

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTE BOOK

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**1977**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Friday the **15th April** in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Moore, Mr Smith, Mr Williams

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Cook and Mr Stedden

Officers

It was proposed by Mr Cheeseman & seconded by Mr Williams that Mr Ferris be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Moore & seconded by Mr Williams that Mr Smith be re-elected as Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the members of the Playing Field committee be re-elected.

It was agreed that Mr Cheeseman and Mr Smith be the representatives to the School Managers & Mr Cook to continue as Cedars representative.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Matters Arising

1. Griggs Farm. Further correspondence on this matter was presented & discussed. No further action was recommended.

2. Newport Pagnell By Pass. Council agreed that the suggested site meeting should be arranged accordingly. The chairman to report back to the next meeting.

3. Road Side Seat Crofts End. After discussing the further correspondence, Council agreed to arrange a site meeting. The result of the meeting to be reported back to the next meeting.

4. Best Kept Village. Council agreed to take part in this years competition.

#### Correspondence

1. E.E.B. Lantern in Perry Lane requires attention.

2. Planning application 12. 13

#### Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that the mower had been handed over to Mr Line, who had agreed to perform the work. Charge £2 a mowing.

The Jubilee Arrangement was outlined by the Secretary.

The Chairman reported that the Gun Lane sign was still missing. Clerk instructed to pursue.

Mr Smith reported that complaints had been received that insufficient publicity was given to the notice of meetings. After discussion it was agreed that a further 4 copies would be prepared, and that Mr Smith (P) would arrange distribution.

It was also agreed to approach Mrs West to see if she would be prepared to take ??? notices again.

Next meeting was arranged for Monday 23.5.77

Derek W Ferris

Chairman 23.5.77

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday the **23rd May 1977** in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Cook, Mr Smith, Mr Stedden, Mr Moore, Mr Williams

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Matters Arising

Newport Pagnell By Pass

The chairman reported on the site meeting that had taken place, and a letter from the Bucks County Council confirming the matters discussed was read. Letter to be acknowledged, and the Council's concern & dismay at the proposed acts to be expressed, together with their fears concerning the volume of traffic that would inevitably pass through the village.

#### Roadside Seat - Crofts End

The Chairman reported on the site meeting that had taken place, and also on the present position.

After discussion, the Chairman stated that Mr Dunbabin's (?) claim to ownership had now to be accepted, and that it was with great reluctance that he had to formally move the following motion:

That the County Council be asked to remove the seat from the present site, and to erect it on the selected site at the junction of School Lane / Crofts End as soon as possible

The results of the vote was:

For the motion	3
Against the motion	1
Abstentions	2

Mr P Smith who voted against the motion, wished to record his strongest possible objection to the decision to remove the seat from the present position.

#### Correspondence

#### H3 Development

Letters on this matter had been received from Mr Pirrottit (?), Mr Broges (?) and Mr Cook and after discussion Council agreed that the chairman would obtain plans of the new proposals, when they were ready for submission, and these would be the subject of a special meeting to be convened at a later date.

Council instructed that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to Mr Pirrottit.

#### Best Kept Village

The details of the competition were presented , & posters exhibited.

#### Village Facilities Questionnaire

After discussion, Mr Williams agreed to act as representative at any meetings called.

Other items of correspondence discussed were:

1. Borough of Milton Keynes Advisory Leaflet

2. Age Concern. Details of Clubs etc.
3. Chicheley Parochial Church Council. Invitation to meeting
4. Lavendon Village Hall Committee. Notice of Flower Show
5. Arthur Smith - ???? Association
6. Association of Local Councils. Subscription & literature
7. Planning application 12.18

#### Play Area

A letter has been received from Mr Cook's solicitors, outlining the agreement. The need for closer scrutiny of the document was expressed, and the chairman agreed to obtain further copies for the members of the Council.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were presented for payment:

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| 1. Cornhill Insurance Co          | £5.53                     |
| 2. Cornhill Insurance Co          | £2.50 (Jubilee liability) |
| 3. J. C. Pateman                  | £3.25 (Shelter Cleaning)  |
| 4. Borough of M. K.               | £20.08 (Election Exp)     |
| 5. Association of Parish Councils | £12.49                    |

#### Any Other Business

Mr Smith commented on the traffic, in particular the heavy lorries that were now using the village & country roads.

After discussion Council agreed that letters be sent to the firms in question requesting them to keep to the main roads. Firms mentioned were United Carriers, Townsend, Weetabix, Whitworth & Souls

#### Anglian Water Board - Sewage Extension

The chairman reported on the present position, indicating that the work would shortly begin, & that this would result in an increase in the volume of traffic using Water Lane.

Council agreed to write to the Highways Authority seeking their assurance that Water Lane would be maintained in a safe & fit state for the duration of the contract and thereafter.

Rubbish Collection: The chairman stated that although 2 of the Borough employees were engaged in collecting rubbish etc the work area seemed to be limited to the High Street only. It was agreed that the Borough be contacted to establish the scope of the areas to be covered.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 27 June 1977.

Derek W Ferris

Chairman

27.6.77

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Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment:

1. Royal Jubilee Telegram        £2.75
2. Mower Insurance - Aoor(?) Insurance Co        £5

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 15 August 1977.

Derek W Ferris

Chairman

15.8.77

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Correspondence. The following items of correspondence were dealt with:

1. Village facilities
2. Best Kept Village Report

3. Buck Playing Fields Assoc. Appeal
4. Borough of Milton Keynes. Theatre programme
5. Planning Applications 25-32
6. Letter from M. Watts re Church Road

Accounts for payment

The payment of the following accounts was authorised:

1. J. C. Pateman £3.25 Shelter cleaning
2. Association of Local Councils £20 (Seminar Expenses)

Any Other Business

Tree planting. The chairman proposed that the Borough be requested to replace the trees that had unfortunately died in the drought. This was agreed.

