

DRAFT MINUTES - Sherington Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th February 2024 at 19:30 in Sherington Pavilion.

Attendees: Cllrs Burns-Nokes, Kitchingham, & Axford & Jacqueline Galloway. Ward Cllr McLean

17 members of the public.

	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	OWNER/ACTION
1	RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Cllrs O'Dell, Brown & Palmer, Ward Cllr Geary, PCSO	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None	
3	APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	Approved.	Vice Chair
4	WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT	MKCC consultation closed, MKCC meet on 19 th February. MK Connect tender has had only one response. Boundaries, Ward Cllrs have assessed and are ok with what has been proposed. Ward based budgets are open for application for funding until 14 th February, any organisation can apply. New household waste site proposal, closing Newport Pagnell, Bleak Hall & New Bradwell opening new tips in Wolverton in 2026 & Tattenhoe in 2027. Cllrs Geary & McLean are vehemently apposed to this plan. Comments up to 27 th February.	
5	POLICE REPORT	PCSO sent in crime stats for the month. 1 report of fly tipping. Reminded residents that due to the cold dark weather, there has been an increase in thefts from outbuildings and vehicles, please ensure these are secure to avoid, as much as possible, being another crime stat. See website for report.	Clerk
6	ACTIONS ARISING	Applied to Petsoe End Wind Farm Fund for 50% funding towards SID's – approved.	Cllr Kitchingham
7	PROJECT GROUPOUP UPDATES	<p>7.1 LANDSCAPING/BIODIVERSITY – MKCC are meeting with Suez on 12th Feb, waiting for outcome. Knoll, Village Hall & Churchyard will not be included in the new contract so PC will still be responsible for those areas.</p> <p>7.2 DRAINAGE - Many thanks again to Stephen Kennedy for all his work on this. Freedom of Information Act Request sent back from MKCC for Crofts End/School Lane, unfortunately they only sent the last 18 months, a request for back to 2020 was resubmitted.</p> <p>7.3 HIGHWAYS - Had meeting with Smiths</p> <p>7.4 S106 FUNDING – Public Arts Fund. The event held on 28th January wasn't well attended, the presentation will be published on the PC website. There is another planned event on 17th February, this is a family workshop, children welcome.</p> <p>7.5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Instructed a specialist Town Planner to act for us. We require a Sub-committee to be formed, we need people to help and to sit on this committee, please let us know if you are interested.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>



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8	SHOP – SQUIRREL STORES	8.1 We met with Ward Cllrs Geary & McLean, it was a very amicable meeting where the letters of complaint were discussed. No complaints were made by the Ward Cllrs or the head of government, the whole issue was because of a complaint from a member or members of the public, we are now waiting for advice from BMKALC.	Clerk
9	FINANCE	9.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES – Balances on account at 31/12/24: Current Account £ 14345 Savings Account £ 25118 Payments £ 3956 Total £ 35507 9.2 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT – see finance reports on website January 2025 Above payments agreed by Cllrs authorised online by Cllr Burns-Nokes.	Approved Approved
10	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	None.	
11	CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS	Resident request for ‘Keep Dogs Off’ sign for Carter Close, unfortunately this is not PC land so we cannot agree this. Suggest they contact MKCC. We have been approached by another land agent regarding development in the village, nothing to report at the moment but will update when more information is available. Malcolm MacNaughton has been keeping the pathway Crofts End/School Lane clear and beautifully kept; he has made some lovely signs, ‘Corn Close’, for it which he would like to put up. Thank you so much Mac. Vote held, show of hands. Citizens Advice have written to all PC’s requesting donations, voted, show of hands, agreed to donate £300.	Clerk Approved Approved
12	EXTERNAL MEETINGS	Smith Construction road between NP & Sherington, met with Smiths and the agent of the collective land owners. Excellent meeting we now have a number to call for any problems, they have changed their wheel washer but this can only wash the wheels not the underside of the vehicles, they are looking into a solution. They will remain diligent and we will maintain contact.	Cllr Kitchingham
13	COUNCILLORS ITEMS	We have appointed a new clerk, Adele Boughton, who is a very experienced clerk. She will be starting 3 rd March, Jacqueline will stay on to do the AGAR and make the transition as smooth as possible. 5 th May - White Hart are hosting VE Day celebrations in collaboration with the WI and School. If anyone would like to serve the village by becoming a Parish Councillor, we still have one vacancy, please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk if you are interested.	
14	RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT	Art Project – please could we publish the presentation. It was asked if we could use the funding for a Sherington sign, unfortunately MKCC will not allow this.	Clerk Clerk
15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Next Parish council meeting will be 11 th March 2025	

Clerk – Jacqueline Galloway