

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTE BOOK

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Minutes of Meeting held in Schoolroom, **Jany. 5th 1895**

I Mr Wellesley Taylor was elected chairman, on the motion of Mr W. Groom, seconded by Mr W. T. Hickson. (see below *)

II Mr Hy. Gardner was elected vice-chairman, on the motion of Mr F. J. Field, seconded by Mr E. J. Jefferson.

III It was proposed by Mr Harding and seconded by Mr W. Groom that Mr D. Feasey be Clerk to the Council.

Proposed as an amendment that Mr J. Jefferson be Clerk of the Council until the annual meeting in April.

Proposer - Mr Jefferson

Secunder - Mr H. Gardner

On the motion being put Messrs Gardner, Jefferson & Field voted for the amendment, & Messrs Harding, Oldham, Groom & Hickson for the proposition.

Mr D. Feasey was therefore elected Clerk of the Council.

IV Resolved that the proper parish books be secured for the parish. Proposer Mr Hickson, seconder Mr Harding

V Proposed & seconded that a committee of 3: viz. Mr Gardner, Mr Harding & Mr Hickson do make a proposition for the standing orders, & move a Resolution.

VI Proposed by Mr Hickson, seconded by Mr Harding & carried, that inquiry into any parish charities, books or documents be left over until the next meeting,

VII Proposed by Mr Hickson & seconded by Mr Gardner that the meetings be held "in camera". Proposed as an amendment by Mt Oldham and seconded by Mr Harding "that the public be allowed to hear the discussion of the Council.

On the motion being put to the meeting 2 voted for the amendment and 5 for the original proposition, the original proposition being therefore carried. Messrs Harding and Oldham voted for the amendment. Messrs Gardner, Groom, Hickson, Field & Jefferson voted for the original proposition.

VII It was proposed by Mr Harding and seconded by Mr Hickson that the next meeting be held on Jany. 28th at 7p.m.

This was carried unanimously.

*I It was proposed as an amendment that Mr H. Coleman should be chairman of the Parish Council. Mr Harding made this proposition and Mr O. Oldham seconded.

This amendment was put to the meeting & lost. Then Mr Taylor was elected (see above).

signed Mr Wesley Taylor, Chairman, Jany. 29th

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on **29th day of January 1895** in the schoolroom

Mr Wellesley Taylor in the chair.

Councillors present - Messrs F. J. Field, H. Gardner, W. Groom, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson, O. Oldham.

I The chairman requested the Standing Orders for the council from the committee appointed at the last meeting. Mr D. Harding proposed and Mr H. Gardner seconded that the "standing orders for Parish Council by J. Wallis Davis" should be obtained and adopted as the standing orders of the council.

This was carried unanimously

II Mr W. T. Hickson proposed that the school manager be applied to for terms for fuel, lights etc used at meetings of Parish Council.

Mr Jefferson seconded & this was carried.

III Mr D. Harding proposed that the council serve a precept on the Overseers for a rate of one penny in the pound.

Mr Gardner seconded.

Mr E. J. Jefferson proposed as an amendment that the money affairs stand over for the present. Mr Field seconded, and the amendment was carried unanimously.

IV Mr E. J. Jefferson proposed that a committee of 3 be appointed to enquire into and ascertain what charities, properties & documents, etc belong to the Parish Council, and report to the next meeting. Mr Groom seconded.

It was agreed that Messrs Gardner, Harding & Oldham be the Committee.

(signed) chairman - Mar 15th 1895

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the schoolroom on the **15th day of March 1895**

Mr Wellesley Taylor in the chair

Councillors present : Messrs H. Gardner, W. Groom, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson

I The chairman drew the attention of the council to the death of Richard Littleboy Esq. who had consented to act as Treasurer. The council desired to show their sympathy & passed a vote of condolence with the family of the deceased. The chairman was desired and consented to convey the vote to Mrs Littleboy & family.

II The Charity Document committee reported that they had made careful enquiry respecting the award of the parish: and that the same was in the custody of Mr W. Makeham.