Hill View Footpath. The Parish Council stated that they were dissatisfied with the manner in which the work had been executed & that they would be pleased to receive the observations of the Bucks County Council.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 10th October 1977.

Derek W Ferris

Chairman

10.10.77

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that Mr Cheeseman be nominated as the Council's representative for Cedars County First and Middle School.

National Association of Local Councils. Various leaflets and books were presented.

Questionnaire. After discussing the questionnaire Council agreed that this could be undertaken by the Chairman.

Planning Applications 33-39 were presented.

Playing Area. The Chairman reported on the progress stating that detailed permission had been obtained, and the Legal aspect was proceeding slowly.

The chairman also stated that the time was now right to receive suggestions on the layout of the area. A parish meeting would be called, after the contracts had been exchanged, and in the meantime perhaps Council would seek the views of the Parish concerning the proposed layout of the area.

Bus Shelter. Mr Smith remarked on the condition, and usefulness of the shelter and suggested that it could be removed.

The matter was discussed at some length but Council finally agreed to defer the matter to a later meeting, & in the meantime the Bus Co. and the borough Council to be approached to see what designs of shelters they can offer to

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Government Seminar. Mr Williams gave a brief report on the proceedings of the Government Seminars of the 8th October.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday the 14 November 1977.

Derek W Ferris

Chairman

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letters, together with a letter from the Council informing them of the action taken and also informing them of their responsibility as owners of the ditch, concerning maintenance etc be sent to the residents signing the petition.

Correspondence. Planning Applications 41-44 were examined.

Map showing Footpaths & Bridleway in the Parish had been received.

Play Area. The Chairman outlined the contract that had been received.

After a full discussion Council agreed that specially prepared letters be sent to both the Solicitors & the Borough Council outlining the Council's intentions concerning the landscaping of this area, to see if it meets with their approval.

Any Other Business. The Council wished to record their thanks to Mr Cook and Mr Cheeseman for their past service as School Managers.

Next meeting was arranged for Weds. 14/12/77.

Derek W Ferris

Chairman

14.12.77

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were reported to be £528. After discussion Council agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

Correspondence. The following items of correspondence were discussed.

1. Crofts End Development. Letters from the Borough & S. S. Homes concerning street lighting for this development were discussed. Council agreed to the proposals & instructed the clerk to notify them accordingly. The following street names were also suggested for this development.

Carters Close, Mercers View, Hazelmead, Manor End and Bakers.

2. Hackney Carriage By Laws.

3. New Electoral List.

4. Planning Applications 45-48.

5. Letter from J. Easton concerning Water Lane. A reply to be sent to Mr Easton, informing him that the Council was aware of the problems, but were unable to erect highway signs.

Accounts for payment. The following payments were authorised.

1. J. C. Pateman Shelter Cleaning            £3.25

2. Village Hall Committee          Hire of hall          £22

3. W. Line          The Knoll mowing          £27.04

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday the 9 Jan 1978 in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Smith, Mr Cook, Mr Stedden, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Moore & Mr Williams

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Matters Arising

1. Water Lane. No reply has so far been received from the Anglian Water Authority to the council's letter of the 15/11/77. Clerk instructed to request a reply.

2. School Governors. The clerk reported that no further communication had been received from the Education Dept. The council instructed the clerk to pursue this matter.

Correspondence. The following items of correspondence were dealt with.

1. E. M. E. B. Revised charges.

2. Association of Local Councils. Agenda of next meeting on 12th January.

3. Bucks County Council. National Parks.

4. Planning Applications 49-52.

5. Village Hall Committee Appeal for funds.

This was matter was fully discussed and the clerk reported that at the moment the present funds were in the region of £2500

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requested. A letter indicating this to be sent to the Director of Recreation.

Council also agreed that it would also be necessary to consult with the developer of the residential section over certain matters & in this respect it was recommended that a meeting should be arranged with them on the site.

Any Other Business

Bus Shelter. This matter to be deferred until next meeting.

Council House Renovation. In view of the disturbance to be caused to the residents, the chairman stated he would be seeking further information & would report back.

Parish Awards. A request for sight of the Parish Awards was approved by Council.

Tree Planting. As no further information has been received, Council agreed that a request for immediate action be made.

Highways. The following matters were to be brought to the notice of the Highways Dept. for attention.

1. Footpath at 6 School Lane
2. Verges at School Lane/Crofts End junction.
3. Potholes at 9 School Lane.

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and was attended by 12 Parishioners.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing the Guest Speakers.

Mr Fox. The Asst. Engineer, Bucks county Council.

Mr Easton. Anglian Water Authority.

Mr Bradshaw. of the County Council.

Mr Easton outlined the history of the scheme and detailed the 3 main features as

1. Improvements in Sherington
2. Lathbury to be connected.
3. Surface water in Sherington.

The need to pipe in the Water Lane section was explained.

Mr Bradshaw and Mr Fox spoke in support of the scheme & endorsed the need for this part of the work to be done.

Questions were asked by Parishioners who also expressed their fears of the damage that would be caused by vehicles which regularly used the road.

Mr Ferris closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to all concerned.

Derek W. Ferris

20 February 1978

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Councils, and that for the year 1977/8 the emolument be based on a population of 722, and the pay be raised to £188, for 1977/78, with a 10% increase for 1978/79, resulting in £206.

