salary          | £ | 143.19 | 101388 |
| 03/10/06 Lara Bruce     | Clerks expenses        | £ | 15.00  | 101389 |
| 03/10/06 Shane Lea      | Caretaker duties       | £ | 50.00  | 101390 |
| 03/10/06 J W Cook & Son | Weed killing           | £ | 35.25  | 101391 |
| 03/10/06 Anglian Water  | Pavilion water         | £ | 90.82  | 101392 |
| 03/10/06 Synergy        | Goal post installation | £ | 323.13 | 101393 |
| 03/10/06 Nina Beal      | Pavilion cleaning      | £ | 56.00  | 101394 |
| 03/10/06 A H Contracts  | Dog bins               | £ | 41.36  | 101395 |
| 03/10/06 J W Cook & Son | Perry Lane Rent        | £ | 100.00 | 101396 |

**10. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS****10.1 Applications**

The two applications for wind farms at Nun Wood (06/01290/FUL) and Petsoe End (06/01349/FUL) were discussed jointly. Comments from councillors included:

- Both wind farms are in areas of attractive landscape and would blight the area
- The turbines proposed would be the highest in the country (which is believed to indicate the lack of wind in this area)
- There is concern that if one wind farm is granted planning permission then more applications will follow
- It was felt that alternative energy sources such as wind farms do need to be considered

Peter Joel explained at the recent MKNECAF meeting that consideration of the planning application was likely to take up to a year. Pat Seymour explained that if Milton Keynes Council turns the applications down then appeals would be made to the Secretary of State. By a majority vote it was decided to object to both applications.

The following comments were made on the remaining planning applications:  
 06/01330/TCA The Barn, Park Road – why were the trees being removed?  
 06/01430/TPO White Hart Pub – the cedar should be replaced with 2 deciduous trees rather than the one proposed

06/01498/FUL 31 Carters Close – no adverse comments

**ACTION: Clerk to inform Planning Dept at MK Council of all comments**

**10.2 Decisions**

The clerk reported the following applications had been permitted:

06/01075/FUL 25 Water Lane – two storey side and rear extension

06/01129/FUL 9 School Lane – erection of a garage and rear conservatory

**11. EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

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- 11.1 **MKNECAF Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.** The Chair reported that four councillors had attended this useful meeting held in Sherington. Topics discussed included the wind farm applications, the new speed limits on the A509 and the cycle path.
- 11.2 **Rural police meeting 8:15pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.** The Chair agreed to attend this meeting.

### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 **Thames Valley Air Ambulance.** A letter has been received asking for donations to this cause. The council may not make a contribution to Air Ambulance as it would be acting ultra vires if it did so.

### 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 13.1 A resident noted that the planning notes in SCAN would benefit from more detail.
- 13.2 A resident noted that trees obscured the streetlight outside the village hall.
- 13.3 A resident commented that Corn Close footpath was becoming overgrown with ivy and needed attention. **ACTION: Clerk to inform MK Council**
- 13.4 A resident requested that the possibility of a bus shelter on the opposite side of the road to the current one be included into the village appraisal.
- 13.5 A resident noted that the Olney / Newport Pagnell sign at the bottom of Gun Lane was in need of cleaning. Councillors commented that this should not be there since the bypass was built and that if we inform MK Council of the need for cleaning it may be removed.
- 13.6 Residents commented on the number of potholes in roads in the village. **ACTION: Clerk to inform MKC**
- 13.7 A resident asked if it was possible to have sight of the plan of the village hall car park that shows what parts are owned by the parish council and the village hall trustees. **ACTION: Cllr Keene to investigate**

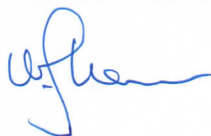
### 14. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 14.1 Cllr Burton commented that an apple tree had died at the village hall play area. It was agreed that this should be replaced. **ACTION: Cllr Cook to follow up.**
- 14.2 Cllr Burton commented that children had been found playing in Mrs Smeath's wood having gained access through a broken fence in the village hall play area. The fence has now been repaired. A watch should be kept on the wooded area.
- 14.3 Cllr Keene noted that the bench at Sherington Bridge was completely overgrown and needed clearing. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis to clear**
- 14.4 Cllr Cook commented that the number of new speed signs on the A509 to Olney was "over the top".
- 14.5 Cllr Finn commented that a number of streetlights were not working at Chicheley Hill. **ACTION: Clerk to raise with MKC**
- 14.6 Cllr Finn proposed a village walkabout by councillors on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Councillors to meet at village hall at 10:00am.
- 14.7 Cllr Lewis reported that a resident had noted a large amount of surface water collecting on School Lane following heavy rain and also a large number of pot holes outside the Old Rectory. **ACTION: Clerk to raise with MKC**

### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Date

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
7th November 2006**

|   |                                       | INCOME | EXPENDITURE     | Cheque No.         |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</u></b>       |                                       |        |                 |                    |
| 03/10/2006 B/forward                            |                                       |        | £               | 24,657.29          |
| 06/11/2006 Transfer                             |                                       |        | £               | 1,500.00           |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                       | £      | -               | £                  |
| 07/11/2006 C/forward                            |                                       |        | £               | <b>23,157.29</b>   |
| <b><u>TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286</u></b>        |                                       |        |                 |                    |
| 03/10/2006 B/forward                            |                                       |        | £               | 1,341.27           |
| 03/10/2006 Lara Bruce                           | Clerks salary                         |        | £               | 143.19             |
| 03/10/2006 Lara Bruce                           | Clerks expenses                       |        | £               | 15.00              |
| 03/10/2006 Shane Lea                            | Caretaker duties                      |        | £               | 50.00              |
| 03/10/2006 J W Cook & Son                       | Weed killing                          |        | £               | 35.25              |
| 03/10/2006 Anglian Water                        | Pavilion water                        |        | £               | 90.82              |
| 03/10/2006 Synergy                              | Goal post installation                |        | £               | 323.13             |
| 03/10/2006 Nina Beal                            | Pavilion cleaning                     |        | £               | 56.00              |
| 03/10/2006 A H Contracts                        | Dog bins                              |        | £               | 41.36              |
| 03/10/2006 J W Cook & Son                       | Perry Lane Rent                       |        | £               | 100.00             |
| 28/10/2006 HM Customs & Excise                  | VAT repayment re 01/04/06 to 30/09/06 | £      | 793.20          |                    |
| 06/11/2006 Transfer                             |                                       |        | £               | 1,500.00           |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                       | £      | <b>2,293.20</b> | £                  |
| 07/11/2006 C/forward                            |                                       |        | £               | <b>854.75</b>      |
|   |                                       |        | £               | <b>2,779.72</b>    |
| <b>Bank Balance @ 7th November 2006</b>         |                                       |        |                 | <b>£ 25,937.01</b> |
| <i>Unpresented cheques</i>                      |                                       |        |                 |                    |
| 05/09/2006 Tony Pilcher                         | Conduit expenses                      |        | £               | 56.46              |
| 05/09/2006 Sherington Football Club             | Refund for lime                       |        | £               | 31.96              |
| <i>Cheques for payment this month</i>           |                                       |        |                 |                    |
| 07/11/2006 Lara Bruce                           | Clerks salary                         |        | £               | 194.19             |
| 07/11/2006 Lara Bruce                           | Clerks expenses                       |        | £               | 33.42              |
| 07/11/2006 Sports Ground Services               | Playing field mowing - Aug & Sep      |        | £               | 324.30             |
| 07/11/2006 D C Blunt                            | Mowing                                |        | £               | 924.26             |
| 07/11/2006 Powergen                             | Pavilion electric                     |        | £               | 28.15              |
| 07/11/2006 Sports Ground Services               | Playing field mowing - Oct            |        | £               | 162.15             |
| 07/11/2006 A H Contracts                        | Dog bins                              |        | £               | 51.70              |
| 07/11/2006 Shane Lea                            | Pavilion caretaker                    |        | £               | 50.00              |
| 07/11/2006 Nina Beal                            | Pavilion cleaner                      |        | £               | 86.90              |
| 07/11/2006 Raymond Graham                       | Works at Perry Lane Recreation Field  |        | £               | 580.00             |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                       | £      | -               | £                  |
|   |                                       |        | £               | <b>2,523.49</b>    |
| <b>Parish Council Funds @ 7th November 2006</b> |                                       |        |                 | <b>£ 23,413.52</b> |

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*W. Hewitt*  
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Chairman