The council instructed the clerk to make application for it and to give a receipt for the same.

III (Marked) The chairman read a letter from Rev. E. Elton, suggesting that the council pay ten shillings per year for lighting & warming the schoolroom for the meetings of the council, the subscription to be paid in advance.

Mr Jefferson proposed, Mr Gardner seconded, & it was carried unanimously that these terms be accepted.

IV Mr Gardner proposed that a precept be made out for ten pounds, that this be served upon the overseers & the amount to be paid to the clerk of the council on march 21st 1895.

Mr Hickson seconded, & this was carried unanimously.

V Mr Jefferson proposed that the clerk be instructed to purchase a deed-box in which to keep all the books belonging to the council. Mr Harding seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

VI Mr W. T. Hickson proposed that the Parochial electors be allowed to inspect the books belonging to the council at the clerk's office from 9a.m. to 7p.m. This was seconded by Mr Groom, and carried unanimously.

VII Mr Jefferson proposed & Mr Harding seconded, that the clerk purchase all books & things for the council's use, and also a leather bag. This was carried.

April 5th 1895

The above resolutions were considered to be satisfactory & signed

The clause marked be excepted from the minutes

(signed) Mr Wesley Taylor, Chairman

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the schoolroom on **April 5th 1895**

In the absence of the chairman Mr H Gardner, the vice-chairman took the chair.

Councillors present : Messrs W. Groom, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, F. J. Field, O. Oldham

I The Clerk presented a letter which he had received from Mr F. Collett.

After a short discussion the council was unanimously of the opinion that the letter was offensive and uncalled for. Mr W. T. Hickson proposed that a letter be signed by the council and forwarded to Mr Collett, demanding an apology. This was seconded by Mr D. Harding and carried unanimously.

II On the arrival of Mr Wesley Taylor, the vice-chairman vacated the chair in his favour. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by the council, with the exception of one motion: viz. the terms for the accomodation of the Council in the schoolroom. Mr W. T. Hickson proposed that the clerk be instructed to write to the school managers to ask why the council should be requested to pay the money in advance, & stating that the terms should come direct from the managers to the council. Mr Gardner seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

It was agreed that the matter should stand over until the managers meet.

III The Chairman brought under the notice of the Council the Technical Education proposals of the Bucks County Council. It was decided to let the matter stand over until the next meeting.

IV Mr Gardner proposed that Fredk. Bassett Esq., banker of Leighton Buzzard be Treasurer for the Council. Mr Field seconded, and the proposition was unanimously carried.

The clerk was instructed to write and ask him if he would be so good as to accept the office.

V Mr W. T. Hickson proposed that the next meeting of the Council be open to Parochial electors, & that it be held at 7.15 in the evening.

Mr Harding seconded & this was unanimously carried.

VI The following were nominated as overseers: Messrs George Fleet, Isaiah Lucas, Henry George Rose, William Groom, James Hine

Proposed by Mr Harding seconded by Mr Jefferson that the minutes be passed as satisfactory

Signed Vice-chairman

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19th April 1895

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the School Room on the **19th April 1895**.

The vice-chairman, Mr H. Gardner, took the chair.

Councillors present: Messrs F. J. Field, W. T. Hickson, W. Groom, D. Harding. E. J. Jefferson, O. Oldham

Mr W. T. Hickson proposed Wellesley Taylor Esq. as Chairman of the Council. Seconded by Mr D. Harding; voted and carried unanimously.

Mr O. Oldham proposed D. Feasey as Clerk to the Council at a salary of £2-0-0 per year. Seconded by Mr W. Groom voted & carried unanimously.

Mr E. J. Jefferson proposed Mr Isaiah Lucas and Mr James Hine to be Overseers for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr F. J. Field, voted, carried unanimously.

Mr W. Groom proposed Messrs E. J. Jefferson, F. J. Field be appointed Trustees for the Stonepit Close for year 1895. Seconded by Mr W. T. Hickson voted carried unanimously.

