



SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from 4th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Clerk to the Council – Lisa Fern

Present -

In attendance

Michael Burns-Nokes (Chair)

Vic Kitchingham (Vice-Chair)

Maxine Odell

Rob Warren

Lisa Fern (Clerk)

Apologies: Sharon Axford and Louise Bailey

Attendees: 18 people, 1 PCSO and 1 Ward Councillors

| Item | Detail | Actions |
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| 1 | RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -Sharon Axford and Louise Bailey. | SPC |
| 2 | RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -None. | SPC |
| 3 | APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING -All agreed. | SPC |
| 4 | RECEIVE WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT -The new city plan - regulation 19 is going out to consultation, it will enter a 6 week consultation for final approval in March and then be sent onto the planning inspector. -New town was announced a few weeks ago, still tbc. | Ward Councillor |



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| | <p>-There has been a proposal to cut on call Fire Fighter pumps around the area, the public will be consulted. This doesn't include Olney.</p> <p>-Concerns over the bins not being returned to where they were collected from, causing a number of obstructions in driveways. Please report to the collection team Management if this happens to you.</p> <p>-Ward Councillors have a meeting with James Williamson and One Energy relating to the Wind Farm monies, hoping to receive within the next 3 weeks.</p> <p>-Culvert at the top of Gun Lane is being looked into to see where the blockage lies and the EA are still looking into their investigation.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>PSCO present.</p> <p>-2 Arson attacks reported at the top of the site at the top of Gun Lane, reported by the residents there.</p> <p>-Report of a drone flying over the School, not seen since but please be vigilant.</p> <p>-Hare coursing is being reported around rural villages, if you witness this in action please report it.</p> <p>-Rural villages are experiencing thefts around Farms.</p> <p>-Arlene mentions to please be careful in the lead up to Christmas, kept valuables out of your cars and be mindful that Crime may increase. TVP have a burglary prevention team who will be doing the rounds in the evenings to try and deter / catch any thefts in action.</p> <p>-Rural East community forum is on the 25/02 in the Olney Centre at 7pm. If the public would like to attend and meet the rest of the team.</p> | PSCO |
| .6 | <p>CARETAKER REPORT</p> <p>-No report, Clerk to recruit a Caretaker. Currently we have a vacancy.</p> | Caretaker – Clerk |



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| 7 | <p>ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>-Defib has been serviced, and the code has been added back onto the box.</p> | SPC and Clerk |
| 8 | <p>1. PROJECT GROUP UPDATES -</p> <p>8.1 – SPC has received a response from the MK enforcement agency with regards to the breach of planning after a large amount of the habitat became destroyed, this has gone to the legal department in MK council. SPC has asked for the Ward Councillors to help chase this up.</p> <p>8.2 – Biodiversity – No updates</p> <p>8.3 – Drainage</p> <p>- Confirmed that the Culvert is damaged at the top of Gun Lane next to the Traveller encampment, this has been reported. - MKC are clearing leaves to help unblock the drains within Sherington.</p> <p>8.4 – Highways</p> <p>-MK have confirmed the poles will be in place by the end of December, the Wind Farm grant covers 50% of the cost of the cameras which should be paid to SPC soon.</p> <p>8.5 - S106 Funding</p> <p>-Charlotte Howarth is continuing the engagement process of identifying a site to display the art piece. SPC still looking into the fee amount that they are being charged. Originally agreed at 15%. Still awaiting further update from MKC.</p> <p>- Community facility fund is being used to update the Kitchen in the Village Hall.</p> <p>-Play and Parks fund – Clerk is investigating if we can use this monies to have a play bus running over the Summer to provide some engagement for the children of the local area.</p> <p>-The Voluntary Sector – still looking for something to use this monies for, feedback from the public is welcome. It’s around £7000.</p> <p>8.6 – Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Nothing else to report, in a month or two we should know more.</p> | SPC |



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| 9 | <p>FINANCE -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES - All agreed. 9.2 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT – All agreed.</p> | SPC |
| 10 | <p>CLERKS REPORT -</p> <p>- Still recruiting a Clerk, we will look to advertise externally.</p> | SPC |
| | <p>- The £500 warm space monies has been received, we will look to spend that in December on an initiative.</p> <p>-MK play scheme is coming back to the Clerk to organise some free play sessions potentially over Easter and Summer. This will be funded by the Play Parks 106 monies.</p> <p>-The Pavillion Sports field grass cutting contract has expired, the PC have received 3 quotes from other Grass Cutting Services. PC voted in favour of Giles Fern and Adrian Lusted, who were the cheapest quote.</p> <p>-We will be writing to residents who have Trees which encroach upon public footpaths.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>NEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:</p> <p>-A& L Services fixed a gate in the Pavillion Playground, one off payment made.</p> | SPC |
| 12 | <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>Application Ref: PLN/2025/2258</p> <p>Proposal: The reduction of whole canopy by up to 3m in height and 2m in width of Beech (A), reduction by 2m in height and 1m in width of Cherry Plum (C), and removal and stump grind of Tulip (B) at HOME FARM, 53 HIGH STREET, SHERINGTON, NEWPORT PAGNELL, MK16 9NU</p> <p>Make any comments by: 27/11/2025</p> <p>Voted in favour by the Councillors.</p> | SPC |



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| 13 | CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULATIONS -None | SPC |
| 14 | EXTERNAL MEETINGS -None | SPC |
| 15 | COUNCILLORS ITEMS -The PC is working with a qualified Town Planner to help them produce their objection in favour of the Enforcement notice, the official deadline for this submission is 11/02. -The PC will announce the date for the Public hearing relating to the Enforcement notice once it's announced, the Chair stresses that it's important that residents attend this meeting. -The Mower requires a full service that is used for the Stone Pit Cops requires a full service. | SPC |
| | -The PC would like to thank David Keane who looks after the Stone Pits for the village. Thank you. | |
| 16 | RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT -Petition in favour of the Enforcement notice has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate, as organised by members of the public. -Can we look at the budget and make the budget process as transparent as possible? There is concern that the Football Pitch especially is costing the PC money and may not be viable going forward. | SPC |
| 17 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9th November 7:30pm | SPC |

Meeting Ended: 8:12pm

Schedule of payments and bank balances NOV 25

| Date 04.11.25 | Invoice Details | Amount inc VAT | Signature | Signature |
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Paid/Agreed to be paid with Authorisation mid month/previously

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| SCRIBE | £42.00 | | | |
| Grass cutting (3 months worth) | £1480.00 | | | |
| Surrey Hill Solicitors | £729.60 | | | |
| Cut Crew | £456.38 | | | |



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| A&J services | £120.00 | | | |
| Salaries | £796.39 | | | |
| Expenses | £46.00 | | | |
| HMRC | £248.98 | | | |
| TOTAL | £3919.35 | | | |

Account balances

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| Current account | £19,703.99 | | | |
| Savings Account | £14,838.18 | | | |
| Precept | £39,000 | | | |

2025/2026 Direct Debit Payments

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| ICO | Yearly |
| SCRIBE | Monthly |
| CUTCREW | Monthly |
| EON NEXT | Monthly |
| ANGLIAN WATER | Quarterly |