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
5th December 2006**

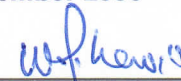
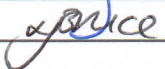
|   |   | INCOME                               | EXPENDITURE | Cheque No. |          |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| <b><u>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</u></b> |   |                                      |             |            |          |
| 07/11/2006                                | B/forward                               |                                      | £           | 23,157.29  |          |
| 05/12/2006                                | Transfer                                |                                      | £           | 900.00     |          |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                         | £                                    | -           | £          |          |
|   |   |                                      | £           | 900.00     |          |
| 05/12/2006                                | C/forward                               |                                      | £           | 22,257.29  |          |
| <b><u>TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286</u></b>  |   |                                      |             |            |          |
| 07/11/2006                                | B/forward                               |                                      | £           | 2,779.72   |          |
| 07/11/2006                                | Lara Bruce                              | Clerks salary                        | £           | 194.19     | 101397   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Lara Bruce                              | Clerks expenses                      | £           | 33.42      | 101398   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Sports Ground Services                  | Playing field mowing - Aug & Sep     | £           | 324.30     | 101399   |
| 07/11/2006                                | D C Blunt                               | Mowing                               | £           | 924.26     | 101400   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Powergen                                | Pavilion electric                    | £           | 28.15      | 101401   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Sports Ground Services                  | Playing field mowing - Oct           | £           | 162.15     | 101402   |
| 07/11/2006                                | A H Contracts                           | Dog bins                             | £           | 51.70      | 101403   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Shane Lea                               | Pavilion caretaker                   | £           | 50.00      | 101404   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Nina Beal                               | Pavilion cleaner                     | £           | 86.90      | 101405   |
| 07/11/2006                                | Raymond Graham                          | Works at Perry Lane Recreation Field | £           | 580.00     | 101407   |
| 05/09/2006                                | Sherington Football Club                | Refund for lime                      | £           | 31.96      | 101385   |
| 05/12/2006                                | Transfer                                |                                      | £           | 900.00     |          |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>                         | £                                    | 900.00      | £          | 2,467.03 |
| 05/12/2006                                | C/forward                               |                                      | £           | 1,212.69   |          |
|   | <b>Bank Balance @ 5th December 2006</b> |                                      | £           | 23,469.98  |          |

|                                       |                         |                      |   |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|--------|--------|
| <i>Unpresented cheques</i>            |                         |                      |   |        |        |
| 05/09/2006                            | Tony Pilcher            | Conduit expenses     | £ | 56.46  | 101378 |
| <i>Cheques for payment this month</i> |                         |                      |   |        |        |
| 05/12/2006                            | Lara Bruce              | Clerks salary        | £ | 176.54 | 101408 |
| 05/12/2006                            | Lara Bruce              | Clerks expenses      | £ | 13.89  | 101409 |
| 05/12/2006                            | Sherington Village Hall | Hall hire Sep to Nov | £ | 44.00  | 101410 |
| 05/12/2006                            | Shane Lea               | Pavilion caretaker   | £ | 50.00  | 101411 |
| 05/12/2006                            | Scan Magazine           | Donation             | £ | 225.00 | 101412 |
| 05/12/2006                            | St Lauds Church         | Donation             | £ | 300.00 | 101413 |
| 05/12/2006                            | Tony Pilcher            | Donation             | £ | 25.00  | 101414 |
| 05/12/2006                            | R G Finn                | Christmas lights     | £ | 109.95 | 101415 |
| 05/12/2006                            | A H Contracts           | Dog bins             | £ | 41.36  | 101416 |
| 05/12/2006                            | Nina Beal               | Pavilion cleaner     | £ | 70.00  | 101417 |

**Subtotal**      £      -      £      1,112.20  
 1,084.20  
**£ 22,357.78**

**Parish Council Funds @ 5th December 2006**

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£22,385.78

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# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in the Village Hall, Sherington commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair) and David Hyde

ATTENDING: Lara Bruce (Clerk), Pat Seymour (MKC) and 6 public

Before the meeting started the Chair informed those attending that there were insufficient councillors present to constitute a quorum. This meant that any decisions that needed to be made or matters that needed approval would have to take place after the meeting. It was agreed that all such matters and decisions would be compiled by the Clerk and circulated by email to all councillors after the meeting for their comments. All such decisions and approvals would be confirmed at the next parish council meeting.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Cook, Finn, Keene and Burton

## 2. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chair welcomed David Wright to the meeting. He will be co-opted at the January meeting as there was not a quorum.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hyde declared an interest in item 10.2 cheques for payment regarding the donation to St Lauds Church.

## 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006 will be approved by email as detailed above.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1. **Repairs Pilot Scheme.** The Clerk reported that a walkabout with Ian McGregor from MK Council had been arranged for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am starting at the village hall. Cllrs Lewis and Hyde will attend.

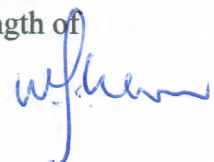
5.2. **Flooding in Water Lane.** Cllr Hyde reported that since the last meeting there had been three incidents of flooding. The Environment Agency (EA) has been notified of the continuing problem and has been both supportive and assertive. They concur with the council's view that the present situation is not acceptable. Ian Norton (AW) arranged a camera survey which found roots blocking the sewer up to 90% in one place. The obstruction has now been cleared. The EA have informed AW that should any further flooding occur then the manhole cover outside Phil Smith's property must be moved further down Water Lane to a position where the road is more sloped in order that any flooding flows away more easily. Anglian Water will be chased to confirm when they will be attending a parish council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

5.3. **Bedford Road Surface Water.** The Clerk reported that Mark Bennett from MK Council had confirmed what works had now taken place. The existing drains were jetted and found to be ok. He confirmed that the water was not coming from a water main, but from the Cooks field and may be a spring or land drain. As a short term measure MKC cleaned the original ditch line and the water should now follow the ditch and not run out onto the road. There is not an adequate width of verge to clean the ditch properly without removing the hedge. Longer term Mark will submit an estimate to pipe the ditch with a French drain and to connect up any land drain pipes that are uncovered. A short length of

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kerbing would be installed on the apex of the bend. It may, however, be many years before this scheme attracts funding. Peter Cook confirmed that should the water be found to come from a land drain on the field he will deal with it.

- 5.4. **Undergrounding and street lighting.** Cllr Hyde reported that the undergrounding was progressing well up Crofts End, but works will not be completed until early next year. There is one remaining street lamp to be fitted at the top of Crofts End opposite School Lane. Cllr Hyde will approach the contractor to find out the cost of the column and also liaise with Holophane regarding the cost of the top part of the lamp. The Chair thanked Cllr Hyde for his work to date on this project.
- 5.5. **Bench in Carters Close.** The Clerk reported that MK Council require details of the location of the bench and whether the street sign requires moving.  
**ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

### 6. VILLAGE REPAIRS

- 6.1. **The Mound.** The Clerk reported that Tony Hunt from MK Council had confirmed that a CCTV camera would be situated at The Mound. It had been planned to be in place by 4 December, but the camera was broken during installation. A new camera will be available in the New Year. When the camera is in place the area must be checked on a daily basis as the film in the camera wipes over itself every 24 hours. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 6.2. **Footpath to Newport Pagnell.** The Clerk reported that no response had been received from MK Council regarding the condition of the footpath between Sherington and Newport Pagnell. The matter will be raised with Ian McGregor during the village walkabout as noted in 5.1.

### 7. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND

- 7.1. **Caretaker report.** Shane Lea had no items to report.
- 7.2. **Sherington Football Club.** The Clerk reported that Grant Coombs (club manager) had confirmed that lime is used for line marking. This is not recommended by the FA and ideally a new line marking machine and appropriate whiting powder / liquid should be used. Funding is available for such equipment from the Football Foundation, but only as part of a capital application. Such capital funding is available for shower refurbishments. It was agreed to forward all the information to Ian Stuart (club Chair) for him to review. A meeting should then be arranged between the club and the parish council to agree the way forward.  
Cllr Hyde reported that at the end of the 06/07 season the goal mouths would need to be repaired. Unless suitable temporary goal posts can be sourced then Argos would not be able to use the pitch for their summer tournament.  
**ACTION: Clerk to investigate.** A contractor will need to be lined up to carry out the work as soon as the 06/07 season is complete. The date of the final game of the 06/07 season and the date of the first game of the 07/08 season (or pre-season friendly) must be clarified. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

### 8. VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The Chair reported that some councillors had met with representatives of the Village Hall Trustees to ascertain any future plans for the village hall. Documents detailing the lottery funding available for village halls was passed to the Trustees. The Chair also reported that councillors had met with a representative from MK Council Planning Department to discuss future housing growth in the village. There is currently no immediate plan for any additional housing, but the Parish Council will be

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able to register any interests in new developments in the New Year. The Parish Council are interested in modest expansion in the village and will contact MK Council at the appropriate time. The Chair also reported that no further information was likely to be available until the New Year regarding the Post Office.

### 9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that the council had been unsuccessful in their bid for funding for Christmas lights. The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree was now in place on The Knoll. Thanks were given to Roger Geoffcoate from Mursley who donated not only the tree for The Knoll but also a shorter tree for the Church. **ACTION: Clerk to write letter and copy to Willen Hospice.** Thanks were also give to Peter Cook for transporting the trees and also all the helpers who put the tree up, including Karen & David Lines who were passing and provided assistance. The Clerk reported that offers of trees were also received from John & Viv Risby, and also a North Crawley resident. Thanks were given to them for their kind offers.

### 10. FINANCE

**10.1. Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £22,257.29. Treasurer Account £1,212.69.

**10.2. Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|            |                         |                      |          |        |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------|
| 05/12/2006 | Lara Bruce              | Clerks salary        | £ 176.54 | 101408 |
| 05/12/2006 | Lara Bruce              | Clerks expenses      | £ 13.89  | 101409 |
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| 05/12/2006 | Nina Beal               | Pavilion cleaner     | £ 70.00  | 101417 |

These would be approved by email as detailed above.

### 11. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

#### 11.1. 06/01761/FUL Alban Hill

This application is for a new dwelling and garage at the Alban Hill Nursery. The Clerk reported that she had been notified by the clerk of Emberton Parish Council that they would be objecting to this application on the grounds that it would set a precedent for building between the two villages. Councillors considered the possibility that should planning consent be granted then there may come a time when the owners sell the business but remain in the house and the new owners may similarly want a house on site and yet another planning application may be made. It may be possible to link the house to the business in order that they must be sold together.

**11.2.** No comments were made on the following applications:

**06/01784/FUL Manor Farm** – 2 storey rear and single storey side extension

**06/01830/TCA The Manor**– fell two dead trees

**06/01863/FUL 4 Village Close** – single storey front extension, rear conservatory and 3 dormer windows

#### 11.3. Decisions

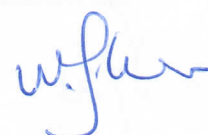
The Clerk reported that the planning application 06/01498/FUL 31 Carters Close for a two storey rear extension had been approved.

