



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Smith (Chairman), Alan Powell (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan.
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public.

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 15th March 2023.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

An update was given by Shabbington Nature Network (SNN). An email has been sent to County Councillors regarding the issues we are having with sewage. It was suggested that any new homes cannot be moved into until the sewage system can cope. There will be dawn chorus walk on 6th May.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Wooden kissing gate to Millennium Field. Action:** Chairman to organise repair.
- **Painting of container on Millennium Field.** A competition for the design needs to be organised and advertised in the newsletter.
- **Bin at the Millennium Field. Action:** Chairman to send location map for the bin to the Clerk. Clerk to obtain quote from Streetscene.
- **Leaning tree by Limes Way.** The tree is situated on PC land. **Action:** Cllr Powell to obtain quotes for the tree to be removed.

6. To discuss encroachment of wall / hedge from property on Crendon Road and potential safety risk to road users.

The Chairman has spoken with Colin Woolford at Bucks Council. The encroaching wall will probably need removing, this will be dealt with by Colin Woolford. The encroaching trees and bushes on Marsh Road are causing concern regarding access for emergency vehicles and the refuse lorry.

7. To discuss the viability of increasing road surface height by the river Thame near the fisherman pub to enable vehicles to use even in any situation.

Cllr Susan Lewin has met with the local area technician and although it would be technically possible to increase road surface height, it would cost so much that it would not ever be considered a viable project for the County to do. The PC will continue to pursue this idea as it is only a small stretch of road. Cllr Powell reported that he has a meeting with Greg Smith on Thursday regarding the footpath to the A418.

8. Roles and responsibilities for councillors in 2023.

To be discussed at the May meeting when all councillors are in attendance.



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9. Referendum for village hall.

This would be to answer the question of whether people want a village hall and where.

10. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report.

11. Finance

- The payment run for April was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end March 2023, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £5,594 of which £765 belongs to SNN and £4,829 to the PC.
- Councillors agreed the appointment of JE Accountants as internal auditors for the year 2022/23.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN April 2023			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £354, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 424.00
MP Printers	BACS	Shabbington Newsletter	£ 158.00
Cartridge People	DEBIT CARD	Printer maintenance box	£ 22.15
Live 4 Soccer (PMF Products)	BACS	Collection and delivery of goals	£ 180.00
DD payments			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
Total payments			£ 792.55
Receipts			
Bucks Council	DEP	Devolution payment	-£ 758.02

12. Planning

- Neighbourhood plan to be discussed at May meeting.
- **23/00951/VRC 15 Marsh Road, Shabbington HP18 9HF**
Councillors agreed to submit NO OBJECTIONS to Bucks Council.

13. Street lighting & street repairs

The lamppost outside 2 Lower Farm Close has been replaced but now needs a DNO transfer of supply. The quote from UK Power Networks is £1,378 excluding VAT. Councillors agreed to go ahead with the work. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting potholes on Fix My Street.

14. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

- To discuss millennium field improvements for 2023 and funding plans. Carry forward to May meeting.
- The millennium field is too wet to cut at present. After the first cut the football pitch will be marked out. The new goals need to be built and the location decided.

15. Meetings

No meetings attended.

16. Items for information

None.



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17. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Tuesday 9th May at 7pm – annual village meeting

Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm - AGM

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.