



## SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm

Clerk to the Council – Lisa Fern

#### **Present -**

#### **In attendance**

Vic Kitchingham (vice-chair)  
Sharon Axford  
Maxine Odell  
Rob Warren  
Louise Bailey  
Lisa Fern (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Michael Burns-Nokes – Chair

**Attendees:** 38 people and 2 Ward Councillors

<b>Item</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> -Chair Michael Burns-Nokes (Chair)	SPC
<b>2</b>	<b>RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> -None.	SPC
<b>3</b>	<b>APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</b> -All agreed.	SPC
<b>4</b>	<b>RECEIVE WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT</b> -MK new city plan is going to go out to consultation next week, there will be a meeting on the 5/11 which the PC may attend. No real surprises, still shows a509 houses to be built 7500 approx. Consultation will end in Dec. Rural villages expected to absorb their own pressure specifically.	Ward Councillor



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	<p>-MK potentially one of the 1<sup>st</sup> new towns, WC considered we may be less likely candidates however.</p> <p>-Enforcement noticed reissued to the Land Owners at the top of Gun Lane. Outcome still undecided in regard to the North Crawley site, hearing in High Court takes place this week. Over the next month more information to follow.</p> <p>-No progress or updates with regards to EA agencies in relation to the potential dumping at the top of Gun Lane.</p> <p>-PETSOE committee have resigned, James Williams is dealing with the funds now.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>PSCO not present.</b></p> <p>-Crime Report for area shows there has been 2 thefts in the area and one suspected arson attack.</p>	PSCO – Clerk
<b>6</b>	<p><b>CARETAKER REPORT</b></p> <p>-No report, Clerk to recruit a Caretaker. Currently we have a vacancy.</p>	Caretaker – Clerk
<b>7</b>	<p><b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>No updates.</p>	SPC and Clerk
<b>8</b>	<p><b>1. PROJECT GROUP UPDATES -</b></p> <p><b>8:1 and 8:2 – Landscaping and Biodiversity</b></p> <p>-We have written to MK planning for an update on the enforcement investigation against Barwood, still yet to receive a response.</p> <p><b>8:4 Highways</b></p> <p>-We are still waiting on MKC to install poles on Highstreet, PC will continue to chase. Monies needs to be spent by end of financial year.</p>	SPC



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	<p><b>8:5 – S106 Funding</b></p> <p>-Charlotte Howarth is keen to find a location for the Art project to go. She held her first consultation last week with the Village. A 15% fee was initially agreed for MKC to charge as a management fee of the project, PC to investigate the agreed fee as this seems to be increasing. PC will investigate further.</p> <p>There is still some funds left in the pot to spend towards community facilities, it has been agreed that some of this money will be used to update the kitchen inside the Village Hall. There are still some monies to spend on community projects should the public like to put suggestions forward.</p> <p><b>8.6 – Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>-Two written responses received, both responses have been sent to Town planner to review. It will likely take several months before the plan is finalised and signed off.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>FINANCE -</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES</b> - All agreed.  <b>9.2 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT</b> – All agreed.  <b>9.3 FINALISE INTERNAL AUDIT PROCESS –</b>  AGAR is now signed off, the report was satisfactory and will be published online.</p>	SPC
<b>10</b>	<p><b>CLERKS REPORT -</b></p> <p>-Recruiting a new Caretaker.</p> <p>-Electrician has undertaken work to ensure that the electrics are compliant with todays guidelines. Works costs just under £2000.</p> <p>-£25 has been given as a donation to Ousedale School as a Raffle Prize, all voted through and agreed by PC.</p>	SPC
<b>11</b>	<p><b>NEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:</b></p> <p>-Nothing to report</p>	SPC
<b>12</b>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS –</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APP REF:                    PLN/2025/1909</b></p>	SPC