### 12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

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- 12.1. **MKNECAF Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm Weston Underwood.** Cllr Hyde will attend this meeting.
- 12.2. **Parish Assembly Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm Civic Offices.** No one was available to attend this meeting.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1. **Allotments.** The Clerk reported that a request had been made by a resident asking for an allotment. Stan Keech had confirmed that all 6 allotments were allocated. It was agreed that Stan should be asked whether all 6 allotments are being maintained. The Clerk has also asked for guidance from MK Council in the event that all allotments are in use.
- 13.2. **Twinning Association.** A letter from the Twinning Association asked for comments on a proposal to erect a milestone on The Knoll showing the distance to Sameon. This would be circulated among councillors for comments.
- 13.3. **MK Council Parish Financing Arrangements 07/08.** Letters had been received from MK Council asking the Parish Council to confirm whether they wished to produce a leaflet about their precept which would accompany resident's council tax bills. In addition, they have set the deadline for notification of the 07/08 precept as 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007. A meeting will need to be held in January to agree the precept. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

### 14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 14.1. David Wright thanked councillors for the invitation to join the Parish Council and indicated his wish to serve the community well. He expressed his support for further housing development in the village which would support valuable services such as the village school.
- 14.2. A resident noted that there had been no grass cutting in Village Close for most of the year. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**
- 14.3. A resident noted that a lorry was still parking in the Perry Lane car park.
- 14.4. A resident commented that any new housing in the village should be of an appropriate size/price in order to attract families and consideration should be given to housing association and shared ownership properties.
- 14.5. A resident reported on how the sewer overflow system should work.
- 14.6. A resident commented that for the Post Office to be sold as a residential property it would need to apply for change of use from MK Council.
- 14.7. A resident asked for a copy of the planning document that covered Sherington over the next few years. A request was also made for there to be full consultation with villagers before any decisions are made by the Parish Council.
- 14.8. Pat Seymour commented on the improved state of The Mound.
- 14.9. Pat Seymour commented on the Cycle Path which was now undergoing a Safety Audit. MKC have confirmed that the path has cracked in places as it is too wide. This will be addressed by strengthening the sides and narrowing the path.
- 14.10. A resident thanked councillors and the clerk for their work during the year.

### 15. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

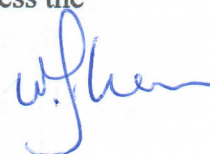
There were no councillors' items.

### 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As the first Tuesday in January is close to New Year, it was agreed to have the next meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm. If the village hall is already booked the meeting will be held at Sherington CE School. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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Date 9/1/07



**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
9th January 2007**

|  | INCOME                           | EXPENDITURE        | Cheque No.         |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</b>             |                                  |                    |                    |
| 05/12/2006 B/forward                           |                                  | £ 22,257.29        |                    |
| 31/12/2006 Interest                            | £ 139.35                         |                    |                    |
| 09/01/2007 Transfer                            |                                  | £ 900.00           |                    |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                  | <b>£ 900.00</b>    |                    |
| 09/01/2007 C/forward                           |                                  | <b>£ 21,496.64</b> |                    |
| <b>TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286</b>              |                                  |                    |                    |
| 05/12/2006 B/forward                           |                                  | £ 1,212.69         |                    |
| 05/12/2006 Lara Bruce                          | Clerks salary                    | £ 176.54           | 101408             |
| 05/12/2006 Lara Bruce                          | Clerks expenses                  | £ 13.89            | 101409             |
| 05/12/2006 Sherington Village Hall             | Hall hire Sep to Nov             | £ 44.00            | 101410             |
| 05/12/2006 Shane Lea                           | Pavilion caretaker               | £ 50.00            | 101411             |
| 05/12/2006 Scan Magazine                       | Donation                         | £ 225.00           | 101412             |
| 05/12/2006 St Lauds Church                     | Donation                         | £ 300.00           | 101413             |
| 05/12/2006 A H Contracts                       | Dog bins                         | £ 41.36            | 101416             |
| 05/12/2006 Nina Beal                           | Pavilion cleaner                 | £ 42.00            | 101417             |
| 09/01/2007 Transfer                            |                                  | £ 900.00           |                    |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                  | <b>£ 892.79</b>    |                    |
| 09/01/2007 C/forward                           |                                  | <b>£ 1,219.90</b>  |                    |
|  |                                  | <b>£ 22,716.54</b> |                    |
| <b>Bank Balance @ 9th January 2007</b>         |                                  |                    |                    |
| <i>Unpresented cheques</i>                     |                                  |                    |                    |
| 05/09/2006 Tony Pilcher                        | Conduit expenses                 | £ 56.46            | 101378             |
| 05/12/2006 Tony Pilcher                        | Donation                         | £ 25.00            | 101414             |
| 05/12/2006 R G Finn                            | Christmas lights                 | £ 109.95           | 101415             |
| <i>Cheques for payment this month</i>          |                                  |                    |                    |
| 09/01/2007 Lara Bruce                          | Clerks salary                    | £ 115.73           | 101418             |
| 09/01/2007 Lara Bruce                          | Clerks expenses                  | £ 6.89             | 101419             |
| 09/01/2007 Raymond Graham                      | Hawthron hedging                 | £ 295.00           | 101420             |
| 09/01/2007 Aylesbury Mains Ltd                 | Street lighting                  | £ 220.90           | 101421             |
| 09/01/2007 Powergen                            | Pavilion electricity             | £ 36.34            | 101422             |
| 09/01/2007 R G Finn                            | Cables for christmas tree lights | £ 23.45            | 101423             |
| 09/01/2007 Shane Lea                           | Pavilion caretaker               | £ 50.00            | 101424             |
| 09/01/2007 SLCC                                | Clerks membership (W Austyn)     | £ 65.00            | 101425             |
| 09/01/2007 A H Contracts                       | Dog bins                         | £ 41.36            | 101426             |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                  | <b>£ -</b>         | <b>£ 1,046.08</b>  |
| <b>Parish Council Funds @ 9th January 2007</b> |                                  |                    | <b>£ 21,670.46</b> |

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## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in Sherington School, commencing at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), David Hyde (Vice Chair), Peter Cook, David Keene, Peter Burton, Bob Finn and David Wright

**ATTENDING:** Lara Bruce (acting Clerk) Wendy Austyn (minute taker/returning Clerk) and 3 public.

### 1. APOLOGIES

None

### 2. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The council agreed to co-opt David Wright who duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. David agreed to abide by the Standing Orders and will complete a Register of Interests within 28 days. **ACTION: Cllr Wright**

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cook declared an interest in the planning application for Winnowing Barn; Cllr Keene declared an interest in the application for 10 Crofts End; and Cllr Hyde declared an interest in the St Lauds Church payment that was approved via email. N.B Later on during the meeting the clerk reminded Cllrs that they need not necessarily leave the room when they had declared an interest. They could opt to remain in the room but not take part in the discussion, or could choose their words very carefully so as not to appear prejudiced.

On behalf of the council, the Chairman welcomed back Wendy Austyn as Clerk and thanked Lara Bruce for doing such a sterling job whilst Wendy was on leave. Wendy will fully take over the reins from the February meeting.

### 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

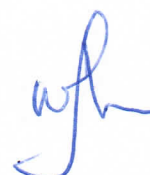
### 5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1. **Streetcare Pilot scheme.** At their meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December Cllrs Lewis and Hyde presented Ian McGregor with a list of items needing attention, some of which having already been reported, and Ian has since prepared a blank form to be completed with these and any additional items, when the Streetcare Walkabout takes place. Cllrs and MKC will together assess the condition of all roads, footpaths, verges etc and prioritise appropriate remedial actions. It was agreed to ensure that all roads have been included and request that additional areas such as Alban Hill, Sherington Bridge, Perry Lane car park, the Mound etc are added, as well as any extra footpaths such as Corn Close (the shortcut between School Lane and Crofts End). **ACTION: Clerk and Cllrs.** The Clerk will now chase Ian McGregor for a date for the Streetcare Walkabout **ACTION: Clerk**
- 5.2. **Flooding in Water Lane.** The Clerk reported that there had been no more incidents since the recent camera survey and root clearance. Two Anglian Water representatives will be attending the February meeting to talk about the village

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drainage system, along with MKC and a representative from Mark Lancaster's office. AW has been sent a list of Cllrs questions in advance and Ian McGregor has been invited to respond to AW's claim that there is inadequate highways drainage in Water Lane. Cllr Burton reported that the most recent roots were located outside Doug Smith's house which is just outside of where the sewer has been sleeved. It was agreed to contact the AW reps before the Feb meeting to request they bring plans of the village drainage system, findings of their recent camera survey and details of future proposals for the village. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 5.3. **Undergrounding and Street Lighting.** Cllr Hyde reported that Bob Semple Central Networks has confirmed work on the High Street and Crofts End will recommence on 16<sup>th</sup> February until it is completed. The street lamp on Crofts End opposite School Lane will cost £188 + VAT. Bob would like to get Phase 2 underway as soon as possible which covers School Lane and Church Road. It was agreed to contact John Peachey with regard to the cost of new street lights; and Bob Semple to confirm whether any other roads that spur from Church Road e.g. Park Road are to be included. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**

