SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from 13th January 2026 at 7.30pm

Clerk to the Council – Lisa Fern

Present -
In attendance
Vic Kitchingham (Vice-Chair)
Maxine Odell
Rob Warren
Louise Bailey
Lisa Fern (Clerk)

Apologies: Michael Burns-Nokes (Chair),
Sharon Axford

Attendees: 20, 1 councillor

Item	Detail	Actions
1	**RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** -Sharon Axford and Michael Burns-Nokes (Chair)	SPC
2	**RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** -None.	SPC
3	**APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING** -All agreed.	SPC
4	**RECEIVE WARD COUNCILLOR IS REPORT** -New city plan has reopened due to a Technical issue and will be open until the 16/02 if the public would like to make any comments -Fire Service consultation is still in motion, it's still under review whether to close two stations in Buckinghamshire and reduce the number of overall Fire Engines as a whole. If you'd like to make an objection, you have until the 28/01 to do so.	Ward Councillor

	-Milton Keynes Council's initial December draft budget showed a shortfall of £7million, they have offset this shortfall by reducing a number of vacancies within the Council. They are back on track to being on budget. -Ward Councillors have a £1000 grant to split across the 17 Parishes, Sherington PC are to make a suggestion on what they'd like to use their donation for. -Wind Farm Funds should be on their way to Sherington Parish Council's bank account. By March 2026 there will be a new structure in place, it will be managed by Milton Keynes Community Foundation. -Public hearing for the site at the top of Gun Lane is Scheduled for the 24th February and due to take place in Central Milton Keynes – Maragret Powell House, (Main conference suite), 423 Midsummer Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 3BN. The Hearing will start at 10am. The public are advised to only speak on legal and factual matters, rather than any emotive discussions during this hearing. The Ward Councillors will report back as to whether MKC have legal representation at the hearing.	
5	**PSCO not present.** -Harassment to a resident is still being investigated within the village, no further information on this. -Theft of vehicle from a residential property in Sherington. -Two Road incidents around the area over Dec and Jan, no trace of either driver. Possible drunk driver on both occasions.	PCSO
6	**CARETAKER REPORT** -No report, Clerk to recruit a Caretaker. Currently we have a vacancy.	Clerk
7	**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** -None	SPC

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8	**PROJECT GROUP UPDATES -** **8.1 - Biodiversity** – MK planning enforcement have rejected the request from SPC to attend their site visit at Sherington Grange. **8.2 - Drainage** – Thank you to the member of the public who sent a comprehensive report on this. No Further update. **8.3 – Highways** – Still awaiting a response from the Highways for the replacement poles. SPC still haven't received a response. Will chase again. Wind Farm Grant has been released to SPC, this is only 50% of the funds needed, however. The rest of the monies will be released once the work is completed. **8.4 - S106 Funding** – SPC agreed to supply a Skip to help clear some space at the Village Hall, this will allow the Historical Society to proceed with moving their files so that archiving quotes can begin. -The Community Facilities funds will soon be released to SPC and the monies will be used to update the Village Hall kitchen. -The Arts Project is still being managed by MKCC. -Play and Parks funds are still available if a use can be identified. **8.6 - Neighbourhood Plan** – Draft review still in progress, draft Statement has been made in reply to those who made comments. After the 20th February SPC can update the plan and then submit the final plan. **8.7 – Budget –** At the last PC meeting, a member of the public asked if SPC could look to reduce to budget for 2026 – 2027. The PC have reviewed the expected finance forecast for the next year and expect to need further funds. The budget will be increasing if agreed by MKC.	SPC
9	**FINANCE -** **9.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES** - All agreed. **9.2 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT** – All agreed.	SPC / CLERK
10	**CLERKS REPORT –** - Warm Space events are Scheduled to take place on the 28th Jan and 18th Feb. Further information will be sent out to the public via various channels. -VAT returns in progress. -Clerk has various courses now booked in to further their training. -Leak found in the Disabled Toilets, water heater will be replaced.	CLERK

	-We are looking to increase Football Pitch pricing around March time. -Pavillion is being painted in January.	
11	**NEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:** -N/a	SPC
12	**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** **Application Ref:** PLN/2025/2569 **Proposal:** Erection of detached, single storey, two-bedroom dwelling and associated works including the formation of a crossover on Carters Close **at** Arbour House, Church Road, Sherington MK16 9BP **Make any comments by:** 05/02/2026 **SPC have agreed not to vote for or against this, they will allow MKCC to have their say**.	SPC
13	**CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULATIONS** - A member of the public requested for SPC to arrange transportation to be organised for the residents to attend the public hearing on the 24th February. This is not something that we can organise as a Parish Council, members of the public may discuss and organise amongst themselves. - A letter from the public was sent in to ask if the Parish Council would consider replacing the Knoll Christmas Tree. This will be investigated by the Councillors.	SPC
14	**EXTERNAL MEETINGS** -No meetings.	SPC

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15	**COUNCILLORS ITEMS** - We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Madeline and Tony Piltcher for looking after the Village Christmas tree for over 30 years. Their dedication, care, and generosity — including providing the electricity year after year — have brought festive cheer to the village for decades and meant a great deal to the whole community. With sincere appreciation and thanks. -We would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Ellis for allowing for the Tree lights on the knoll to be connected to their power supply over the course of December.	SPC
16	**RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT** -A member of the public has requested for door-to-door leaflets to be dropped within the village advising residents of the Public Hearing date.	SPC
17	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10th Feb 7:30pm**	SPC

Meeting Ended: 8:21

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Schedule of payments and bank balances JAN 26

Date 13.01.26	Invoice Details		Signature	Signature

Paid/Agreed to be paid with Authorisation mid month/previously

SCRIBE	£42.00			
Town planning	£600			
Surrey Hill Solicitors	£158.40			
Scan	£250.00			
Suez	£32.05			
Skip	£342.00			
Salaries	£624.85			
HMRC	£174.03			
TOTAL	£2223.33			

Account balances opening 1st of month

Current account	£15,007.04			
Savings Account	£15,459.58			
Precept	£39,000			

2026/2027 Direct Debit Payments

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ICO	Yearly
SCRIBE	Monthly
EON NEXT	Monthly
ANGLIAN WATER	Quarterly