Planning Application MK101/78

The outline application for the residential development of 12 houses/bungalows at the rear of Knoll Close was discussed, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Planning Dept. stating their objection to this development.

Copies of the letter to be forwarded to

1. County Planning Officer
2. Cllr. H. Powell-Shedden
3. Cllr. G. Murphy

Questions were asked concerning the erection of the new house by Soul developments in Church Road, and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain when planning permission was obtained & on which circulation list it appeared.

Any Other Business

The following street lights were reported to be out of order, No 43 High St, and opposite The Lodge at No 1 High St.

Road Sign. A request has been raised for the erection of warning signs on the High St for indication that horses could be crossing from Church Road to Water

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th March 1978 in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Smith, Mr Moore, Mr Williams & Mr Cheeseman

Apologies were received from Mr Cook & Mr Stedden.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed.

Matters Arising

School Manager. Council agreed that a representative from Stoke Goldington should be appointed to serve for the first 2 years until May 79 & that Mr Cheesman be appointed a Sherington representative from this date until May 1981.

Mr Cheesman asked if a copy of the minutes of the School Managers meetings could be obtained & this request was to be forwarded to the Education Officer.

School Bus. Mr Smith reported that the pick-up point had been discussed with the safety officer and the school managers & that the final outcome was still awaited.

Youth Club. Mr Smith reported that preliminary meetings had taken place, and that this matter was proceeding satisfactorily.

Development. A reply from the Head of Planning Services

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4. A cheque for £100 from the Sherington Feast Jubilee Fund had been received.

Council instructed the clerk to acknowledge this with thanks, stating that the money would be set aside for the purchase of equipment for the play area, at the earliest opportunity.

Accounts for Payment. The following accounts were authorised for payment.

1. J. C. Pateman £3.25 (Shelter Cleaning)
2. G. Smith £201.22 (Emoluments & Expenses)
3. Woodfine & Co £74.79 (Purchase of Land Fees)

Any Other Business

Parish Awards. Council were very concerned that these awards had been released from Barclays Bank to an unauthorised person & without the consent of the council, and they agreed that this matter be taken up with the bank concerned.

Bus Shelter. Mr Smith asked if this matter could be raised at the next meeting.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

27.4.78

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2. E. E. B. Revised charges
3. Bucks Association of Local Councils. Circular B5
4. Community Health Council Report
5. Planning Applications 10-15
6. Surface Water Scheme

Accounts. The following accounts were presented for payment

1. Cornhill Insurance Co. £5.53

2. Bucks Association of Local Councils. (Subscription & Stationery) £14.95

It was proposed by Mr Moore & seconded by Mr Smith that a donation of (Fifty pds) £50 be made towards the upkeep of the church Burial Grounds. This was unanimously agreed by Council.

Any Other Business. Childrens Play Area. The chairman gave an oral report of the site meeting with S. S. Homes Ltd.

Mr Moore reported that the electric lanterns No 43 & 44 were still out of order.

The provision of a locked notice board was discussed & Mr Smith undertook to make enquiries & report back at the next meeting.

Bus Shelter. Council agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

Special Meeting. A special meeting to discuss the position of the Childrens Play Area was arranged for 8.0pm at 6 School Lane on the 17 May 1978.

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was decided to contact the local members of parliament seeking information and advice.

Other matters reported to be in need of attention were

1. Street Lights in High St, Leys View & Water Lane.
2. Concern over the use of the village streets by M/S Souls buses.

Both matters to be dealt with by the clerk.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

5.7.78

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2. E. J. Ray Notification had been received that an application on behalf of Mrs Salmon for the transfer of the off-licence was to be made. Council had no objection.

3. Buckinghamshire Assoc, of Local Councils Notice of next meeting on 15 July 1978.

4. Dudley Woods A letter had been received from Dudley Woods concerning the violation of the speed limit through Sherington by lorries. Council agreed that they would continue to explore all means of combatting this problem. Mr Woods to be informed.

5. Planning Applications 18-25

Accounts. The payment of the following account was authorised.

Aoon(?) Insurance      £5      Mower insurance.

Play Area. The Chairman expressed the need that action is now imminent, and after discussion it was agreed that the following action be taken.

1. Council to attend a meeting with the Village Hall Committee to discuss car parking & other matters.

2. Council to call a Parish Meeting on the 19th July in the Village Hall to invite comments about the suggested layout of the area.

Next meeting arranged for August 16th 1978.

Derek W. Ferris

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1. Borough of Milton Keynes. Review of Parishes

2. Planning Applications 26-31.

Accounts. The payment of the following accounts was authorised.

1. District Auditor      £20.52

2. Village Hall Committee      £13.20

3. J. C. Pateman      £3.25

Question Period. The whole of the period was taken up with the question of the change of the picking-up point of the school bus. After a full discussion Council accepted the points raised by the parishioners and pointed out that the revised proposals by the Council to the Education Dept and if accepted by them would ease the position.

Any Other Business. Waste Paper Bins. Council agreed that the Borough Council be approached to supply & fit waste paper bins at the 3 seats in the village.

Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 13 Sept.

Derek W, Ferris

Chairman

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within 3 weeks of the D. O. E. approval, & last 33 weeks. The tenants involved had all been interviewed & some had expressed their willingness to move to Chicheley.

Mr Smith expressed the concern of the Parish Council over particular tenants whom they considered should not be expected to move from the village for such a period. Mr Tucker made careful note of each set of circumstances & undertook that each tenant would be revisited and fully appraised of the proposals before any moves were implemented.

Mr Ferris enquired as to whether any discretionary disturbance payments were made by the B./Council in such cases.

Mr Tucker said that consideration would be given to such things as telephones, televisions, washing machines but was doubtful about carpets, curtains etc.