### 6. VILLAGE REPAIRS

- 6.1. **Footpath to Newport Pagnell.** Ian McGregor has agreed to send a representative to inspect the path and possibly contact the landowners regarding the hedges **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 6.2. **Roadside verges.** Cllrs are concerned that verges in Gun Lane, Crofts End and Bedford Road are rapidly disappearing. One suggestion was to selectively narrow roads so that only one vehicle can pass at a time. It was agreed to make this a priority on the Streetcare repairs pilot scheme.
- 6.3. **Damage and fly tipping.** A pallet has been left near the Mound; the street sign on Newport Road has been knocked over again; and the reflector sign at the A509 turnoff into Sherington needs repairing. **ACTION: Clerk to report/chase**
- 6.4. **Mound.** The clerk reported that the CCTV is still to be installed, and will query again as to whether a litter bin can be placed there. **ACTION: Clerk**

### 7. OWNERSHIP OF THE KNOLL AND STONEPITS CLOSE


Cllr Hyde is still looking into this. It may be appropriate for the council to engage the services of a solicitor/conveyancer. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**

### 8. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND

- 8.1. **Caretaker's report.** Shane Lea had reported nothing new for December. Outstanding items are the guttering on the pavilion that needs repairing, and the lock on the storage shed that needs replacing. It was agreed to get quotes for this work **ACTION: Clerk**
- 8.2. **Repair of goal mouths.** Sherington Football Club's season ends in May, and this doesn't allow sufficient time for repairs before any summer tournaments i.e. Argos. It was agreed to pursue the idea of relocating the pitch on the same field and installing temporary goal posts, the two pitches could even possibly be alternated each year. Quotes need to be obtained for the existing goal mouth repair, it was agreed to contact Synergy (part of MKC) for advice on whether to reseed or turf; and on relocating the pitch and any other related issues such as the power point on the pitch. **ACTION: Cllrs Cook and Wright to arrange a meeting with Dave Potts.** Cllr Burton also happy to help.

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- 8.3. **New equipment.** It was agreed that the parish council would itself apply to the Football Foundation for a grant towards refurbishment of showers and a line marking machine. It was suggested that the electricity supply to the pavilion might also need reviewing. **ACTION: Clerk**

## 9. VILLAGE APPRAISAL

- 9.1. **Village Post Office.** It was agreed to write to Post Office HQ for details of their proposals concerning Sherington Post Office. Ray and Teddy Barber, and Mark Lancaster MP to be copied in. The letter will not contain any reference to Ray and Teddy's personal circumstances **ACTION: Clerk.** Cllr Lewis will keep Ray and Teddy updated **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**
- 9.2. **Development.** Further to the meeting with MKC Planning's Bob Wilson, Cllr Keene will draft a response to the Rural Area Development Strategy document which the council can discuss and approve at the February meeting. **ACTION Cllr Keene.**

## 10. FINANCE

- 10.1. **Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £22396.64; Treasurer Account £544.90
- 10.2. **Last month's payments.** As there were insufficient councillors at the December meeting to constitute a forum, the payments were approved by the council via email.
- 10.3. **Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|            |                     |                           |   |        |        |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| 09/01/2007 | Lara Bruce          | Clerks salary             | £ | 115.73 | 101418 |
| 09/01/2007 | Lara Bruce          | Clerks expenses           | £ | 6.89   | 101419 |
| 09/01/2007 | Raymond Graham      | Hawthorn hedging          | £ | 295.00 | 101420 |
| 09/01/2007 | Aylesbury Mains Ltd | Street lighting           | £ | 220.90 | 101421 |
| 09/01/2007 | Powergen            | Pavilion electricity      | £ | 36.34  | 101422 |
|            |                     | Cables for Christmas tree |   |        |        |
| 09/01/2007 | R G Finn            | lights                    | £ | 23.45  | 101423 |
| 09/01/2007 | Shane Lea           | Pavilion caretaker        | £ | 50.00  | 101424 |
|            |                     | Clerks membership (W      |   |        |        |
| 09/01/2007 | SLCC                | Austyn)                   | £ | 65.00  | 101425 |

## 11. PLANNING

- 11.1. **06/01761/FUL Alban Hill.** The Clerk reported that MKC are going to refuse this application but would still like the council's considered response. Cllrs were divided with the main concern being whether the new residential development will be tied to the business.
- 11.2. **06/01875/FUL End Farm, Water Lane.** Cllrs had no adverse comments
- 11.3. **06/01913/FUL Land adjacent to 10 Crofts End.** Cllr Keene left the room. Cllrs were opposed to this revision of an MKC previously approved application on the grounds that it is an over development of the site.
- 11.4. **06/2009/FUL Winnowing Barn.** Cllr Cook left the room. Cllrs agreed to reserve judgement until more information regarding visual impact is supplied. Tony Pilcher advised that an aerial doesn't have to be sited near to where the data it produces is processed; and also suggested that the council enquire as to what power levels the aerial will operate at. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 11.5. **Recent planning decisions.** Applications for Manor Farm and Manor House were approved

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### 12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 12.1. **Precept meeting.** Agreed for Mon January 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Cllr Keene's house  
 12.2. **Landscape Character Assessment.** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Olney Youth Centre. Cllrs Lewis, Keene and Hyde will try to attend.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1. **Willen Under 10s football.** This team have asked to use the football pitch on Saturday morning 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. SFC have advised that they will need the pitch in good condition themselves the same day so it was agreed to refuse this request.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- 13.2. **MK2031 Long Term Growth Strategy Review.** In response to the huge document provided it was agreed by majority to respond that the parish council support the representations made on the current South East Regional plan.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- 13.3. **Twinning Association milestone.** Cllr Lewis declared an interest in this item. The council raised queries as to the most appropriate location of the milestone, and whether it would be vandal proof. It was also queried whether planning permission would be needed. **ACTION: Cllr Lewis to take these comments back to the Twinning Association committee and contact MKC planning dept.**
- 13.4. **MKC 2007/08 Budget Consultation.** Cllrs were invited to complete questionnaires. **ACTION: Cllrs (optional)**
- 13.5. **Parish Partnership Fund.** The application form has been received with a deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> March. This will be discussed at the precept meeting.
- 13.6. **Wind Farms.** Cllr Lewis had circulated a newspaper article reporting that wind farms are not efficient.

### 14. PUBLIC COMMENTS


- 14.1. A resident suggested that the council consider the Executive Summary of the MK2031 Long Term Growth Strategy Review which includes the comments that the M1 motorway should not be seen as a boundary to the urban area; and that the East of the M1 would not be adversely affected by development as it could do with being improved aesthetically anyway.
- 14.2. A resident reported that since the Carters Close development, 80 new houses or extensions have been granted planning permission and none of these have been affordable housing. The council was asked to take this into account when considering any small scale development in the village.

### 15. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 15.1. Cllr Finn reported that the dead tree has now been removed from the Knoll and there were others that needed keeping an eye on. There is a stump that needs grinding but this can wait until a more appropriate time. He also thanked Tony Pilcher and Mike Inskipp for helping to take the Christmas tree down.
- 15.2. Cllr Burton reported that weeds are once again taking over the border of Perry Lane car park and this needs regular maintenance. **ACTION: Clerk to check when next maintenance is due**
- 15.3. Cllr Burton reported that the proposed location of the new bench on the corner of Carters Close had been agreed. The Clerk will send MKC a plan for their approval. **ACTION: Clerk**

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- 15.4. Cllr Burton enquired on progress of the new bus shelter on School Lane. The Clerk reported that Stuart Simmonds of MKC Transport dept will be carrying out a safety audit and is sending the clerk a plan for the intended location of the shelter to be marked and sent back to him. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 15.5. Cllr Hyde reported that he had seen the gully sucking machine in Carters Close today and asked whether it covered the whole village. A resident confirmed it had been in Crofts End.
- 15.6. Cllr Hyde asked that the pothole outside Haynes Garage be reported again as urgent. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 15.7. Cllr Lewis enquired on progress of the cycle path. It was agreed to chase Pat Seymour for the Safety Audit report. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 15.8. Cllr Lewis reported that the spinney outside Mercers Farm may need some attention. It was agreed to wait for the under grounding work to be completed and then review.
- 15.9. Cllr Lewis reported that Sherington Historical Society is preparing a Welcome Pack for new residents and it was agreed for the council to provide its details for inclusion. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 15.10. Cllr Lewis had received concerns from a resident regarding noise and inconvenience caused by lorries at Haynes Garage. Cllr Lewis will speak to Bernard Haynes **ACTION: Cllr Lewis**

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
6th February 2007**

|                                    |                 | INCOME | EXPENDITURE     | Cheque No.       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</b> |                 |        |                 |                  |
| 09/01/2007 B/forward               |                 |        | £               | 22,396.64        |
| 09/01/2007 HSBC                    | Transfer        | £      | 900.00          |                  |
| 03/02/2007 HSBC                    | Transfer        | £      | 500.00          |                  |
|                                    | <b>Subtotal</b> | £      | -               | £                |
|                                    |                 |        | <b>1,400.00</b> |                  |
| 06/02/2007 C/forward               |                 |        | £               | <b>20,996.64</b> |

**TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286**

|                           |                                  |   |                 |        |                 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 09/01/2007 B/forward      |                                  |   | £               | 544.90 |                 |
| 05/12/2006 Scan Magazine  | Donation                         |   | £               | 225.00 | 101412          |
| 09/01/2007 HSBC           | Transfer                         | £ | 900.00          |        |                 |
| 09/01/2007 Lara Bruce     | Clerks salary                    |   | £               | 115.73 | 101418          |
| 09/01/2007 Lara Bruce     | Clerks expenses                  |   | £               | 6.89   | 101419          |
| 09/01/2007 Raymond Graham | Hawthron hedging                 |   | £               | 295.00 | 101420          |
| 09/01/2007 Powergen       | Pavilion electricity             |   | £               | 36.34  | 101422          |
| 09/01/2007 SLCC           | Clerks membership (W Austyn)     |   | £               | 65.00  | 101425          |
| 09/01/2007 A H Contracts  | Dog Bins                         |   | £               | 41.36  | 101426          |
| 05/12/2006 R G Finn       | Christmas lights                 |   | £               | 109.95 | 101415          |
| 09/01/2007 R G Finn       | Cables for christmas tree lights |   | £               | 23.45  | 101423          |
| 03/02/2007 HSBC           | Transfer                         | £ | 500.00          |        |                 |
|                           | <b>Subtotal</b>                  | £ | <b>1,400.00</b> | £      | <b>918.72</b>   |
| 06/02/2007 C/forward      |                                  |   |                 | £      | <b>1,026.18</b> |