Mr D. Harding proposed Mr Joseph Hartup's offer of £2-15-0 for the year, for the Stonepit Close be accepted. Tenancy to commence at Michaelmas 1895. Seconded by Mr W. Groom, voted, carried by majority of 5 to 2.

Mr W. T. Hickson proposed that a precept be served on the overseers for £10-0-0.

Seconded by Mr E. J. Jefferson, voted, and carried by a majority of 5 to 2.

It was proposed that Mr F. Collett's Letter be accepted as an ample apology.

Mr W. T. Hickson proposed D. Feasey should have a salary of £1-0-0 for the year 1894 for the office of Constable. Seconded by Mr D. Harding, voted, carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr W. Groom seconded by Mr F. J. Field that D. Feasey be appointed Constable for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Technical Education. It was proposed by Mr W. T. Hickson seconded by Mr F. J. Field the same committee ve asked to continue in office.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Mr D. Harding, Mr W. T. Hickson, Mr W. Groom to inquire into the desirability of purchasing property for the purpose of supplying a Public Room for the village.

Mr Wellesley Taylor, Chairman

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the **28th day May 1895** in the School Room

Wellesley Taylor Esq Chairman.

Councillors present : Messrs H. Gardner, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson, O. Oldham

Correspondence.

A letter from the Technical Education Committee which stated they were willing to act in that capacity as before.

A letter from Rev. E. Elton respecting the Prepayment of the Annual Charge for the accomodation in the school room while the Parish Council and the Parish Meetings are being held. Proposed by Mr W. T. Hickson. Seconded by Mr E. J. Jefferson that the sum of ten shillings be paid to the School Managers as being their charge up to the 31st December 1895; voted for, carried unanimously.

The report of committee appointed to inspect property for the purpose of making a Public Room for the village of Sherington was given. After inspecting the property they found it was not suitable for that purpose. The question fell through. Proposed by Mr W. T. Hickson, seconded by Mr D. Harding that a committee of four be appointed to inquire into sanitary business and to report at the next meeting of the Council Namely Messrs H. Gardner, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson.

Wellesley Taylor, Chairman

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the **1st Day of September 1895** in the School room

Wellesley Taylor Esq Chairman.

Councillors present : Messrs H. Gardner, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson, O. Oldham.

Proposed by Mr O. Oldham, seconded by Mr H. Gardner that a Finances Committee be appointed of three namely Messrs W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson. O. Oldham; voted for carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr H. Gardner, seconded by Mr W. T. Hickson, that Wellesley Taylor Esq. the District Councillor should be requested to enquire of the rural district council what the Special Sanitary Rate of Sixteen Pounds has been spent in, and report to the P. Council Voted for, carried unanimously.

Wellesley Taylor, 7th February 1896

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the **7th February 1896** in the Schoolroom at 6.30 O'clock in the Evening.

Wellesley Taylor Esq Chairman.

Councillors present : Messrs F. J. Field, H. Gardner, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson, O. Oldham

The Chairman read a letter from the School Managers asking the Council for a yearly grant of Two Guineas. The Council could not see their way clear to do so at present.

Mr D. Harding proposed, & it was seconded by Mr E. J. Jefferson, that the rent of Stonepit Close be left in the hands of the Treasurer of the Parish Council. Voted for, & carried unanimously.

Wellesley Taylor, April 9th, 1896

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on the **9th day of April 1896** at 6p.m.

Mr Wellesley Taylor took the chair.

Councillors present : Messrs H. Gardner, W. Groom, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, E. J. Jefferson, O. Oldham

I The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, and signed by the chairman.

II The Clerk presented the financial statement for the year, showing a balance in hand of Seven pounds eight shillings and eleven pence (£7-8-11). The statement was accepted by the council.

III Mr W. T. Hickson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his valuable services to the council. The proposition was seconded by Mr Harding and carried unanimously. The clerk also offered his thanks to the chairman for his help during the year.

IV A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Harding to the two retiring councillors (Messrs W. Groom & E. J. Jefferson) for their services on the council. Mr W. T. Hickson seconded. This was carried unanimously.