The contractor would be responsible for the physical removals under his contract.

The meeting closed with an assurance from Mr Tucker that each tenant would be reinterviewed from week commencing 24th July and that the Parish Council would be advised of the outcome.

Mr Ferris thanked the officers for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.50p,

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

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arrangements & stated that they were far from satisfactory.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Education Authority suggesting 2 pick up points, at The Knoll and at the top of School Lane opp 22/24 and that the coaches should circulate the village via Bedford Road, Crofts End, High St, The Knoll, Church Road, School Lane, Crofts End and thence to Newport. In this manner the coach entrance doors would be presented for alighting children who could be safely accommodated on The Knoll and the greensward areas of the 2 locations.

The Chairman gave a verbal report to the meeting on the outcome of the meeting on the 14th July with the M. K. B. C. Housing Dept concerning the cRofts End/Perry Lane Housing Scheme.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

Derek W, Ferris

Chairman

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Planning Applications numbered MK840/841 were discussed & Council agreed to resist 840, concerning the erection of 13 houses, but would raise no objection to 841, allowing for 3 houses as infilling across the frontage of the lent(????) & providing the whole of the frontage is developed.

Play Area. A letter had been received from M/S Woodfine requesting a copy of the plans. Clerk was instructed to forward them.

Question Period. Mrs Bateman raised some questions about the modernisation or development of the Council Houses & the Chairman explained the position to her.

Any Other Business. The hole in Church Road was raised by Mr Cheeseman & informed by the chairman that the matter had been reported.

Knoll Close. Question was raised concerning this road & the position was explained by the Chairman.

Street Lights. Some lights were reported to be out of order, but before reporting the matter to the E. E. B. Council agreed to have them all investigated.

Parish Awards. The awards were authorised for exhibition during Sherington Feast.

Next meeting was arranged for Thurs 26 Oct. 78.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

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matter be deferred until next meeting.

2. Safety Committee. A notification of their next meeting had been received & passed to the Council's representative, Mr P. Smith.

3. Parish Review.

4. Sherington Village Hall Committee (Extract of balance sheet, re donation)

5. Newport Pagnell By Pass

6. Association of Local Councils. Circular No. 136.

7. Planning Applications 36-41.

8. Cancer Research Fund.

9. Playing Fields Association.

Accounts for Payment.

1. Mr J. C. Pateman      £3.25

2. Borough of Milton Keynes      Litter Bins      £36.77

In view of the small attendance all other matters were to be deferred until the next meeting & would be arranged as early as possible.

Any Other Business. Mr Cook reported that the water gully outside Mercers Farm required attention. This matter to be brought to the notice of the Highways Dept.

Next meeting to be arranged for Thurs 16 Nov. 1978

Chairman      Derek W. Ferris

16.11.78

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be approached with a request for reflector posts to be fitted on the bend leading from Sherington to Newport Pagnell.

Tree Planting. It was agreed by Council that a request be made for the trees to be replaced where necessary.

Telephone Kiosk. After discussion it was agreed that the Telephone Manager be approached for the installation of an additional kiosk, at Perry Lane/Bedford Road.

Bus shelter. Council agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting, when more information would be available.

The next meeting was arranged for 4 Jan. 1979.

Chairman

4.1.79

Amendment. Parish Review. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Borough of Milton Keynes suggesting that part of Lathbury Parish to the north of River Ouse be incorporated in Sherington Parish.

Chairman      4.1.79

Derek W. Ferris

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this sum to be placed in the deposit account for the present.

2. Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils. Agenda and notice of next meeting on the 13 January 1979.

3. Buckingham Association of Local Councils. Notification of meeting for larger Councils only.

4. Eastern Electricity Board. Revised charges.

5 Planning Applications 45-50.

#### Accounts for Payment

1. W. Line      Mowing of the Knoll 1978      £18.31

Bus shelter. Mr Smith reported on the site meeting between Mr Bud & himself, and after a full discussion Council agreed unanimously to accept the Borough Council's offer to supply & erect a replacement shelter. Further discussions to take place later concerning the removal of the existing shelter.

Play Area. A further report on the position was given by the Chairman, indicating that drawings & specifications were going ahead. Tree planting to be completed before March. (First phase only)

Any Other Business. The clerk reported that as he had lost the use of the office type writer, perhaps the Council would consider

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the Friday 2 February 1979 in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

#### Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Smith, Mr Stedden, Mr Moore, Mr Cook, Mr Williams & Mr Cheeseman

#### Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed.

#### Matters Arising

1. Telephone Kiosk. No further correspondence had been received.

2. School Bus. A further letter reporting on the new arrangements had been forwarded to the Education Dept.

3. Play Area Pond. Mr Cook has now been notified of the Council's decision.
4. Bus Shelter. A letter had been received from the Borough stating that the shelter would be erected.
5. Reflective Boards, Newport Road. The County Council reported that they would be making further investigation.

Correspondence. The following items of correspondence were presented & discussed.

1. Playing Fields Association. A letter had been received from the Sherington Playing Fields Association, reporting on the expenses to be incurred in fencing off the field. This matter was fully discussed, and

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number of street lights were in need of adjustment and council agreed that a request be sent to the E. E. B. for a full inspection.

2. The Knoll. It was reported that the drain at the Knoll required some attention.
3. Perry Lane. Complaints had been received that the unmetalled part of Perry Lane had been badly churned up by the By Pass Contractors.
4. Water Lane. In view of the recent flooding in this area, Council agreed that Water Authority be approached for some remedial action.
5. Council House Renovation. Council agreed that information should be obtained concerning the present position.

Clerk instructed to pursue these matters.