**Bank Balance @ 6th February 2007**

£ **22,022.82**

*Unpresented cheques*

|                                |                    |  |   |        |        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--------|--------|
| 05/09/2006 Tony Pilcher        | Conduit expenses   |  | £ | 56.46  | 101378 |
| 05/12/2006 Tony Pilcher        | Donation           |  | £ | 25.00  | 101414 |
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| 09/01/2007 Shane Lea           | Pavilion caretaker |  | £ | 50.00  | 101424 |

*Cheques for payment this month*

|                          |                  |   |   |        |               |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|---|--------|---------------|
| 06/02/2007 A H Contracts | Dog bins         |   | £ | 51.70  | 101427        |
| 06/02/2007 L Bruce       | Clerk's salary   |   | £ | 172.61 | 101428        |
| 06/02/2007 L Bruce       | Clerk's expenses |   | £ | 13.45  | 101429        |
| 06/02/2007 W Austyn      | Clerk's salary   |   | £ | 266.81 | 101430        |
| 06/02/2007 Shane Lea     | Caretaker        |   | £ | 50.00  | 101431        |
| 06/02/2007 N Beal        | Pavilion cleaner |   | £ | 58.00  | 101432        |
|                          | <b>Subtotal</b>  | £ | - | £      | <b>964.93</b> |

**Parish Council Funds @ 6th February 2007**

£ **21,057.89**

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Sherington Parish Council

| Category              | Sub Category               | Actual 05/06      | Budget 06/07      | Current Spend     | Less grant spend  | Net grant spend   | Est Add Spend    | Est Total Spend   | Est Surp/Def     |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>GROUNDNS</b>       | Mowing                     | £1,573.20         | £1,750.00         | 1,573.20          |                   | 1,573.20          | 0.00             | 1,573.20          | £176.80          |
|                       | Rents                      | £100.00           | £100.00           | 100.00            |                   | 100.00            | 0.00             | 100.00            | £0.00            |
|                       | Maintenance/Trees          | £1,023.16         | £1,000.00         | 0.00              |                   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | £1,000.00        |
|                       |                            | <b>£2,696.36</b>  | <b>£2,850.00</b>  | <b>1,673.20</b>   | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>1,673.20</b>   | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>1,673.20</b>   | <b>£1,176.80</b> |
|                       | Equip Rep/Replace          | £0.00             | £250.00           | 0.00              |                   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | £250.00          |
|                       | Pavilion Maintenance       | £593.94           | £1,000.00         | 741.76            |                   | 741.76            | 258.24           | 1,000.00          | £0.00            |
|                       | Pavilion Cleaner           |                   | £900.00           | 623.99            |                   | 623.99            | 82.00            | 705.99            | £194.01          |
|                       | Pavilion Caretaker         |                   | £0.00             | 400.00            |                   | 400.00            | 50.00            | 450.00            | -£450.00         |
|                       | Perry Lane Operating Costs |                   | £1,000.00         | 30.00             |                   | 30.00             | 0.00             | 30.00             | £970.00          |
|                       | Pavilion Utilities         | £535.90           | £600.00           | 639.67            |                   | 639.67            | 100.00           | 739.67            | -£139.67         |
|                       | Mowing Rec Field           | £938.00           | £1,100.00         | 966.00            |                   | 966.00            | 0.00             | 966.00            | £134.00          |
|                       |                            | <b>£2,067.84</b>  | <b>£4,850.00</b>  | <b>3,401.42</b>   | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>3,401.42</b>   | <b>490.24</b>    | <b>3,891.66</b>   | <b>£958.34</b>   |
| <b>PLAY AREAS</b>     | Hall Hire                  | £154.00           | £200.00           | 121.00            |                   | 121.00            | 57.00            | 178.00            | £22.00           |
|                       | Insurances                 | £1,092.17         | £1,500.00         | 1,175.52          |                   | 1,175.52          | 0.00             | 1,175.52          | £324.48          |
|                       | Clerk's Expenses           | £159.26           | £220.00           | 191.72            |                   | 191.72            | 26.55            | 218.27            | £1.73            |
|                       | Clerk's Salary             | £2,620.09         | £2,800.00         | 2,440.65          |                   | 2,440.65          | 310.58           | 2,751.23          | £48.77           |
|                       | Subscriptions              | £205.84           | £220.00           | 186.97            |                   | 186.97            | 19.00            | 205.97            | £14.03           |
|                       | Training                   | £15.00            | £350.00           | 0.00              |                   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | £350.00          |
|                       | Audit Fees                 | £180.00           | £200.00           | 410.00            |                   | 410.00            | 0.00             | 410.00            | -£210.00         |
|                       | Printing Charges           | £95.58            | £100.00           | 4.00              |                   | 4.00              | 0.00             | 75.00             | £25.00           |
|                       |                            | <b>£4,521.94</b>  | <b>£5,590.00</b>  | <b>4,529.86</b>   | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>4,529.86</b>   | <b>413.13</b>    | <b>5,013.99</b>   | <b>£576.01</b>   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b> | Dog Bins                   | £532.80           | £600.00           | 422.40            |                   | 422.40            | 33.00            | 455.40            | £144.60          |
|                       | Lighting Water Lane        | £0.00             | £0.00             | 0.00              |                   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | £0.00            |
|                       | Lighting Crofts End        | £0.00             | £0.00             | 188.00            |                   | 188.00            | 0.00             | 188.00            | -£188.00         |
|                       | General Maintenance        | £0.00             | £600.00           | 245.00            |                   | 245.00            | 650.00           | 895.00            | -£295.00         |
|                       |                            | <b>£532.80</b>    | <b>£1,200.00</b>  | <b>855.40</b>     | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>855.40</b>     | <b>683.00</b>    | <b>1,538.40</b>   | <b>-£338.40</b>  |
| <b>HIGHWAYS</b>       | Perry Lane Area            | £1,979.00         | £2,000.00         | 34,396.97         |                   | 34,396.97         | 0.00             | 0.00              | £2,000.00        |
|                       | Village Hall Path          | £244.50           | £1,500.00         | 0.00              |                   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | £1,500.00        |
|                       | Perry Lane carpark         | £5,957.46         | £0.00             | 125.00            |                   | 125.00            | 0.00             | 0.00              | £0.00            |
|                       | Knoll Electricity          | £55.70            | £100.00           | 48.05             |                   | 48.05             | 0.00             | 48.05             | £51.95           |
|                       | Xmas Tree lights           |                   | £100.00           | 121.96            |                   | 121.96            | 0.00             | 121.96            | -£21.96          |
|                       | Village Signs              |                   | £1,000.00         | 0.00              |                   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | £1,000.00        |
|                       | Goal posts/nets/flags      |                   | £1,000.00         | 836.96            |                   | 836.96            | 0.00             | 836.96            | £163.04          |
|                       |                            | <b>£8,236.66</b>  | <b>£5,700.00</b>  | <b>35,528.94</b>  | <b>34,521.97</b>  | <b>1,006.97</b>   | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>1,006.97</b>   | <b>£4,693.03</b> |
| <b>PROJECTS</b>       | Scan Magazine              | £225.00           | £225.00           | 225.00            |                   | 225.00            | 0.00             | 225.00            | £0.00            |
|                       | Church Floodlighting       | £300.00           | £300.00           | 300.00            |                   | 300.00            | 0.00             | 300.00            | £0.00            |
|                       | Xmas Tree Electric         | £25.00            | £25.00            | 25.00             |                   | 25.00             | 0.00             | 25.00             | £0.00            |
|                       | General Village            | £550.00           | £800.00           | 550.00            |                   | 550.00            | 0.00             | 550.00            | £250.00          |
| <b>DONATIONS</b>      |                            |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>         |                            | <b>£18,605.60</b> | <b>£20,990.00</b> | <b>£46,538.82</b> | <b>£34,521.97</b> | <b>£12,016.85</b> | <b>£1,586.37</b> | <b>£13,674.22</b> | <b>£7,065.78</b> |
|                       | Precept MKC                |                   | £18,113.00        |                   |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in Sherington School, commencing at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bill Lewis (Chair), David Hyde (Vice Chair), Peter Cook, David Keene, Peter Burton, and David Wright

**ATTENDING:** Wendy Austyn (Clerk), Richard Gates (from office of Mark Lancaster MP), Steve Portlock and Dave Harper (Anglian Water), Ian McGregor and Mark Bennett (MKC Highways), Cllr Pat Seymour (Sherington Ward) and 8 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Finn

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. VISIT FROM ANGLIAN WATER

4.1. Steve Portlock (Area Collections Manager) and Dave Harper (Area Customer Response Manager) attended the meeting, brought maps of the underground system, and answered questions previously submitted by the council. The main points are summarised as follows:

(i) Sherington has a foul sewer that carries waste from properties into the main sewer that ends up underneath Water Lane and leads to the treatment works; there is also the surface water sewer that takes excess rain water into the brook, at the time of the meeting Stephen Portlock was led to believe that a certain amount of water then goes via a hydrobrake into Water Lane with the overflow continuing along the brook. This will now be investigated further following information supplied by a resident at the meeting.