Wellesley Taylor

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on the **15th April 1896** at 7.30 o'clock in the Evening

Councillors present : Messrs F. J. Field, H. Gardner, D. Harding, W. T. Hickson, O. Oldham, J. Petts, G. Watt

Mr H. Gardner acted as provisional Chairman.

I On the proposition of Mr D. Harding, seconded by Mr G. Watts, Mr W. T. Hickson was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council.

II Mr O. Oldham proposed, seconded by Mr G. Watts, Mr D. Harding was elected Vice Chairman of the Council.

III On the motion of Mr J. Petts, seconded by Mr O. Oldham, that D. Feasey be re-elected Clerk to the Council at a salary of £2-10-0 per year, voted carried unanimously.

IV Mr H. Gardner proposed seconded by Mr F. J. Field Mr John W. Graves and Mr G. Sharman be elected Overseers for the ensuing year, voted, carried unanimously.

5 The Council unanimously elected Messrs F. J. Field & Mr O. Oldham Trustees of the Stonepit Close. The Council unanimously agreed to let the Stonepit Close for one year. Mr Joseph Hartup offer of Four pounds Twelve shillings and Sixpence £4-12-6 for the year for the Stonepit Close tenance to commence 29th Sept 1896, expire 29 Sept 1897, was accepted by the council.

6 The Council requested the Clerk to write to the Technical Education Committee asking them to continue in office and had to their number Mr D. Harding and Mr G. Watts.

7 Mr W. T. Hickson proposed, seconded by Mr G. Watts, that a short report of the Council Meetings be published this year in the news paper, voted, carried unanimously.

8 Mr D. Harding proposed, seconded by Mr J. Petts, the Sanitary Powers be applied for, voted for three in favour one against. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Councillor ask him to bring the matter before the District Council at their next meeting.

W. T. Hickson, June 2nd 1896

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the School Room on the **2nd June 1896** at 7.30 o'clock in the evening

Councillors present : Messrs F. J. Field, H. Gardner, D. Harding, J. Petts, G. Watts and W. T. Hickson
Chairman

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted & signed by the chairman

Proposed by Mr D. Harding, seconded by Mr J. Petts that a Committee of 4 be appointed to consider the best and cheapest way to light the village of Sherington for the coming winter viz Messrs H. Gardner, D. Harding, G. Watts an W. T. Hickson Chairman voted for carried unanimously.

After a long discussion upon Sanitary Business Mr D. Harding proposed, seconded by Mr G. Watts, the clerk be requested to write to the District Councillor to ask him to inquire at the District Council Meeting why the letter wich the Chairman of the Parish Meeting held 26 March 1896, sent tothe Chairman of the District council has not been acknowldige voted for and carried.

Mr D. Harding proposed, seconded by Mr G. Watts, the Clerk be requested to write to Mr H. G. Base Builder etc of Sherington ask him to remove the large heap of soil from off the village Green on or before Tuesday the 9 of June 1896 voted for, carried unanimously.

W. T. Hickson, June 16th 1896

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the School room on the **16th June 1896** at 7.30 o'clock in the evening

Councillors present : Messrs H. Gardner, D. Harding, J. Petts, O. Oldham, G. Watts

W. T. Hickson Chairman & D. Feasey Clerk

Minutes of the last were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman

The Clerk presented a letter which he had received from the Clerk of the District Council which stated the application which had been made for Sanitary Powers would be considered on Wednesday the 17th June 1896. After a little discussion upon the subject Mr H. Gardner proposed, seconded by J. Petts that it be left in the hands of the District Councillors, voted for, 4 in favour and 2 against.