Next meeting was arranged for 15th March 1979.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

15.3.79

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Parish Review. The views of the Parish Council have been noted & would be considered by the Borough's working party.

A509 Manor Corner. Reflective posts would be erected by the Bucks County Council.

Correspondence. Parish Council Elections 1979

The timetable for the election to be held on the 3rd May 1979 was presented.

Industrial Dispute. Letters giving information of the Industrial action by Council workers were presented.

Control of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles. Copy of notice.

Planning Applications number 4-8 were presented.

Playing Fields. Erection of Fencing.

The Chairman reported that the fencing had been received and an account for £808. As this account attracted a discount of 25% if settled within 28 days after receiving the timber, the chairman arranged for a cheque to be forwarded to E. Whatton & Sons. Council was asked to confirm the chairman's action, and to agree the account for £850.82. including VAT.

This was agreed by Council.

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Committee, i.e. (£140) The sum of £200 to be deducted from the allocation of £3,000.

This proposal was seconded by Mr Cheeseman and carried unanimously by Council.

Annual General Meeting. Council agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday 3rd April 1979 in the Village Hall at 8.0pm and to be preceded by a Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.

Any Other Business

Knoll Cottage, 2 The Knoll

Concern was expressed concerning the dilapidated state of this dwelling & Council agreed that the Housing Dept be approached to see what action could be taken.

Trees Replacement. This replacement was now overdue, and the clerk was instructed to take action to expedite the programme.

Chairman      Derek W, Ferris

3.4.79

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that the plan be accepted, and that the tree planting commence on Saturday the 6 Apl.

This was unanimously agreed by Council & Mr Bar was authorised to proceed accordingly.

The council extended their thanks & appreciation to Mr Bar for all his work & assistance, & agreed that an honorarium would be paid.

The clerk was instructed to pursue the following matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Water Lane, Provision of footpath.
2. Chichely Hill, Gravel pit
3. High St brook
4. Hedges at Sherington Bridge

Next meeting was arranged for 12 June 1979. (30 May 1979, 29 May 79 deleted)

Chairman      Derek W. Ferris

12.6.79

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It was reported that arrangements were being made for these matters to receive attention but so far no work had been done. The clerk was asked to pursue the matter.

Water Lane. Confirmation had been received that a tubular rail would be erected where possible.

The provision of a footpath however was presenting difficulties due to the necessity of land purchase & the present finances did not allow for this. After discussion it was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged by the Chairman with the Divisional Manager.

Chicheley Hill Compound. The Bucks County Council confirmed that this would remain but the visual aspect would be improved by associated verge works in conjunction with the By Pass proposals.

Knoll Cottage. It has now been established that the owners would be returning to this property and that no further action could be taken in this matter.

#### Correspondence

1. Parish Council Elections. Confirmation of officers elected to serve.
2. Buckingham Association of Local Councils. County circular.

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taking any action concerning the removal of the old shelter, they would seek the wishes of the Parish.

Parking on the Knoll. It was reported that a van belonging to Mrs Murphy of The Knoll was regularly being parked on The Knoll. The clerk was instructed to send a suitable letter to the owner.

Footpath. It was reported that the footpath in Stocking Lane - Bedlam Spinney & the Perry Barn Bridle Path were obstructed. These matters to be brought to the notice of the Bucks County Council.

School Bus Pick Up Point. It was reported that some difficulties were still apparent following the revised arrangements & Council agreed that a meeting be arranged with Mr Bradshaw & the Road Safety Officer in an effort to construct a special lay by for this purpose near the School entrance.

The next meeting was arranged for July 6 1979.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

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resolved that a request be sent to County Surveyor for a lay by to be constructed.

4. Bus Shelter. The Chairman reported that this article had not yet been reported in SCAN and it was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

Correspondence. The following items were presented & discussed.

1. SHARC Balloter(???????)
2. Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils. Date of meeting & agenda.
3. Area Road Safety. Statistics.
4. Bucks Association of Councils. Circular etc.
5. East Midlands Electricity Board. Revised tariff.
6. Planning Applications 23-25.

Accounts for Payment. The following accounts were authorised for payment.

1. Milton Keynes Development Corporation £214.18 (Fees)
2. Sherington Village Hall Committee £7.40 (Hire of Hall)

Play Area. The Chairman reported on the present position but in the absence of Mr Bar it was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting.

Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that information had now been received from the Borough

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Church on Tuesday 14 August 1979 at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Smith, Mr Williams, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Cook & Mr Hollis.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed.

Matters Arising

1. Planning Application 391. Goss Frost & Burgess. Notification had been received that the above application had been granted. Discussing this Council expressed their dismay & in particular to the ??? of the Borough's letter, and the failure to indicate that the representation by the Parish Council had received full consideration.

2. Rights of Way. A reply from the Bucks County Council stating that the attention of the Contractor had been drawn to his obligations to maintain access along these rights of way. After discussion Council agreed that the Chairman be allowed to pursue the matter with the Council.

3. Bus Lay By. School Road. The Bucks County Council had stated that their financial situation did not at present allow for this work to be done.

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with the contractors (Dansett) via the resident engineer (Mr Roberts).

3. It was reported that the reflector boards at Manor Corner were in need of replacement. The clerk to take up the matter with the County Surveyor.

The next meeting to be arranged for 2.10.79.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

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Council agreed with the request, and Clerk to inform the P. C. C. accordingly.

6. S. S. Homes. Construction of drainage to commence 24 Sept 1979.

7. Charles Wells. Transfer of licence at the Swan Inn.

8 Planning Applications 33-35 and 38. The clerk reported that Mos 36 & 37 had not been received & attempts would be made to obtain copies.

