



SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES - Sherington Parish Council Annual Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 19:30, in Sherington Pavilion.

Attendees: Cllrs Palmer, Kitchingham, Axford & Brown, Lance Galloway, Jacqueline Galloway, Ward Cllr Geary, PCSO Arlene Ormston & 2 PCSO

18 members of the public.

|   | ITEM                                     | DESCRIPTION  | OWNER/ACTION              |
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| 1 | RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | Cllr Nokes, Ward Cllrs McLean & Whitworth, PCSO Skippen  |                           |
| 2 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST                 | None   |                           |
| 3 | APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING        | Approved.  | Chair                     |
| 4 | WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT                  | New City Plan is a major issue this month, 9 <sup>th</sup> October is the response date. We are aware of MKE and the 6k houses due in Newport Pagnell. The New City Plan is talking about how to fit another 33k houses into Milton Keynes between 2023 and 2050, there have been a number of sites identified around MK in the centre there are some high rises going up, but the main issue is the 17k houses around MKE. There are likely to be changes between now and the end of the year. The PC needs to make a response, on behalf of the community, the village, Cllr Geary advised not to object out of hand because they are going to go ahead with a plan, they need a local plan. The local plan normally covers 10 years, but this will cover 19 years, doesn't need to start until 2031 so they are putting two local plans into one. Going for the longer term means less time to plan for infrastructure needs etc. Suggest this is mentioned in our response, no need to go for a 20-year plan when a 10 would suffice. The housing figures have now been moved back into policy; they are now statutory so must be met. We need to make sure that area protection is in place for existing communities and during construction the way traffic will be managed and the way that communities will be protected. Any S106 or tariff money that is there to make sure it flows outside of the ring fence of the development. MK Connect. Supposed to be going out to a delegated decision to reprocure the contract based on the trial that has been carried out. We've been promised a meeting before this. This could be delayed because of the new government bus policy coming soon. |                           |
| 5 | POLICE REPORT                            | Op Drover is running at the moment, so you will notice a higher police presence. Looking at hare coursing, speeding traffic, fly tipping etc. Crime report attached and on website. Speedwatch. All the villages are covered, the times are duties dependant, we were asking if the presence could be more commuting time. We can ask PSCO Skippen to do particular time to suit us. Villages are being asked to do their own community speedwatch, Arlene will send the Clerk details.  | Clerk<br><br>PCSO Ormston |
| 6 | CARETAKERS REPORT                        | Report attached.   |                           |
| 7 | ACTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES             | None   |                           |