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Alterations to fenestration and replace existing upvc cladding with brick to front elevation, partial replacement of block paving and lawn with compacted gravel and replacement of existing wall with railings at 9 CROFTS END, SHERINGTON, NEWPORT PAGNELL, MK16 9ND</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p><b>Make any comments by:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>23/10/2025</b></span></p> <p><b>App Ref:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>PLN/2025/1957</b></span></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Approval of details required by condition 4 (Biodiversity) and condition 6 (Surface water disposal) of permission ref. 22/02577/FUL at 24 GUN LANE, SHERINGTON, NEWPORT PAGNELL, MK16 9PE</p> <p><b>Make any comments by:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>06/10/2025</b></span></p> <p><b>App Ref:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>PLN/2025/1539</b></span></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Approval of details required by conditions 3 (surface water management), and 4 (flood mitigation) of permission ref. 24/01652/FUL at 43 WATER LANE, SHERINGTON, NEWPORT PAGNELL, MK16 9NP</p> <p>All approved and PC voted through.</p>	
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULATIONS</b></p> <p>-MK planning has received an appeal against the enforcement noticed MK council served the owners of the site on Gun Lane. The PC has been advised that they need to treat this as a planning application and raise an objection to it as it does not adhere to the Neighbourhood plan. The PC has also engaged a town planner to submit a response on its behalf.</p>	<p>SPC</p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>EXTERNAL MEETINGS</b></p> <p>-None.</p>	<p>SPC</p>



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<b>15</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS ITEMS –</b> -PC were approached by a resident to say that Tree in Carters Close was encroaching his garden. PC are not required to take action but have advised that the resident may take appropriate action to deal with the tree accordingly.	SPC
<b>16</b>	<b>RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT</b> -Request was made for the PC to make it clear to the residents how they go about submitting their own objections to the appeal relating to the Land at the top of Gun Lane. The Closing date is the 11 <sup>th</sup> November.  -Some of the residents of the West of High Street traveller encampment attended the meeting and took the opportunity during public comments to advise the meeting that they felt they'd been treated inappropriately without cause by some individuals, and had even been exposed to trespass, vandalism, and unfair scrutiny of the site by drones at various times. The representative stated that their wish is to live on the site peacefully and harmoniously, that their intention is never to increase the density on the site in future beyond the five caravans sited there currently. He spoke in some depth about the difficulties of a life they had experienced without a permanent site for their caravans and explained that this was the reason they had occupied the site. He also claimed that no illegal or contaminated waste has been imported to the site, and that the EA and police investigations (which are entirely separate matters to the planning enforcement action) into the allegations of illegal waste tipping have now concluded. He went on to say that the culvert across the access into the site is not blocked or damaged, and that any blockage of the waterway is downstream of the site. He confirmed that if any work is necessary on the culvert/pipe at the entrance point to the site, he will willingly carry it out provided he is assured by MKCC that he would not be breaching any orders.  There were several questions from members of the public asked directly to the traveller's representative about their future intentions for the site and the activities carried out there, to all of which he provided responses.  The Chair responded to say that no inappropriate comment or action, and certainly no physical act of malice against anybody, regardless of their background or status in the community, is condoned or supported by the parish council, or by the	SPC



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	<p>Sherington community, and expressed sincere regret at any such behaviour the travellers may have experienced.</p> <p>He went on to say that there had been understandable alarm in the community resulting from the visible activities on the site, but that these remain matters to be dealt with entirely and directly as appropriate between the travellers themselves and MKCC, the police and the EA.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the parish council will be objecting to the appeal against the MKCC enforcement order which requires the site to be vacated and restored and advised the meeting that the PC would write to MKCC immediately to advise them of the comments received about the problems with the culvert.</p> <p>The discussions about the traveller encampment and the site in general concluded cordially and respectfully.</p> <p>-Residents concerned that the code is missing from the Defib on the Village Hall wall. The clerk will investigate further.</p>	
17	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm</b>	SPC

Meeting Ended: 8:38pm