Account for Payment.

J. C. Pateman £3.25 Shelter cleaning.

Any Other Business

1. Sherington Bridge. The chairman reported that Mr Smith of the Highways Dept would attend to the collapsed culvert.

2. Carters Close. Following complaints received concerning the damaged footpaths, and the erection of earth mounds, Council agreed that these matters should be referred to the developer Messrs S. S. Homes & clerk suitably instructed.

Old Bus Shelter. The clerk reported that no replies had been received from the parishioners in connection with the SCAN entry.

After discussion Council agreed to a

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 November 1979 in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Cook, Mr Hollis Mr Smith, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Stedden.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed.

Matters Arising

1. Church Yard Extension. The chairman reported that proceedings had commenced concerning the purchase of this piece of land.

2. Carters Close Development. A reply from S. S. Homes had been received giving assurance that the damage & earth mounds would receive attention.

3. By Pass Traffic. The Bucks County Council stated that points raised by the Parish Council would be brought to the notice of the Contractors concerned.

The Chairman gave a verbal report that action had been taken by the County Council to claim for the damage that had occurred.

4. Footpaths & Bridleways. The County Engineer accepted the invitation to attend at 30th meeting, and Council agreed that the clerk should make suitable arrangements and he was instructed accordingly.

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that the action was to be deplored, and instructed the Clerk to inform the Borough Council that the notice board was strictly for the use of Parish Council notices only.

Road Safety. By Pass Contractors. Mr Smith reported that action had been taken concerning the inadequate safety arrangements & lack of warning notices.

???? of Church End & School Bus Lay By.

The Chairman stated that a quotation had been received from the Highways Dept for these projects in the way of a contribution by the Parish Council.

1. Church Way ???? £120.

2. Lay By. School Lane £250

Council agreed that the quotation was acceptable & that the chairman would make the necessary reply.

Date of next meeting to be arranged for Thursday 6th December 1979.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

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proceed with a view to executing a Deed of Rectification had been given.

Correspondence. The following items were presented to Council.

1. East Midlands Electricity Board. Street Light Charges
2. Borough of Milton Keynes. Additional bus services.
3. Planning Applications 43-47.

#### Accounts for Payment

The following items were approved for payment.

1. P. E. Smith    Hire of excavator            £21.60
2. Mr Lines        Mowing of Knoll 1979    £14.89

Play Area. At this stage Mr Byrne was introduced to the meeting, who reported on the present position of the scheme, presenting drawings of the hard landscape.

After a full discussion Council agreed that phase 2 should now go ahead, and in this connection Mr Byrne agreed to undertake the preparation of tender lists, and would present these together with the costs for the equipment, to the Council at their next meeting.

Any Other Business. High St Ditch. Council agreed that a further approach be made to the County Surveyor, for the ditch to be cleaned out, and instructed the clerk to proceed.

Water Lane. Tubular railings

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all Councillors were in favour of the new proposed footpaths, excluding the closure of FP 70.

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2. County Association of Local Councils. Circular.

Council agreed that 6 copies of the Parish Councillors Handbook be obtained. (Cost £1 each).

3. East Midlands Electricity Board. Increased maintenance charges with effect from 1 April 1980.

4. Planning Applications 48, 52 & 1 & 2.

Accounts for Payment

1. Borough of Milton Keynes. Election Expenses £4.22

2. Chicheley Estate. Christmas Tree £12.60

3. Village Hall Committee. Hire of Hall £7

4. J. C. Pateman. Shelter cleaning £3.25

5. Woodfine & Co (Burial Ground Ext) £236.95

Planning Application MK1486/79

The Chairman reported that it had been necessary to convene a special meeting on Thursday 17 January in order to make representations concerning the above planning application. The matter was dealt with by the attending members, and a letter outlining the Parish Councils objections and observations to the Planning Dept.

This action was approved by the Council, and in order to prevent any further delays in dealing with applications received between Parish Council meetings, it was agreed that they be forwarded to the Chairman as they are received.

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The next meeting to be arranged for Thursday 14 Feb 1980.

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman

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the 12th Feb 1980, it was proposed by Mr Smith that henceforth the Parish Council accept both legal & financial responsibility for the Village Playing Fields and all recreational facilities, at Perry Lane, such that the dissolution of the Sherington Playing Fields Association would subsequently follow, and be replaced by a management committee appointed by the Parish Council.

The proposal was seconded by Mr Stedden and carried unanimously by the Council.

Play Area Report. The Chairman reported that they were now in a position to go out nfor tender, and the Parish Council agreed that the following firms be invited.

1. G. F. X. Hartigan
2. Sutton Services
3. O' Connor
4. Llewellyn

Precept 1980/81. The clerk reported that the maximum amount available for 1980/81 was £1979, and after a full discussion & in view of various projects in hand, it was agreed that they should precept for the full amount. It was also noted that this sum was only £40 more than 1979/8, which did not appear to be sufficient considering the development that had taken place in the village, particularly in Carters Close Estate. The clerk was instructed to pursue this

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be made by the Trustees. The clerk was instructed to take the appropriate action.

5. Hole in Road at 13 Church Rd reported for necessary action.

The parishioners question period concerned the Sherington Playing Fields Association.

The next meeting to be arranged for Thursday 13 March 1980

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman      13.3.80

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#### Tenders - Play Area Project

It was reported to the Council that only 2 tenders had been received.

1. Llewellyn     £8893.60
2. O Connor     £8829.69

After discussion Council agreed that both tenders were unacceptable and that other ways of undertaking the work involved would have to be found. This matter was then deferred until Mr Byrne's advice had been obtained.