(ii) Fat deposits are one factor that cause blockages in the foul sewer, root infestations are another. The recent CCTV survey found massive root infestation in the sewer past Smiths Yard and this has now been cleared

(iii) There is a possibility of cross connections between the two types of sewer but this cannot be confirmed without a full CCTV inspection.

(iv) The hydrobrake regulates flow of surface water down to Water Lane.

Following information provided at the meeting this system will now be investigated further

(v) The hydrobrake is subject to monthly inspections for any restrictions but these are not extensive as the system contains no moving parts. The Council are welcome to view the next inspection.

(vi) The system is effective and Anglian Water is not aware of any silting issues

(vii) Sewage gravitates down to the treatment plant where it is processed on site.

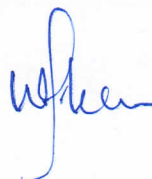
(viii) The state of the sewer where the recent CCTV survey was carried out was no worse than expected and in a fairly reasonable condition. Relining of the sewer from the bottom of Water Lane to the sewage treatment works is planned to be undertaken in June 07

(ix) In future the sewage pipe will be on a 9 month jetting schedule, the next jetting is due in November 2007 and at this point it can be determined whether this frequency is still appropriate

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Other points raised as summarised below:

- Concern was raised regarding system capacity and AW stated that a flow survey can be undertaken but there are no current issues.
  - There are peak flows during the day, especially Sunday mornings when the man hole covers come up and detritus spills onto the road
  - The sewer is supposed to be self cleansing, concern was raised as to whether flow was sufficient to carry this out effectively
  - The issue of the ditch that runs behind Leys View and Smiths Yard was raised. Ownership and therefore maintenance appears on its maps to be AW's responsibility, and will be investigated further by Steve Portlock
  - Concern was raised that the AW reps were not fully aware of the detailed operation of the foul sewage system.
  - MKC Highways stated that there were no issues regarding highways drainage.
- The representatives from Anglian Water and MKC then left the meeting.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1. **Cycle Path.** Pat Seymour has been chased for the results of the safety audit of the proposed Alban Hill phase, but had not been able to supply any information. It was agreed to write directly to Kevin Whiteside to request the results, and consequently the confirmed route through Sherington with expected dates of commencement and completion. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 5.2. **New bench on Carters Close.** A plan to show the exact location for the proposed bench has been sent to MKC. **ACTION: Clerk to progress.**
- 5.3. **New bus shelter on School Lane.** A plan of the lay-by in School Lane has been sent to MKC in order for a safety audit to be carried out. Quotes for the shelter and installation are also needed. **ACTION: Clerk to progress.**

### 6. VILLAGE REPAIRS

- 6.1. **Footpath to Newport Pagnell.** Ian McGregor has been chased twice regarding an inspection of the path but has not responded. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 6.2. **Streetcare Rural Pilot Scheme.** The spreadsheet has been updated with the additional roads etc. Ian McGregor has been asked to suggest a date for the walkabout but has not yet responded. **ACTION: Clerk to chase.**
- 6.3. **Mound.** The Mound is not part of the weekly rubbish collection schedule. MKC suggest moving an existing bin which could then be emptied weekly at no extra cost. It was agreed to remind MKC that they have taken over sole responsibility for maintenance of the Mound and to pursue the acquisition of a new bin, rather than moving an existing one. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 6.4. **Fly tipping and General Damage report.** The missing bin from Perry Lane, the tree blocking a ditch, and dumped tyres have all been reported. Trees overhanging the road in Gun Lane and Sherington Road will be reported **ACTION: Clerk**

### 7. UNDERGROUNDING AND STREET LIGHTING

Central Networks has confirmed that under grounding of electricity will continue round the remainder of the village after the current phase in Crofts End and High Street is complete. Park Road, Gun Lane and Bedford Road will be included. MKC have offered a reduced price on the new rural street lights of £470 each. These have been ordered. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde and Clerk to progress**

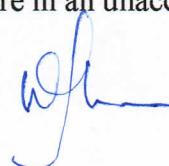
### 8. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND

- 8.1. **Caretaker's and cleaner's report.** Shane Lea had not submitted a report for January. The cleaner had reported that the toilets were in an unacceptable condition

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following a weekend match, it was apparent that they had been used for washing football boots. It was agreed to contact Ian Stewart about this. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 8.2. Weeds in car park.** These have been reported to Environmental Services. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 8.3. Pavilion repairs.** Cllr Keene proposed to accept a quote of £380 to repair the guttering, seconded by Cllr Wright. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 8.4. Storage Hut repairs.** Cllr Burton reported that Carterton Concrete have carried out remedial work to the storage hut, but have yet to return and complete the roof and door repairs. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to chase**
- 8.5. Football pitch relocate and repair.** Cllrs Cook and Wright met with Dave Potts from Synergy to discuss repairing the goal mouths and relocating the pitch to allow for summer play. Quotes have now been received **ACTION: Clerk to accept quotes and obtain final fixture dates.**
- 8.6. Pavilion refurbishment.** Cllr Burton reported that Ray Rowan is happy to prepare drawings. **ACTION: Cllr Burton to liaise with Ray and the football club to agree recommended design and ascertain costs.**

### 9. VILLAGE APPRAISAL

- 9.1. Village Post Office.** The Post Office has confirmed there are no plans to close Sherington Post Office. Councillors' response to a new government consultation document on the post office network was deferred until the March meeting.
- 9.2. Response to MK Local Development Framework Core Strategy.** Councillors agreed to respond that the potential for limited development in the village should be investigated, but would only be endorsed if it contributes to appropriate additions to village facilities. **ACTION Clerk**

### 10. MAY ELECTIONS

The clerk reported that the May election will soon be advertised on notice boards and in SCAN magazine. **ACTION: Clerk**

### 11. STONEPITS CLOSE, MILL LANE

The current licence has now expired and the licensee has given notice that the rent of Stonepits is no longer required. It was agreed to advertise the licence for one season only. **ACTION: Clerk**

### 12. FINANCE

- 12.1. Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £20996.64; Treasurer Account £1026.18
- 12.2. Agree Precept 2007/08.** Cllr Keene proposed the 07/08 precept of £18862.00, seconded by Cllr Hyde. This is a 4.1% increase on 06/07.
- 12.3. Approve new street lights and mowing contract.** £470 per light was proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Wright; £1650 per year for another 3 years mowing was proposed by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Hyde. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Hyde for his work on the under grounding and street lighting project.
- 12.4. Cheques for payment** were as follows:

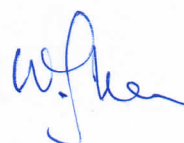
|            |               |                  |   |        |        |
|------------|---------------|------------------|---|--------|--------|
| 06/02/2007 | A H Contracts | Dog bins         | £ | 51.70  | 101427 |
| 06/02/2007 | L Bruce       | Clerk's salary   | £ | 172.61 | 101428 |
| 06/02/2007 | L Bruce       | Clerk's expenses | £ | 13.45  | 101429 |
| 06/02/2007 | W Austyn      | Clerk's salary   | £ | 266.81 | 101430 |
| 06/02/2007 | Shane Lea     | Caretaker        | £ | 50.00  | 101431 |
| 06/02/2007 | N Beal        | Pavilion cleaner | £ | 58.00  | 101432 |

After this item, Cllr Wright left the meeting.

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### 13. PLANNING

- 13.1. **06/02040/FUL 26 School Lane.** Cllrs had no adverse comments
- 13.2. **Recent planning decisions.** Applications for Alban Hill and Winnowing Barn were refused; the application for End Farm, Water Lane was approved.

### 14. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 14.1. **TVP Parish Consultative Meeting Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.** No one was available to attend.
- 14.2. **BLEW meeting Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.** No one was available to attend.
- 14.3. **Landscape Character Assessment workshop 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** Cllr Lewis attended and has received input from residents towards a response. Cllrs to send any further comments to the Chairman by 14<sup>th</sup> February **ACTION: Cllrs**

### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

- 15.1. **Post Office network consultation.** Response to this was deferred until the March meeting.
- 15.2. **Affordable Housing planning document.** Cllrs agreed not to respond.

### 16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 16.1. A resident commented that as Griggs Orchard was not adopted Highway, any street lighting would have to be funded by the residents.
- 16.2. A resident expressed concern over quality of public transport arrangements if the post office were to close.
- 16.3. A resident reported that youths are delivering papers in the dark on their bikes, in dark clothing and without lights. It was agreed to place a note in SCAN about this. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde**
- 16.4. A Church Road resident asked if the verge outside his house could be protected somehow as it is being severely eroded.
- 16.5. A resident suggested creating a wooded picnic area at Stonepits Close. It was agreed to place this on the March agenda.
- 16.6. A resident reported pot holes outside the flats in the High St. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 16.7. A resident reported that the footpath through the Village Hall play area floods in several places and is also significantly narrower than it used to be.
- 16.8. A resident expressed concerns over the footpath to Newport Pagnell. Cllr Cook agreed to speak to the landowner regarding the hedge. **ACTION: Cllr Cook.**

### 17. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

- 17.1. Cllr Keene reported that road works are due to start at Junction 13 of the M1 on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 17.2. Cllr Burton stated that the caretaker's report should be submitted to the Clerk before the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Shane**
- 17.3. Cllr Burton reported that he had been contacted by a resident with regards to using the pavilion for a summer village event.
- 17.4. Cllr Lewis reported that Helen Westlake at MKC Planning had confirmed that planning permission for a Twinning Association milestone on the Knoll is not required.