The Chairman presented the report of the Lighting Committee which were appointed to enquire into the best and cheapest way to light the village which stated it would cost for the lamps and fixing up and lighting for the first winter about 45 pounds. Afterwards about 10 pounds per year. Proposed by Mr D. Harding, seconded by Mr H. Gardner that a Parish Meeting be held on 14th July 1896 at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, voted for, carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr J. Petts, seconded by Mr G. Watts, Messrs D. Harding, W. T. Hickson be appointed to look after the Village Greens to prevent all caravans and wheelbarrows being placed on them, voted for and carried

W. T. Hickson, Nov 27th 1896

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the School room on the **27th Nov 1896** at 7.30 o'clock in the evening

Councillors present : Messrs F. J. Field, D. Harding, J. Petts, W. T. Hickson Chairman, D. Feasey Clerk

Minutes of the last meeting read, accepted and signed by the Chairman

Received the accounts and passed the same

Paid the Clerks salary up to the 29 Sept 1896

W. T. Hickson, Mar 30th 1897

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16th February 1914

At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held at the Schoolroom this day

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, J Petts and I Slayter

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting the Chairman and Mr Petts reported they had arranged with Messrs J W & E Sowman to supply 40 gallons Gasoline @ 2/1 per gallon, the lowest figure at which they could supply.

Resolved

That this be approved.

Resolved

That the following accounts be passed for payment:

J W & E Sowman for oil and repairs	£4 -10 -10
Newport Pagnell U D Council Fire Brigade	£5 -5 -0
Salary of the Lamplighter	£3 -10 -0
Income Tax	5-2

Proposed by Mr I Slayter and seconded by Mr J Petts:

That the lighting of the street lamps be discontinued on 21st February instant, and the opinion is expressed that the oil was not altogether satisfactory, the lamps in fact are inadequate and unfit for use in their present state, and it appears that new lamps will be necessary another season.

Carried

It is reported that the Coronation Committee have a scheme in hand for the acquisition of the Cottage on the Knoll, afterwards having same demolished

Proposed by Mr E J Jefferson and seconded by Mr F J Field:

That the Parish Council express the opinion that a public improvement would be made when the proposals of the Coronation Committee are carried out and they are glad to hear that the acquisition of the property is under the consideration of such Committee

Carried

The Chairman was thanked for removing one of the lamps to a better position free of expense to the Parish.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman

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9th March 1914

At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held at the Schoolroom this day

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, I Slayter, J Petts and G J Hine (Councillors)

And Major Allfrey, Messrs W Weeks and G J Hine (Representing the Coronation Committee)

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called together to consider the question of the Parish Council accepting the gift of the house and land on the Knoll and having the old house demolished and a public improvement thereby made, and asked Major Allfrey to report on the proposals of the Coronation Committee.

Major Allfrey reported that the Coronation Committee had acquired the property for £25 and they proposed to pull the old Cottage down, and had opened a subscription list for such a purpose. His Committee thought it best to have the property conveyed to the Parish Council rather than to any private individual. There was 5/6 Land tax payable on the premises which could be reduced to a nominal figure after the Cottage was demolished.

If the Parish Council accepted the gift his Committee would give an undertaking that the Cottage would be demolished and the site properly cleared, also a fence would be arranged for as a boundary of adjoining garden, and the property conveyed free.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council were empowered to accept and hold any gifts of property real or personal for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish or any part thereof.

Proposed by Mr E J Jefferson and seconded by Mr J Petts:

That it be recorded on the minutes that the Parish Council accept with many thanks the gift of the Sherington Coronation Committee of the old cottage and land lately in the occupation of Mr F James in the High St Sherington, and that same be held on behalf and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish, provided that the Coronation Committee give a free conveyance of the same and an undertaking to have the old Cottage demolished and the site left clean and tidy within six months from date of conveyance

Carried unanimously

The Chairman thanked Major Allfrey and the Coronation Committee for their kind attendance and report.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman

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25th March 1914

A meeting of the Sherington Parish Council was held this day

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, I Slayter, J Petts and G J Hine

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk produced the accounts of the Council for the year, and Mr I Slayter proposed and Mr J Petts seconded:

That the accounts be passed as presented

Carried

Resolved

That a cheque be drawn for £2-12-6 in payment of the Clerks salary and miscellaneous payments.