#### Right Of Way - Village Hall Car Park

A letter from the Village Hall Trustees was presented, and after discussion it was agreed that a suitable reply would be furnished by the Chairman. It was also agreed that the Village Hall Committee be approached concerning the sale of the surplus fencing, and that this be secured (?) if possible for fencing off the burial ground extension.

#### Parishioners Question Period

The following items were discussed with the attending parishioners.

1. Playing Fields Association. Future Prospects
2. Proposed development on The Knoll
3. SCAN magazine

#### Accounts for Payment

The following items were presented for

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in SCAN magazine be purchased by the Council to the extent of £50 per annum.

This was seconded by Mr Cook and agreed by Council.

The following payments were prepared and authorised.

1. Parochial Church Council      £120
2. SCAN magazine              £50

Lighting Improvement. It was suggested that an additional light was required outside the Barn at Harden House, Church Road, and after discussion the clerk was instructed to ascertain the costs that would be involved. The Knoll. It was reported that the "No Parking" sign was in need of repair, or removal, & the Chairman agreed to look into the matter.

Meeting closed at 10.20

Derek W. Ferris

Chairman      16.4.80

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provision of the pond.

After considerable discussion on these matters it was proposed by Mr Smith & seconded by Mr Stedden that the pond now be omitted from the proposals and that action be taken concerning the piping in of the ditch.

This proposal was carried by Council.

Playing Fields Association. Council agreed that the special meeting be arranged as soon as possible and instructed the Clerk to obtain a suitable date when the Hall was available, allowing sufficient time for the house to house circulars to be prepared and delivered. The suggested date was the 20 May.

Public Question Period. The following matters were raised by the attending parishioners & dealt with by the Council.

1. Surface water in Gun Lane. This matter to be referred to the Highways Dept.
2. By Pass Traffic - Gun Lane. This matter to be referred to the resident engineer.

3. Speeding through village. This matter to be dealt with by Mr Smith on the occasion of the next meeting of the road safety committee.

4. Plantation Footpath. The Chairman reported that the resurfacing of this path was in hand.

5. Path to bus stop. The Chairman stated he would investigate this suggestion.

6. Parking in Church Road, High St. Mr Smith to attend

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday the 27 May 1980 in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Smith, Hollis, Stedden, Cook & Cheeseman.

Apology received from Mr Williams.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Matters Arising

1. Flood water - Gun Lane

2. Footpaths & Bridle ways.

The chairman agreed to raise these matters at his next meeting with the Highways Dept.

3. Speeding through the Village. Mr Smith reported that since his meeting with the Road Safety Committee action had been taken. He also confirmed that the High St would be classified as Grade 3 after the completion of the by-pass.

4 Bus Fares Increases. The Council had forwarded their representations to the Traffic Commissioners, but so far no reply had been received.

Correspondence. The following items were presented & discussed.

1. Revised notes concerning Parish Council Elections.

2. County Rate 1980/81.

3. Milton Keynes Development Corporation. Social Development Disan(????)

4. National Health Service. Newsletter

5. Milton Keynes Council of Voluntary Organisations.

6. Milton Keynes Borough Council. Information sheet

7. East Midlands Electricity Board Revised Charges

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maintenance and management of the facilities in general.

All meetings of the Committee to be minuted and reported to Parish Council on a regular basis.

The Committee shall be responsible for the settling of charges and the due remittance of them to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

All other matters concerning finance shall be referred to the Parish Council.

The proposal was seconded by Mr Smith & agreed by Council.

Nominations. Mr Cook proposed that the following Councillors be elected to the Committee

Mr Smith & Mr Cheeseman.

Both officers were prepared to accept nomination.

This was seconded by Mr Stedden, and it was recommended that the term of office should correlate to that of the Parish Council. This was agreed by Council & the officers were duly elected.

Any Other Business

The following items were raised & discussed.

1. Plantation Footpath. Resurfacing already agreed.

2. Hole in Footpath. Opposite No 6 School Lane. Clerk instructed to report this to the Highways Dept.

3. Bus Lay-by. It was reported that although

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 3rd July 1980 in the Village Hall at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Smith, Mr Hollis, Mr Stedden, Mr Cook & Mr Cheeseman.

1 Parishioner also attended.

In the absence of Mr Ferris the Vice-chairman Mr P. Smith took over as Chairman.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising

1. Increased Bus Fares. A reply from the Traffic Commissioners was presented to Council.

The clerk reported that no reply had so far been received from the Cornhill Insurance Co concerning an increase in premiums in connection with the Playing Fields and Play Area.

2. School Bus Pick up. It was reported that following the Councils letter to the Education Authority that the lay-by was now being used.

3. Hole in Footpath - School Lane. This matter had now been attended to.

Correspondence. The following items of correspondence were presented to Council.

1. Refuse Collection. The labour dispute had now been settled, and collections were back to normal.

2. Precept. The half yearly payment of £989

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were presented and authorised for payment.

1. Avon Insurance Co. (Mower Insurance)      £5

2. Village Hall Committee (Hire of Hall) £13.20

3. J. C. Pateman (Shelter cleaning) £3.25

#### Playing Fields Report

Mr Cheeseman reported on the condition of the Pavilion and the grounds, and stated that the following items were in need of urgent attention.

Windows & guards

Roof needed some insulation

Kitchen to be a closed area, with serving hatch installed

Shower & bath required

Floor requires attention

Guttering to be renewed

The approx cost of the above items was estimated at £745.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cheesman for the report, and proposed that under the circumstances, a site meeting should be arranged. This was agreed by Council and the meeting was arranged for Sunday 6th July 1980.

