



SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Emergency Meeting Thursday 26th February online

Clerk to the Council – Lisa Fern

Present -

In attendance

Michael Burns-Nokes (Chair)

Maxine Odell

Louise Bailey

Lisa Fern (Clerk)

Apologies: Rob Warren, Vic Kitchingham (Vice-Chair), Sharon Axford

Attendees: 4

Item	Detail	Actions
1	RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -Rob Warren, Vic Kitchingham & Sharon Axford.	SPC
2	REASON FOR MEETING. -Further information has come to light relating to planning Application - PLN/2025/2569 (Arbour House, Church Road, Sherington, MK16 9BP). A large number of Sherington residents have objected to the planning application and so the Parish Council need to cast their votes on whether they'd like to for or against the application. -All councillors present at the meeting voted to object against the planning application due to the evidence they were presented with.	SPC
3	ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING -The Clerk is to make a comment on the Planning Portal to state the Parish Councillors objection, as well as a letter to accompany this.	SPC



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4	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. -10 th March at 7:30pm	SPC
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5	<p>PSCO not present.</p> <p>-Harassment to a resident is still being investigated within the village, no further information on this.</p> <p>-Hare Coursing still being investigated in surrounding villages and vehicle thefts. Please be vigilant, especially this time of year.</p> <p>-The Rural East County forum is on the 25/02 in the Olney Centre at 7:30pm, members of the public welcome to attend.</p>	PSCO
6	<p>CARETAKER REPORT</p> <p>-No report, Clerk to recruit a Caretaker. Currently we have a vacancy.</p>	Caretaker – Clerk
7	<p>ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>-Nothing to report</p>	SPC
8	<p>PROJECT GROUP UPDATES -</p> <p>8.1 – No update.</p> <p>8.2 – Biodiversity – MK planning enforcement have advised that they will make another site visit to Sherington Grange, the PC has asked if a member of the PC can attend.</p> <p>8.3 – Drainage – The top end of the High Street has had works undertaken to clear the ditches; a member of the flood team is still looking into the Ditch blockage at the top of Gun Lane. PC are chasing and hope to have a date for works to begin.</p> <p>8.4 – Highways – Still waiting for the Poles, we are due to receive by end of Dec.</p> <p>8.5 - S106 Funding – Cllr Axford has secured funds for the Village Hall to have a new kitchen fitted.</p> <p>Sherington Historical Society have had funds agreed to digitalise their archives - awaiting for quotes on this.</p> <p>Art Sector is still in process; MK have said that they will solely be responsible for the Artists costings now and will no longer be working alongside the Great Linford Art Centre.</p> <p>Play and Parks, as of yet doesn't have a plan against it, there is £4000 potentially up for grabs if anyone has any suggestions.</p> <p>8.6 – Neighbourhood Plan – No update</p>	SPC



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9	<p>FINANCE -</p> <p>9.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES - All agreed. 9.2 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT – All agreed.</p>	SPC / CLERK
10	<p>CLERKS REPORT –</p> <p>-£500 a month is now being paid back to SPC from the Shop that was situated by Sherington Village Hall, this is to pay back to Court Fees SPC incurred. So far, £1000 has been paid back. -£500 received from the Warm Space budget, SPC will look to spend this fund in the Village over Jan and Feb. Looking to do free activities and a Quiz, along with some warm food. We will potentially use Squirrel stores. -Electric hot water pump had to be replaced and fitted by an electrician - £170. -Clerk has signed up to a New Clerk course and a Budgeting course, will both take place early next year.</p>	SPC
11	<p>NEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:</p> <p>-N/a</p>	SPC
12	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>Application Ref: PLN/2025/2548</p> <p>Proposal: 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>Make any comments by: 16/12/2025</p> <p>AGREED by SPC</p>	SPC
13	<p>CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS</p> <p>-In order for SPC to fund the digitalisation of the Historical Society's archives, the Village Hall requires more space. This means that SPC</p>	SPC



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	<p>will need to fund a skip to help clear out some of the Preschool items which cannot be rehomed.</p> <p>SPC voted and agreed to fund the skip</p>	
14	<p>EXTERNAL MEETINGS</p> <p>-No meetings.</p>	SPC
15	<p>COUNCILLORS ITEMS</p> <p>-Nothing to report</p>	SPC
16	<p>RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <p>-Debbie Whitworth has offered to speak on behalf of the public at the next Council planning meeting with regards to the site at the top of Gun Lane.</p> <p>-Villagers have noted that there have been large Vehicles visiting the site at the top of Gun Lane.</p> <p>-Further discussion made regarding the SPC budget, a member of the Public has asked whether we may consider reducing the budget for 2026.</p>	SPC
17	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13th January 7:30pm</p>	SPC

Meeting Ended: 8:14pm



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Schedule of payments and bank balances DEC 25

Date 09.12.25	Invoice Details	Amount inc VAT	Signature	Signature
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Paid/Agreed to be paid with Authorisation mid month/previously

SCRIBE	£42.00			
WAVE	£72.30			
SUEZ	£32.05			
EON	£99.59			
Salaries	£1028.88			
Expenses	£208.98			
HMRC	£351.01			
TOTAL	£1588.87			

Account balances

Current account	£16680.38			
Savings Account	£15,048.63			
Precept	£39,000			

2025/2026 Direct Debit Payments

ICO	Yearly
SCRIBE	Monthly
EON NEXT	Monthly
ANGLIAN WATER	Quarterly

Excerpt from Financial Regulations May 202: 4. Budgetary control and authority to spend
 4.1. Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget. This authority is to be determined by: • the council for all items at £500 or above; • the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council, for any items below £500. Such authority is to be evidenced by a minute and/or by an authorisation slip duly signed by the Clerk, and where necessary also by the appropriate Chairman.



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