



## SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024

#### Attendees

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

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Maria Millan.

#### 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

#### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

#### 4. Public participation

A resident expressed his views on the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Crendon Road which he sees as an eye sore, and feels is blocking his view of the countryside. He would like to find an alternative, such as changing the angle of the solar panel or dropping the height of the solar panel. Other local villages have lower panels. The PC has safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders if the panel were to be lowered. The SID needs to meet safety requirements. The location of the SID was recommended by Bucks Council and meets the manufacturer's minimum height requirements. The PC needs to adhere to these regulations or would be liable if there was an accident. Councillors agreed by a unanimous vote not to lower the solar panel. **Action:** Chairman to investigate whether the solar panel can be rotated 90 degrees or detached and moved nearer the trees or perhaps side mounted.

#### 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.** It is planned to remove the tree. **Action:** Cllr Powell to arrange removal.
- **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 is due to make a site visit.
- **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.
- **Potholes and flooding.** **Action:** Cllr Powell to call Cllr Greg Smith and invite to next meeting.
- **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.
- **Barrier along river on Mill Road.** **Action:** Chairman to discuss with Colin Woolford.

#### 6. Shabbington Nature Network Update



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Water testing took place at the Millennium Field due to discharging by Thames Water. The water in the brook looks murky. The results were sent to the River Thame Conservation Trust. Diluted sewage was present and ammonia levels were double that of the river but an E.coli result is needed.

### 7. Co-option of new Parish Councillor

John Coates was co-opted as our new Parish Councillor.

### 8. Fundraising for the demolition and rebuilding of the Village Hut on its present site.

This has not been included in the 2024/25 PC budget and it is too late to make any changes now. The PC are happy to offer support and advice. Sue Severn, the Parish Clerk of Berryfields, may be able to offer advice from her experience of the building of the new hall in Berryfields. **Action:** Cllr Powell to send Sue's contact details to Rosemary Tansey. Provision could possibly be made in the 2025/26 budget.

### 9. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report.

### 10. Finance

- The payment runs for December and January were approved as circulated.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 12th December 2023			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £373.20, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 443.20
Shabbington Church	BACS	Contribution to war memorial cleaning	£ 200.00
Eldridge Electrical	BACS	Installation of new lantern on lamppost 15 at Kimbells Close	£ 505.20
UK Power Networks	BACS	Lower Farm Close lamppost - additional 3 metres of trench dug	£ 752.40
<b>DD payments</b>			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 9.60
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>£ 1,910.40</b>

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 8th January 2024			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £373, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 443.00
HMRC	BACS	PAYE	£ 43.60
Bucks Council	DEBIT CARD	Garden waste service 2024	£ 55.00
<b>DD payments</b>			
Npower	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 210.52
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 9.60
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>£ 761.72</b>

- Accounts to end December 2023, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £10,099, of which £1140 is SNN funds.
- Councillors unanimously agreed the proposed budget for 2024/25.  
Councillors unanimously agreed the 2024/25 Precept request of £29,000.

### 11. Planning

**23/03519/APP The School House, Crendon Road, Shabbington HP18 9HE**

Councillors agreed to submit NO OBJECTIONS to Bucks Council.



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### 12. Street lighting & street repairs

The streetlight opposite Limes Way is out, this tends to happen after heavy rain. **Action:** Clerk to report to Eldridge Electrical for repair.

### 13. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Nothing to report.

### 14. Meetings

No meetings attended.

### 15. Items for information

- The roadside AED sign near the Pond Garden has been damaged. Councillors agreed to the purchase of a replacement sign.
- There is an ongoing issue with the light in the Pond Garden AED secure box. It has not worked for several months. **Action:** Clerk to contact Eldridge Electrical to check power supply.
- Footpath No.7 from Long Crendon Road/The Vines to Ickford Road has become very muddy. A request has been received to see if it would be possible for a layer of wood chip to be put down in the worst areas so the footpath could remain accessible. **Action:** Chairman to speak to Colin Woolford about this.

### 16. Date of next meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hut.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.**