Council also agreed that enquiries should be made of the Mun Power Services Commioners to ascertain if their services were available for this work.

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Minutes of Special Meeting

Held 24.7.80

Venue: 6 School Lane

Time: 8.30pm

Agenda: 1. Planning Applications a) MK/839/80 & b) MK/840/80

2. Any Other Business

Present: Messrs Ferris, Smith, Steddon, Williams, Cheeseman, Mr Hollis

Apologies: Mr Cook

Agenda Item 1a: A letter was received from Mr Hollis.

The Council discussed the application for 5 detached houses & 1 bungalow at Gun Lane on the site of Church Farm. The meeting dissembled to visit & make a site inspection. Upon their return members continued their discussion & resolved to unanimously oppose the application on the principle grounds that the development would constitute an extension to the village; it would be contrary to the policies contained within the approved County Structure Plan, together with the recommendations of the Village Plan; it would create a precedent for the development of other areas of the village, etc. The Chairman to compose a letter to the Head of Planning Services supporting the framework of the letter forwarded by Mr Hollis.

Agenda Item 1b.

All Councillors appeared to be aware of the proposal to erect a detached bungalow to the rear of 6 Crofts End, several having been approached either by the Applicant or objectors. A letter was received from Mr Atkinson of Ivy Cottage. After considerable discussion it was resolved to object to the proposal Vote 4 for, none against objecting, Mr Hollis abstaining. Grounds for objecting: back land development, inadequate access & it would create an unacceptable precedent for many other similar properties in the village. The Chairman to compose a letter to the Head of Planning Services & to reply to Mr Atkinson.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 August 1980 in the Chapel, Crofts End at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were, Mr Ferris, Mr Smith, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Steddon, Mr Cook, Mr Hollis, & Mr Williams

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were with the Auditor & not available.

Matters Arising

1. Bus Service Charges. A letter from Mr Hollis was presented to the Council.

2. Village Hall Boundary Fence. A reply had been sent to the Committee, and Mr Cheeseman said that this would be considered by the Village Hall Committee in an attempt to obtain the lowest possible purchase price.

3. Skip Container Service. Enquiries had been made concerning the failure to supply this service at Sherington, and it was understood that the matter would be attended to.

4. Insurance. A reply had been received from the Cornhill Insurance Co stating that the council was fully indemnified, but it was agreed that this matter should be raised again when the

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Play Area Report. The chairman presented a catalogue illustrating the various types and prices of equipment available.

After discussion it was agreed in principle that the following items would be obtained.

1. 4 Berth Swing

2. Contour slide

The chairman agreed to contact the supplier and ascertain which would be the most suitable and economical.

This was proposed by Mr Williams and seconded by Mr Steddon, and agreed by Council.

Accounts. An account was presented by Mr Smith for ground work carried out at the Play Area for the sum of £968.54.

This was approved by Council but as the cheque book was with the auditors, it was arranged that Mr Hollis should obtain the cheque and necessary signatures between the meetings.

Parish Clerk Vacancy. It was agreed by Council that the interviews for the vacancy be carried out by the Chairman & Vice Chairman.

Any Other Business

1. Mr Cook asked the council if they were aware of the fact that the

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 4th September 1980 in the Chapel, Crofts End Sherington at 8.0p.m.

Present

Members present were Mr Ferris, Mr Smith, Mr Cook, Mr Hollis, Mr Williams, Mr Cheeseman

Also in attendance were Mr Gardner & Mrs Cook

Apology. Apology received from Mr Steddon.

Before commencing the meeting the chairman introduced, and welcomed Mrs Cook who would shortly be undertaking the duties as the new clerk to the Parish Council.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2 previous Council meetings, and those of the Parish Council special meeting were read, agreed & signed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Stone Pitts Close

It was regretted by the clerk that the leasing of Stone Pitts Close had been overlooked at the last Annual General Meeting.

After discussing the matter Council agreed that before auctioning it again it would be necessary to await the outcome of Mr Cook's request to exchange the

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the fence had not yet been received.

Public Question Period

Questions were asked by Mr Gardner concerning the planning application 839/840 and the By-Pass surface water arrangements. These were dealt with by the chairman.

Correspondence. The following items were presented and discussed.

1. Borough of Milton Keynes. Information sheet.
2. Planning Applications 31-35.
3. East Midlands Electricity Board. Charges.
4. Wateress Nurseries. Tree Catalogue.
5. Proposal by Mr G. Mead, Olney Road, Emberton for conversion of the United Reform Church. Council agreed that they would raise no objections to a planning application. The clerk was instructed to advise Mr Mead accordingly.

Accounts. The following accounts were authorised for payment.

1. Audit Fee     £24.15
2. Sherington Village Hall Committee     £4.40
3. J. C. Pateman £3.25

#### Play Area Report

The Chairman reported that some catalogues of equipment had been received and that a special meeting would be

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 2 October 1980 - United Reformed Chapel 8pm

Present

Members present were Messrs Ferris, Smith, Williams, Cheeseman, Steddon & Cook

Apologies - Mr B. Hollis.

Before commencing the meeting Mr Ferris thanked Mr George Smith for the work he had carried out during his term of office as Clerk to the Parish Council over the past 8 years.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed & signed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1) Stonepits Close

An acknowledgement to our letter dated 1st September had been received indicating that a detailed reply would be forwarded in the near future.

2) Planning Applications

840/80 - Crofts End - permission refused

966/80 - Sherington Bridge - permission refused

839/80 - Church Farm - decision outstanding

3) Grass Verges

A reply to our letter dated 1st Sept had been received. The chairman to arrange a meeting with Div. Surveyor's representative Mr Fox.

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