Proposed by Mr I Slayter and seconded by Mr J Petts:

That the best thanks of this meeting be communicated to the late Clerk for his conscientious services during his period of Clerkship

Carried

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman

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20th April 1914

A meeting of the Sherington Parish Council was held this day

Present: Messrs F J Field, I Slayter, G J Hine and J Petts

Proposed by Mr Hine and seconded by Mr Petts:

That Mr F J Field be elected Chairman for ensuing year

Carried

Proposed by Mr J Petts and seconded by Mr Slayter

That Mr G J Hine be elected Vice Chairman for ensuing year.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Major F E Allfrey attended the meeting as Chairman of the Coronation Committee, and handed over the Deeds relating to Cottage presented to the Council and also the accounts of the coronation Committee.

Proposed by Mr Field and seconded by Mr Slayter

That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Major Allfrey for his services in the matter.

Carried

Proposed by Mr G J Hine and seconded by Mr J Petts:

That Messrs F J Field and I Slayter be appointed Overseers for the coming year

Carried

Mr Slayter proposed and Mr Field seconded

That the RDC be requested to erect on the cross road Church End Sherington a finger post showing the direction to Olney and Bedford

Carried (Note in margin: Carried out 1922)

(Signed) Adopted F J Field, Chairman, 3rd September 1914

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3rd September 1914

A meeting of the Sherington Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom this day

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, I Slayter, G J Hine and J Petts and the Clerk Mr E Stapleton

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Distress Consequent on War

Read: Circulars from Mrs Knapp, Hon Sec to the North Bucks Divisional Relief Committee asking the Parish Council to form a Distress Committee for the Parish of Sherington to cooperate with the Divisional Committee.

Proposed by Mr I Slayter and seconded by Mr F J Field:

That the Parish Council be formed the Committee for the relief of Distress for the Parish of Sherington with power to elect Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer and add to their numbers as required.

Carried

Proposed by Mr G J Hine and seconded by Mr E J Jefferson and carried:

That Mr F J Field be elected Chairman of the Distress Committee and the Revd H A G Blomefield Secretary and Treasurer subject to his consenting to act.

Resolved:

That the Chairman and Clerk interview the Revd Blomefield this evening and obtain his decision and complete the formation of the Committee and notify Mrs Knapp of the result.

Read:

Circular from the Board of Agriculture with following circulars which they were prepared to send for distribution:

1. Suggestion to Allotment Holders for Autumn treatment of lands.
2. Notes on Poultry feeding
3. Poultry on Allotments and Garden Plots

Proposed by Mr E J Jefferson and seconded by Mr G J Hine and carried:

That the Clerk ask for 100 copies each of the leaflets for Distribution in the Parish.

Mr Hine kindly undertook to distribute the leaflets.

The Clerk submitted his resignation of the Offices of Clerk to the Parish Council and Assistant Overseer to take effect on 30th instant, owing to this being a condition of his appointment under the Rural District Council and thanked the members for their kindness during his short term of office

Resolved:

That the resignation be accepted with regret and the thanks of the Council be accorded to the Clerk for his services.

Read:

Letter dated 2nd Sep 1914 from the Clerk to the Guardians stating that a Committee had been appointed to consider the 6 applications received for the Office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Sherington and the Overseers would be invited to attend such Committee meeting.

Considered satisfactory.

Proposed by Mr I Slayter and seconded by Mr E J Jefferson:

That the lighting of the Street lamps commence on Sunday 4th October and continue for the season as usual.

Carried

Resolved

That the lamps be altered to burn paraffin and painted two coats red colour.

Proposed by Mr E J Jefferson and seconded by Mr I Slayter:

That Messrs Odell and Sowman be asked to tender for the necessary alteration to the lamps and to supply the necessary oil and that the Chairman and Mr Petts be given full powers to accept a tender and complete the necessary purchases on behalf of the Council'

Carried

Resolved:

That the Lamp Lighter be appointed at the next Council meeting.