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| 8 | PROJECT GROU P UPDATES | <p>8.1 LANDSCAPING – Grass cutting now on schedule, but we are making enquiries with alternative contractors for grass cutting etc following a meeting with the devolved services team concerning our devolved landscape responsibility. This is part of an ongoing review on whether the PC is able to sustain the devolved responsibilities, or hand the work back to MKCC.</p> <p>You'll have noticed that we've had the car park at the VH extended and improved following the completion of the climbing wall, which has improved the appearance and function of the car park significantly. We've also tidied up the area behind the new wall in readiness for some final topsoil and grass seed, which is planned for this month.</p> <p>We'd like to record thanks to Giles Fern and Adrian Lusted for their work in getting this all done for us.</p> <p>8.2 BIODIVERSITY – We now have 4 Bat Boxes with Tools for Self-Reliance, which is a charity attached to the Camphill community in MK. The bat boxes are among the products produced there by members of the community using recycled &amp; reclaimed timber. We're now looking at the appropriate siting of these in the trees in Carters Close.</p> <p>8.3 DRAINAGE – See caretakers report.</p> <p>8.4 HIGHWAYS – The application for the current round of Community Infrastructure funding has been completed and presented for the matching funding for SIDs and new poles along the High Street. This year on the advice of MK, we put the question of support for SIDs to the village in a poll via signature, social media and email. The response to that poll was quite disappointing really, we received only 47 responses, although those replies were 100% in favour of installing SIDs.</p> <p>8.5 S106 FUNDING – Public Arts Fund. We have renewed dialogue with the MK Arts Centre after a respectful pause following the sad sudden death of Louise Izod, the lady at MK Public Arts that we had been dealing with. We're now advised that the paperwork has been finalized and Arts Centre are now actively engaged in the process of delivering the project for us. The situation regarding the nature of this project remains the same – the Arts Centre presented the PC with a concept that they considered appropriate. The PC didn't entirely share that vision and advised them that we will only agree to proceed with a project that has the village behind it, and that they would need to consult and inform the village before any project is agreed. Because we felt that the history of the village should be represented in any project, we advised that they consult with and take advice from the Hist Soc. And that to reach a significant number of villagers they should ask to present their proposals in a talk to the WI and New Thursday Groups. At some point they will also need to present at a PC meeting too. They have now made contact with The SHS and they've made arrangements to tour the village and discuss the project with them – so we are now at last actually making some progress.</p> <p>8.6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Now that the MKCC strategic land availability process has concluded, we intend to recommence work on a revised /new NP for the village. We will do so through a sub-committee which will engage with interested and contributing parties, organizations and individuals as appropriate. Our plan is to seek funding to pay for the process from the various sources we are advised are available to help with this. It will clearly be a lengthy process to complete a new or revised Neighbourhood Plan, but it's important to remember that we are still operating under the policies established in the current NP which is valid until 2031.</p> <p>8.7 SHOP – Giles has provided us with a trading account.</p> |  |
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| 9  | FINANCE                                       | <p>9.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES –</p> <p>9.2 Balances on account at 31/07/24: Current Account £ 35962<br/>Savings Account £ 3867<br/>Payments £ 3943<br/>Total £ 35886</p> <p>9.2 Balances on account at 31/08/24: Current Account £ 32352<br/>Savings Account £ 4071<br/>Payments £ 1682<br/>Total £ 34741</p> <p>9.3 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT – see attached finance reports July &amp; August 2024</p> <p>Above payments agreed by Cllrs authorised online by Cllr Palmer.</p>  | <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>                           |
| 10 | RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT                         | <p>I've been working on the suggestions and recommendations of our internal audit.<br/>Internal Audit Report requirements<br/>Review Standing Orders based on NALC current model.<br/>Financial Regulations based on NALC current model.<br/>Need more councillors on the bank mandate. To Do.<br/>Strategic Risk Assessment – Course to be attended next month and then done.<br/>Formal contracts for all employees, in hand.</p>   | <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>To Do – Clerk</p> <p>To Do – Clerk</p> |
| 11 | NEW STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS   | <p>New Standing Orders and Financial Regulation voted in and accepted by all councillors. These will now be published on the website.</p>   | <p>Approved</p>   |
| 12 | PLANNING APPLICATIONS                         | <p>No new at this time. Approval of lean-to at 2 Griggs Orchard</p>   |   |
| 13 | CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS | <p>We have had a request for a resident to be allowed to maintain a footpath which runs from School Lane to Crofts End. We are happy for this to go ahead on an informal basis.<br/>Development Proposals - We have received correspondence from interested parties wishing to promote a number of sites within the designated NP area for additional housing development. We have agreed to meet these parties to discuss their proposals but would emphasize that these discussions will take place in the context of the existing NP. The Parish Council will provide further information on these representations when we have the information from the interested parties.<br/>MK Can Quest - We've been contacted by the MK Food Bank to advise of another event to support the charity. Another event in support of the food bank takes place in Campbell Park on the afternoon of World Food Day, Wednesday 16th October. Teams of four will search for cans and test their wits against various physical and mental challenges, around the MK Can route (7.6km). Any groups or individuals are welcome to take part in this event, but the Parish Council are not formally participating in this event. Full details are available on the Food Bank website.</p> |   |
| 14 | EXTERNAL MEETINGS                             | <p>None</p>   |   |
| 15 | COUNCILLORS ITEMS                             | <p>None</p>   |   |
| 16 | RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT                        | <p>There was much discussion regarding the New City Plan 2050 and the PC's response due in October. There was a strong feeling that the whole village should be more involved, consultation should be done and that there should be publication of how to find out about the plan and how to make comment to the PC or directly to MKCC.</p>  |   |



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|    |                       | Links to MKCC for upcoming public drop-in information sessions will be available on the SPC website and on Facebook. | Clerk |
| 17 | DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS | Next Parish council meeting will be Tuesday 8th October 2024   |       |

Clerk – Jacqueline Galloway