

Shenley Church End Parish Council is looking for your view on what option to take to provide future landscaping within the Parish from April 2020.

If the decision is made to leave the landscaping with MKC there is no information available as to what this service will look like. Once MKC has a new landscaping agreement in place, there may not be another option to take on the service for a number of years.

**Please pick the option you would prefer:**

1. Parish Council to employ contractors   
\*Estimated additional annual cost **£19.67**
2. Parish Council to employ staff   
\*Estimated additional annual cost **£43.78**
3. Landscaping to remain with MKC   
\*Estimated additional annual cost **£0**

Please indicate where in the Parish you live:

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Crownhill   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Oxley Park         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grange Farm | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shenley Church End | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medbourne   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shenley Wood       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oakhill     | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |                          |

**Any Comments:**

**The closing date to return this questionnaire is  
30/11/2018**

The questionnaire is also available to complete by visiting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R53G32G>

Or you can email your answers and comments to:

[clerk@shenleychurchend-pc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@shenleychurchend-pc.co.uk)

**Completed forms can be dropped off at:**

Parish Council Offices – Shenley Road,  
Shenley Church End, MK5 6AB

Medbourne Pavilion – Pascal Drive, Medbourne,  
MK5 6AB

Oxley Park Community Centre – Redgrave Drive,  
Oxley Park, MK4 4TA

**If you prefer to post your completed form please  
post to:**

Shenley Church End Parish Council  
19a Shenley Road  
Shenley Church End  
Milton Keynes  
MK5 6AB

Thank you for taking the time to complete the form and share your view with us. If you have any questions please call on **01908 502808**

The results of the questionnaire will be shared as soon as possible on our website:

[www.shenleychurchend-pc.co.uk](http://www.shenleychurchend-pc.co.uk)

and on Facebook:

[www.Facebook.com/shenleychurchendpc](http://www.Facebook.com/shenleychurchendpc)



**Shenley Church End Parish Council  
Future Landscape Delivery  
Questionnaire**

Milton Keynes Council (MKC) is preparing to renegotiate the Serco landscaping contract with effect from 2020. The details of this contract are not available but it is likely there will be a decrease in the level of service provided.

Parish Councils have been asked to consider taking over the landscaping within their areas, either through the appointment of a contractor or utilising their own workforce.

We understand that landscaping issues can be frustrating and the possibility of less work being undertaken is concerning. If residents want to keep services at the current level or improve the landscaping around the parish, there will be a cost to this which needs to be considered.

This leaflet has been put together to provide information about the options available and to ask your view on how landscape management should be undertaken in the future.

Please take the time to read the information and share your thoughts with us. If you have any further questions please contact us and we will try and answer them for you:

[clerk@shenleychurchend-pc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@shenleychurchend-pc.co.uk)

Thank you

\*The costings refer to the average cost per household. The average precept (tax) cost in our parish for 2018/19 was £70.00 per year

**Option 1 Parish Council to take on contractors to undertake landscaping**

The Parish Council would employ contractors to undertake landscaping works throughout the parish. The initial contracts would also include requirements for clearance of existing beds that have not been maintained by MKC and the replacement of shrubs where appropriate. Where possible, some flexibility will be built into the contract to allow for additional work to be undertaken.

Pros	Cons
Ability to agree contract specific to the parish	Additional annual contract cost
Better relationship with service provider	Additional staff resource to monitor contract and deal with queries
Clear plan of works to be completed	Requirement to transfer nominated Serco staff to the contractor
Direct link to resolve any issues	

The estimated basic annual cost for this option is **£88,500** per year, which would be approximately an additional **\*£19.67** per household per year.

**A grant may be available from MKC for a 3 year period to assist with initial costs.**



**Option 2 Parish Council to employ staff to undertake landscaping**

The Parish Council would employ staff to undertake the landscaping works throughout the parish. This option would require sourcing a compound for storage within the local area to ensure the solution was viable.

Pros	Cons
Direct control over staff and resources	Considerable increase in staffing levels and costs
Flexibility to react to problems	Requirement to transfer nominated Serco staff to the Parish Council
Consistent maintenance approach	Large initial outlay for machinery
Parish specific programme	Locating suitable storage facilities

The costs for this option would be considerable in the first 12 months. Estimated at £197,000 for the first year, which would be approximately an additional **\*£43.78** per household per year. This could reduce to around £107,000 per annum **\*£23.78** per household in year 2.

**A grant may be available from MKC for a 3 year period to assist with initial costs.**



**Option 3 Landscaping to remain with MKC**

MKC remain responsible for landscape provision throughout the parish using their chosen contractor from 1 April 2020.

There would not be any opportunity to reconsider this option until the new contract was up for review, potentially in 3-5 years. There could also be no option to improve the service within the area should the new contract not meet standards expected.

Pros	Cons
No additional cost via the precept	Level of service unknown
	No opportunity to improve the service provided
	No opportunity to agree parish specific work

We receive a considerable number of complaints relating to the quality and quantity of landscaping and have used our own resource to undertake some small jobs. The option to leave landscaping with MKC would not guarantee any improvement in the service.

There would be no additional cost incurred by the Parish Council for this option.