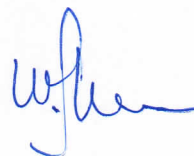
### 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.49pm.

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**SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BALANCE  
6th March 2007**

|                                    |                 | INCOME     | EXPENDITURE       | Cheque No.       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT 71138472</b> |                 |            |                   |                  |
| 06/02/2007 B/forward               |                 |            | £                 | 20,996.64        |
| 05/03/2007 HSBC                    | Transfer        |            | £ 1,500.00        |                  |
|                                    | <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£ 1,500.00</b> |                  |
| 06/03/2007 C/forward               |                 |            | £                 | <b>19,496.64</b> |

**TREASURER ACCOUNT 11034286**

|                            |                    |                   |                 |                 |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 06/02/2007 B/forward       |                    |                   | £               | 1,026.18        |        |
| 09/02/2007 J W Cook & Sons | Stonepits Rent     | £ 120.00          |                 |                 |        |
| 09/02/2007 St Lauds Church | Mowing             | £ 400.00          |                 |                 |        |
| 09/01/2007 Shane Lea       | Pavilion caretaker |                   | £ 50.00         |                 | 101424 |
| 05/09/2006 Tony Pilcher    | Conduit expenses   |                   | £ 56.46         |                 | 101378 |
| 05/12/2006 Tony Pilcher    | Donation           |                   | £ 25.00         |                 | 101414 |
| 06/02/2007 A H Contracts   | Dog bins           |                   | £ 51.70         |                 | 101427 |
| 06/02/2007 L Bruce         | Clerk's salary     |                   | £ 172.61        |                 | 101428 |
| 06/02/2007 L Bruce         | Clerk's expenses   |                   | £ 13.45         |                 | 101429 |
| 06/02/2007 W Austyn        | Clerk's salary     |                   | £ 266.81        |                 | 101430 |
| 06/02/2007 N Beal          | Pavilion cleaner   |                   | £ 58.00         |                 | 101432 |
| 05/03/2007 HSBC            | Transfer           | £ 1,500.00        |                 |                 |        |
|                            | <b>Subtotal</b>    | <b>£ 2,020.00</b> | <b>£ 694.03</b> |                 |        |
| 06/03/2007 C/forward       |                    |                   | £               | <b>2,352.15</b> |        |

**Bank Balance @ 6th March 2007**

£ 21,848.79

*Unpresented cheques*

|                                |                 |  |          |  |        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------|--|--------|
| 09/01/2007 Aylesbury Mains Ltd | Street lighting |  | £ 220.90 |  | 101421 |
| 06/02/2007 Shane Lea           | Caretaker       |  | £ 50.00  |  | 101431 |

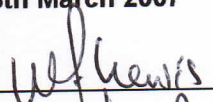
*Cheques for payment this month*

|                                    |                            |            |                   |  |        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|--|--------|
| 06/03/2007 Sherington Village Hall | Hall Hire Dec and Feb      |            | £ 22.00           |  | 101433 |
| 06/03/2007 P Burton                | Pavilion padlocks and keys |            | £ 54.90           |  | 101434 |
| 06/03/2007 W Austyn                | Clerk's salary             |            | £ 219.97          |  | 101435 |
| 06/03/2007 W Austyn                | Clerk's expenses           |            | £ 41.57           |  | 101436 |
| 06/03/2007 Carterton Concrete Ltd  | Storage Hut repairs        |            | £ 822.50          |  | 101437 |
| 06/03/2007 J Arnold                | Plumbing pavilion          |            | £ 35.00           |  | 101438 |
| 06/03/2007 A H Contracts           | Dog bins                   |            | £ 41.36           |  | 101439 |
| 06/03/2007 S Lea                   | Caretaker                  |            | £ 50.00           |  | 101440 |
| 06/03/2007 N Beal                  | Pavilion cleaner           |            | £ 44.00           |  | 101441 |
|                                    | <b>Subtotal</b>            | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£ 1,602.20</b> |  |        |

**Parish Council Funds @ 6th March 2007**

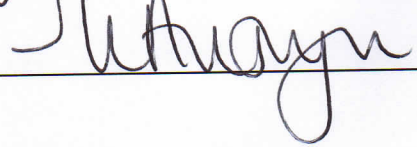
**£ 20,246.59**

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| Category       | Sub Category               | Actual 05/06 | Budget 06/07 | Current Spend | Less grant spend | Non-grant spend | Est Add Spend | Est Total Spend | Est Surp/Def |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Category       | Mowing                     | £1,573.20    | £1,750.00    | 1,573.20      |                  | 1,573.20        | 0.00          | 1,573.20        | £176.80      |
|                | Rents                      | £100.00      | £100.00      | 100.00        |                  | 100.00          | 0.00          | 100.00          | £0.00        |
|                | Maintenance/Trees          | £1,023.16    | £1,000.00    | 0.00          |                  | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00            | £1,000.00    |
| GROUNDS        |                            | £2,696.36    | £2,850.00    | 1,673.20      | 0.00             | 1,673.20        | 0.00          | 1,673.20        | £1,176.80    |
|                | Equip Rep/Replace          | £0.00        | £250.00      | 700.00        |                  | 700.00          | 0.00          | 700.00          | -£450.00     |
|                | Pavilion Maintenance       | £593.94      | £1,000.00    | 823.48        |                  | 823.48          | 0.00          | 823.48          | £176.52      |
|                | Pavilion Cleaner           |              | £900.00      | 667.99        |                  | 667.99          | 0.00          | 667.99          | £232.01      |
|                | Pavilion Caretaker         |              | £0.00        | 450.00        |                  | 450.00          | 0.00          | 450.00          | -£450.00     |
|                | Perry Lane Operating Costs |              | £1,000.00    | 30.00         |                  | 30.00           | 0.00          | 30.00           | £970.00      |
|                | Pavilion Utilities         | £535.90      | £600.00      | 639.67        |                  | 639.67          | 0.00          | 639.67          | -£39.67      |
|                | Mowing Rec Field           | £938.00      | £1,100.00    | 966.00        |                  | 966.00          | 0.00          | 966.00          | £134.00      |
| PLAY AREAS     |                            | £2,067.84    | £4,850.00    | 4,277.14      | 0.00             | 4,277.14        | 0.00          | 4,277.14        | £572.86      |
|                | Hall Hire                  | £154.00      | £200.00      | 143.00        |                  | 143.00          | 0.00          | 143.00          | £57.00       |
|                | Insurances                 | £1,092.17    | £1,500.00    | 1,175.52      |                  | 1,175.52        | 0.00          | 1,175.52        | £324.48      |
|                | Clerk's Expenses           | £159.26      | £220.00      | 233.29        |                  | 233.29          | 0.00          | 233.29          | -£13.29      |
|                | Clerk's Salary             | £2,620.09    | £2,800.00    | 2,660.62      |                  | 2,660.62        | 0.00          | 2,660.62        | £139.38      |
|                | Subscriptions              | £205.84      | £220.00      | 186.97        |                  | 186.97          | 20.00         | 206.97          | £13.03       |
|                | Training                   | £15.00       | £350.00      | 0.00          |                  | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00            | £350.00      |
|                | Audit Fees                 | £180.00      | £200.00      | 410.00        |                  | 410.00          | 0.00          | 410.00          | -£210.00     |
|                | Printing Charges           | £95.58       | £100.00      | 4.00          |                  | 4.00            | 0.00          | 4.00            | £25.00       |
| ADMINISTRATION |                            | £4,521.94    | £5,590.00    | 4,813.40      | 0.00             | 4,813.40        | 20.00         | 4,904.40        | £685.60      |
|                | Dog Bins                   | £532.80      | £600.00      | 457.60        |                  | 457.60          | 0.00          | 457.60          | £142.40      |
|                | Lighting Water Lane        | £0.00        | £0.00        | 0.00          |                  | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00            | £0.00        |
|                | Lighting Crofts End        | £0.00        | £0.00        | 188.00        |                  | 188.00          | 0.00          | 188.00          | -£188.00     |
|                | General Maintenance        | £0.00        | £600.00      | 245.00        |                  | 245.00          | 0.00          | 245.00          | £355.00      |
| HIGHWAYS       |                            | £532.80      | £1,200.00    | 890.60        | 0.00             | 890.60          | 0.00          | 890.60          | £309.40      |
|                | Perry Lane Area            | £1,979.00    | £2,000.00    | 34,396.97     | 34,396.97        | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00            | £2,000.00    |
|                | Village Hall Path          | £244.50      | £1,500.00    | 0.00          |                  | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00            | £1,500.00    |
|                | Perry Lane carpark         | £5,957.46    | £0.00        | 125.00        | 125.00           | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00            | £0.00        |
|                | Knoll Electricity          | £55.70       | £100.00      | 48.05         |                  | 48.05           | 0.00          | 48.05           | £51.95       |
|                | Xmas Tree lights           |              | £100.00      | 121.96        |                  | 121.96          | 0.00          | 121.96          | -£21.96      |
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| DONATIONS      |                            |              |              |               |                  |                 |               |                 |              |
|                |                            |              |              |               |                  |                 |               |                 |              |
| TOTALS         |                            | £18,607.00   | £20,990.00   | £47,733.28    | £34,521.97       | £13,211.31      | £20.00        | £13,302.31      | £7,437.69    |
|                | Precept MKC                |              | £18,113.00   |               |                  |                 |               |                 |              |

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**ATTENDING:** Wendy Austyn (Clerk) and 1 public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Finn

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cook declared an interest in the Woods Hardwick item under Village Appraisal.

