



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Smith (Chairman), Alan Powell (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan.
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), John Coates (Shabbington Nature Network).

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Susan Lewin (Bucks Council).

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2023.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

None.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Wooden kissing gate to Millennium Field. Action:** Chairman to organise repair.
- **Painting of container on Millennium Field.** A working party needs to be organised to prepare and paint the container. Boards could then be added to display village artwork. A competition for the village can then be advertised.
- **Leaning tree by Limes Way.** Cllr Powell is waiting for a response from the Woodland Trust to assess the tree.
- **MVAS.** A 3rd MVAS has now been purchased.
- **Lamppost outside 2 Lower Farm Close.** The work is now complete.
- **Land by defibrillator at Pond Garden.** A resident has moved their fence to claim land that is owned by the PC in this location. Colin Woolford to due to make a site visit.
- **Overhanging willow tree by the Old Fisherman.** This has been cut back.
- **Duck walk past the second bridge in Oxfordshire.** The clerk has asked Great Haseley PC to trim back the overgrowth. **Action:** Cllr Boswell to check if the work has been done.
- **FixMyStreet.** A number of items have been reported which are due to be fixed in the near future.
- **Play equipment at the Millennium Field. Action:** Chairman to source missing caps.
- **Hedge on Mill Road. Action:** The Chairman has contacted the landowner to request it is cut back.
- **Village map for Neighbourhood Plan boundary. Action:** Chairman to print off and bring to next meeting.
- **War memorial cleaning.** The PC agreed to a contribution of £200 towards this. **Action:** Cllr Powell to send bank details to clerk.
- **PC noticeboard. Action:** Cllr Powell to repair the lock.
- **Barrier along river on Mill Road. Action:** Chairman to discuss with Colin Woolford.

6. Shabbington Nature Network Update.



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It was reported that there had been 90 hours of discharge time at the Thames Water treatment works due to high rainfall. The River Thame Conservation Trust will publish its annual report at the end of this month. A discussion took place about local flooding. There is a talk on Wednesday from Bucksum about sustainable growing and reducing our carbon footprint. Calendars will be on sale for £10 each.

7. Resignation of Cllr Hardy

Cllr Hardy has resigned due to work commitments. The casual vacancy notice was published on 1st November and expires on 22nd November when Bucks Council will be in touch to advise that we can fill the vacancy by co-option. The councillor vacancy notice can then be advertised. A closing date of 31st December was agreed with a view to co-opting a new councillor at the January meeting.

8. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report.

9. Finance

- The payment run for November was approved as circulated.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 13th November 2023			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours + backpay £507.40, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 577.40
HMRC	BACS	PAYE	£ 0.74
Truvelo (UK) Ltd	BACS	MVAS	£ 3,000.00
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting October	£ 356.40
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 230 grass cut play area October	£ 192.00
DD payments			
Npower	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 127.42
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 9.60
		Total payments	£ 4,263.56
Receipts			
Various	BACS	Allotment rents	-£ 52.00
Cash	DEP	Allotment rents	-£ 104.00

- Accounts to end October 2023, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £13,041.

10. Planning

23/03245/ALB The School House, Crendon Road, Shabbington HP18 9HE

Councillors agreed to submit NO OBJECTIONS to Bucks Council.

11. Street lighting & street repairs

The streetlight opposite the church is out and has been reported to the contractor for repair.

12. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

The Pond Garden and the Millennium Field hedge have both been trimmed by Linda, Mike and Geoff. The PC would like to thank them.

13. Meetings

No meetings attended.



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14. Items for information

Nothing to report.

15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th December 2023 – informal budget meeting (PC members only)

Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm – PC meeting in the Village Hut

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.