Proposed by Mr I Slayter and seconded by Mr E J Jefferson:

That the Parish award be kept in the possession of the Chairman of the Council and that he give Mr Joseph Feasey a receipt for same

Carried

An Education scheme was submitted and no objection made thereto.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, September 18th 1914

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18th September 1914

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Schoolroom this day

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs J Petts , I Slayter, G J Hine, E J Jefferson and the Clerk E Stapleton

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that the Reverend Blomefield had kindly consented to act as Secretary and Treasurer of the local Distress Committee.

The Chairman reported that Mr A E G Bennett of Stony Stratford had been appointed Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish by the Guardians.

Read: Application from Mr Bennett for the appointment of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council

Proposed by Mr F J Field and seconded by Mr I Slayter:

That Mr A E G Bennett be and is hereby appointed Clerk to this Parish Council at the annual salary of £2 per annum and Assistant Overseer with the duties of the collection of the Special Sanitary Rates (and preparation of Jury Lists for the Parish of Sherington) at the annual salary of £8 per annum.

Carried

The Committee appointed reported that Mr Odell's tender of £5-2-3 for the conversion of the Parish lamps and the supply of the necessary oil had been accepted by them.

The action was approved.

Resolved:

That Mr Arthur Petts be reappointed Lamp Lighter the wages and duties to be as before.

That a call of £10 be made on the Overseers to be paid on 1st March 1915

The question of the Village feast and the question of the prohibition of The Knoll for this purpose was debated at length, all the members expressing their views and the matter was deferred.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 25th January 1915

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Monday the **25th January 1915**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter, G J Hine and J Petts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved that Mr Arthur Petts be re-appointed Parish Constable for the ensuing year at the usual remuneration, viz £1 per annum.

Resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 8th day of March next.

Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter conveying the Councils sympathy to Mrs W J Hickson and family at the death of Mr Hickson.

The sum of 2/- was paid over to the clerk being hire of stall at the Village Feast from Mr T Freeman, Olney.

The following cheques were drawn and ordered to be debited

£5 -5 - 0	Annual donation to Newport Pagnell Fire Brigade
£2 -2 -0	Lamp-lighters remuneration from 3 rd October 1914 to 26 December 1914
7 -4	Income Tax on Stone-pit Field

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 8th March 1915

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Monday the **8th March 1915**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, G J Hine, I Slayter and J Petts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Several complaints having been received of the dangerous condition of Bancroft Gateway Mr Jefferson kindly promised to have the same put in order for the Council.

Mr Odell's account for lamps etc was presented and ordered to be passed now that it had been amended.

The following cheques were drawn and ordered to be debited

£6 - 15 - 5	J Odell	Lamps, burners, etc
£1 - 1 - 5		Clerks Remuneration and stamps to 31 March 1915
10 - 0	G Barlow	Printing and Stationery

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 21st April 1915

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **21st April 1915**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, I Slayter, G J Hine and J Petts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Jefferson reported that the pathway by Bancroft Gate had now been put into a proper state of repair.

Resolved that Mr F J Field be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year

Resolved that Mr E J Jefferson be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved that Messrs Wm Weeks and G J Hine be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Resolved that the lamplighter be instructed to take down all lamps throughout the village and store them at Mr Fields Malting during the summer months. Also that Mr J Odell be requested to come over to inspect the lamps and consult with the Chairman and lamplighter with a view to suggesting improvements.

A cheque for £2 - 2 - 0 was drawn and ordered to be debited from the account for lamplighters remuneration from 16 Dec 914 to 20 March 1915.

Resolved the sum of 7/- be paid the Rector for hire of schoolroom.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 4 August 1915

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **4th August 1915**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs E J Jefferson, G J Hine, I Slayter and J Petts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A cheque for £1-10-9 was drawn and ordered to be debited from the account

Cheque Book	2 -0
Use of Schoolroom	7 -0
Audit Stamp	5 -0
Postage Stamps	2 -3
Stationery	12 -6
J Odell	<u>2 -0</u>
	£1 -10- 9

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 22nd September 1915

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **22nd September 1915**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs G J Hine, E J Jefferson, I Slayter and J Petts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved that the lamps in the village be not lit during the coming winter

Resolved that no precept be issued to the Overseers for the present year.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 15th March 1916

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **15th March 1916**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter and G J Hine

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved that Mr F J Field be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year

Resolved that Mr I Slayter be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved that Messrs G J Hine and W Weeks continue in office for the ensuing year as Overseers of the parish.