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>h</sup> February 2007 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

**4.1. Cycle Path.** The safety audit results for the Alban Hill stretch have finally been received (the audit took place in October 2006) and the recommendations include retaining the solid double lines in the centre of the road, placing broken white lines at both sides indicating "advisory" cycle lanes only and adequate signage. Other suggestions include a 40mph speed limit and restricted access hours but this raised concern over reduction of trade to the local amenities. It would also seem that Thames Valley Police have not yet been consulted. The council still awaits the plans for the Alban Hill route and for the route into Newport Pagnell and it was agreed to ask that this project now be progressed as quickly as possible. **ACTION: Clerk**

**4.2. Anglian Water follow up.** Stephen Portlock has not yet had time to carry out a thorough investigation into the queries raised at the last meeting. He has however stated that the foul sewer will be sleeved from the end of Water Lane to the sewage treatment works in June 07. It was agreed to ask him whether this includes the section outside Phil Smith's house. **ACTION: Clerk** The council would like to make clear that it dissociates itself with the inaccurate comments made about the February meeting in the recent local press.

## 5. VILLAGE REPAIRS

**5.1. Footpath to Newport Pagnell.** The inspection has been carried out and the footpath is to be "sided out" in May/June 2007. MKC will also be contacting the landowners to get trees and hedges cut back. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**

**5.2. Streetcare Rural Pilot Scheme.** The walkabout took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March with Ian McGregor, Cllrs Lewis, Hyde and Wright in attendance, along with the Clerk. Some items are for remedial action and others are to be entered into future works programmes. It was noted that the High Street will be "surface dressed" in summer 2008; and that grass verges will be "haunched" once their condition becomes severe enough. The spreadsheet has been simplified and the council now awaits the information gathered on the walkabout to be presented, so that issues can be prioritised. **ACTION: Clerk to chase.** It was also agreed to keep a close eye on the verge next to the gas works that MacAlpine is currently using, to ensure it is left in an acceptable state.

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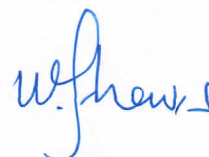
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- 5.3. Mound.** The Mound was litter picked on 6<sup>th</sup> March after repeated emails from the Clerk and Pat Seymour, but MKC are steadfast in refusing to place a litter bin on the site. Chris Carvell is looking into exactly what maintenance has been agreed as part of the adoption package. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 5.4. Missing Bin.** Neither MKC nor its contractor has any information as to why the Perry Lane bin has disappeared. It was agreed to ask for it to be replaced.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- 5.5. Path through Village Hall play area.** The clerk confirmed that there is approximately £1400 of Parish Partnership matched funding available towards the refurbishment of the path. It was agreed to approach MKC in the first instance for advice on how to proceed. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 5.6. Corn Close barrier.** The second barrier has now been reinstated but on the streetcare walkabout Ian McGregor confirmed that it does not conform to current regulations. He will look into a new barrier that would allow access for wheelchairs and double buggies but maintain safety standards. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 6. UNDERGROUNDING AND STREET LIGHTING**  
Cllr Hyde has spoken to Bob Semple from MacAlpine who has confirmed that the current works will be temporarily halted from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Plans for the remainder of the village have now been produced and the final phase is expected to commence this summer. The clerk confirmed that the new street lights have been ordered and should arrive in good time. **ACTION: Cllr Hyde and Clerk to progress**
- 7. CURRENT PROJECTS**
- 7.1. New bench on Carters Close/Crofts End corner.** The clerk reported that MKC are happy with the proposed location and have asked that sufficient room on the grass verge be allowed for mowing. Cllr Keene proposed, Cllr Burton seconded and it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase and installation of the new bench.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- 7.2. New bus shelter on School Lane.** This is still only a proposal but the clerk suggested that the Parish Partnership Fund 2007/08 be utilised to secure 50% of the necessary funding should the project go ahead. This was agreed. **ACTION: Clerk.** MKC has carried out a safety audit and are happy, but there are many factors to consider, in particular the exact location, and it was also agreed to contact MK Metro for their input. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**
- 8. SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND**
- 8.1. Caretaker's report.** The caretaker's February report noted the damage to the pavilion door, the repairs to the storage hut and requested black sacks. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 8.2. Pavilion repairs.** The guttering has not yet been repaired; it was agreed to accept a quote of £60 to repair the pavilion door and to pay £35 for remedial plumbing work already carried out. Other repairs such as mesh on the windows, new door locks and exterior decorating were also discussed. The clerk reported that MKC has agreed to clear the car park weeds. **ACTION: Clerk to chase**
- 8.3. Storage Hut repairs.** Cllr Burton reported that Carterton Concrete have completed repair work to the storage hut. The clerk will now process the insurance claim.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- 8.4. Football pitch relocate and repair.** The Clerk reported that quotes to repair the goal mouths and create a temporary pitch including marking out have been accepted. Sherington FC expects its final fixture date to be around mid May.

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- 8.5. **Pavilion refurbishment.** Cllr Burton reported that Ray Rowan has prepared initial drawings and it was agreed to accept his quote for further work at £25 per hour. The electricity supply and water supply need to be reviewed and it was agreed to contact Powergen for their advice **ACTION: Cllr Burton.** The possibility of disabled access was also mentioned. The clerk confirmed that there is £4000 of allocated funds in the bank and approximately £7200 of matched funding available. It was also agreed to pursue MK Grantscape for additional funding **ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Burton**

### 9. VILLAGE APPRAISAL

- 9.1. **Post Office network consultation.** Cllr Keene agreed to draft a response to this consultation that requests village needs to be taken into consideration. **ACTION: Cllr Keene.**
- 9.2. **Parish Boundary review.** It was agreed that no response was necessary
- 9.3. **Woods Hardwick letter re potential development in village.** Councillors noted the contents but agreed to revisit this item after the May elections.

### 10. MAY ELECTIONS

The clerk has received the nomination packs, these must be submitted to MKC no earlier than 23<sup>rd</sup> March and no later than 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007. **ACTION: Cllrs wishing to restand**

### 11. STONEPITS CLOSE, MILL LANE

The clerk reported that no bids have yet been received to rent the land this season. It was acknowledged that if no one comes forward the council will have to mow and maintain the land this year. Turning the land into some kind of wooded, public open space, possibly for picnics, was discussed. Cllrs Keene and Cook will make contact with the Woodland Trust, Parks Trust, Forestry Commission etc to get some ideas and advice. **ACTION: Cllrs Keene and Cook.** Turning the land into a cricket pitch was also discussed

### 12. FINANCE

- 12.1. **Monthly Balances.** Enterprise Account £19496.64; Treasurer Account £2352.15
- 12.2. **Renew contract for sports ground mowing.** There will be no price increase this year and it was agreed to renew the contract.
- 12.3. **Cheques for payment** were as follows:

|            |                         |                            |   |        |        |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| 06/03/2007 | Sherington Village Hall | Hall Hire Dec and Feb      | £ | 22.00  | 101433 |
| 06/03/2007 | P Burton                | Pavilion padlocks and keys | £ | 54.90  | 101434 |
| 06/03/2007 | W Austyn                | Clerk's salary             | £ | 219.97 | 101435 |
| 06/03/2007 | W Austyn                | Clerk's expenses           | £ | 41.57  | 101436 |
| 06/03/2007 | Carterton Concrete Ltd  | Storage Hut repairs        | £ | 822.50 | 101437 |
| 06/03/2007 | J Arnold                | Plumbing pavilion          | £ | 35.00  | 101438 |
| 06/03/2007 | A H Contracts           | Dog bins                   | £ | 41.36  | 101439 |
| 06/03/2007 | S Lea                   | Caretaker                  | £ | 50.00  | 101440 |
| 06/03/2007 | N Beal                  | Pavilion cleaner           | £ | 44.00  | 101441 |

### 13. PLANNING

- 13.1. **Recent planning decisions.** Applications for 26 School Lane and land adjacent to 10 Crofts End were permitted; the application for 4 Village Close has been refused.

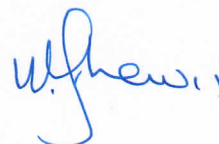
### 14. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 14.1. **TVP Parish Consultative Meeting Thurs Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm NP Town Council**  
Cllr Lewis will attend.

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- 14.2. **MKNECAF Thurs Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Sherington Village Hall.** Cllrs Hyde, Keene and Burton will attend

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 15.1. **Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act.** It was agreed to adopt this act.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

**16. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**17. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS**

- 17.1. Cllr Burton enquired about a replacement tree in the play area for one that has died, Cllr Cook confirmed that this has now been planted.
- 17.2. Cllr Wright reported that the junior football pitch was waterlogged and had inadequate drainage. It was acknowledged that the whole play area was very muddy and due to uneven ground has places where the ground remains wet for some time. Putting a lorry load of bark chippings down was suggested. It was agreed to monitor the situation before deciding on any action.
- 17.3. Cllr Keene reported that the proposals for the new Grand Union Canal link from Bedford to MK are being presented for consultation on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March at Broughton Hotel and Lakeside pub, Willen Lake respectively.
- 17.4. Cllr Lewis reported that a resident had enquired about details of planning consent granted to Sherington Bridge Farm, did it include having vehicles for sale on the drive. **ACTION: Clerk to enquire**
- 17.5. Cllr Lewis reported on future events being hosted by the Twinning Association that include the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> March; a quiz night on 9<sup>th</sup> March; a village Talent Contest on 23<sup>rd</sup> June; and the summer BBQ on 15<sup>th</sup> July at Perry Lane Recreation Ground
- 17.6. Cllr Hyde reported that the Perry Lane facilities had been recently hired out to a junior football team as a one off and that there are no set procedures or charges for when this occurs. **ACTION: Clerk to progress**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm.

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