Resolved that Mr Arthur Petts be re-appointed Parish Constable at the usual salary of £1 per annum.

The following cheques were drawn and ordered to be debited from the account

J Odell	£1 -7 -3 Lamps etc
A E S Bennett	18 -0 Sundries
Income Tax	13 -2
Printing	2 -3
Stamps	<u>2 -7</u>
	18 -0

Newport Pagnell Urban District Council £5 -5 -0 Fire Brigade Contribution

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 21 June 1916

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **21st June 1916**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter, J Jefferson, G J Hine and J Petts

Parishioners

Messrs W Weeks and J E Moore

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The meeting was called for the purpose of letting the Stonepit Field, now in the occupation of Mr J E Moore, which becomes vacant at the 30th September next.

Upon the Chairman asking for Tenders for the field, it was finally agreed that the sum of £7-15-0 offered by Mr J E Moore be accepted.

Resolved that Mr J E Moore be the accepted tenant at Stonepit Field for the three years ending 30th September 1919 and that the rent be £7-15-0 per annum.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 16 Nov 1916

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Thursday the **16th November 1916**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter, G J Hine and J Petts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The meeting was called to appoint an Assistant Overseer and Parish Council Clerk to succeed Mr A E G Bennett who has joined His Majesty's forces.

It was proposed by Mr Petts, seconded by Mr Hine and carried that Mr George Holman be appointed Parish Council Clerk at the Salary of Two pounds per annum and Assistant Overseer at the Salary of Eight pounds a year the duties of which office shall include the collection of the special Sanitary Rate.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 15th March 1917

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Thursday the **15th March 1917**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter and J Jefferson

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved that Mr Arthur Petts be re-appointed Parish Constable for the ensuing year at the usual salary of £1-1-0 per annum

The following cheques were drawn in favour of G Holman:

Audit stamp	5-0	
Income Tax	1-2-0	
Barlow 2-3, 2-6	4-9	
Horman	6-0	
Stamps	2-10	2 -0 -7

Newport Pagnell Urban District Council

Contribution to Fire Brigade 5 -5 -0

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 18th March 1917

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **18th April 1917**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter, J Jefferson and G J Hine

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr Jefferson seconded by Mr Slayter and carried that Mr Field be re-appointed Chairman.

Mr Slayter was re-appointed Vice Chairman on the proposition of Mr Hine seconded by Mr Field.

It was proposed by Mr Jefferson seconded by Mr Field and carried that Mr Henry Dudley Gardener and Mr George James Hine be appointed overseers for the ensuing year.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 13th March 1918

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **13th March 1918**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter, J Jefferson and G J Hine

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved that Mr Arthur Petts, Market Gardener, be reappointed Parish Constable for the ensuing year at the annual salary of £1-1-0

The following cheques were drawn in favour of G Holman:

Fire Brigade	5-5-0		
Income Tax	1-2-0		
Audit stamp	5-0	£	s d
Postage	2-3	6	-14 -3

Mr J Petts resignation as Parish Councillor was received and accepted and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr Petts conveying the Councils sympathy with him in his sickness.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman

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At a meeting of the Sherington Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday the **17th April 1918**

Present: Mr F J Field Chairman

Messrs I Slayter, J Jefferson and G J Hine

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr Jefferson seconded by Mr Slater and carried that Mr Field be re-appointed Chairman.

Mr Slayter was re-appointed Vice Chairman on the proposition of Mr Field seconded by Mr Hine.

Resolved that Mr Henry Dudley Gardener and Mr George James Hine be reappointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Mr Hine proposed that Mr Lemuel Moore be appointed a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Petts. This was seconded by Mr Slayter and carried.

(Signed) F J Field, Chairman, 17th March 1919

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