



## SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023

#### Attendees

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

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Maria Millan, Joe Hardy.

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

None.

#### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 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. It was noted that cracks have appeared in the tarmac in an 8-foot radius of the tree.
- **MVAS.** The Community Board policy is to have no more than 2 MVAS per village so there is no funding available from the Community Board for a 3<sup>rd</sup> MVAS. The MVAS should be rotated periodically. The Chairman has managed to source a 3<sup>rd</sup> MVAS at the discounted price of £2500. Councillors agreed to the purchase of a 3<sup>rd</sup> MVAS. A working party will be needed to clear the trees by the church and on Ickford Road. **Action:** Clerk to contact Truvelo regarding invoice.
- **Lamppost outside 2 Lower Farm Close.** The DNO transfer of supply has finally been completed and the new lamppost is now working. **Action:** Clerk to arrange removal of redundant column.
- **Land by defibrillator at Pond Garden.** A resident has moved their fence to claim land that is owned by the PC in this location. Photographs have been sent to Colin Woolford. **Action:** Clerk to ask Colin Woolford to make a site visit once he is able to drive again.
- **Land at allotments.** It has been brought to the attention of the PC that the piece of land on the allotments that is rented by Jacqui and Roger has not been cultivated for several years. Cllr Boswell confirmed that Jacqui is renting the allotment again.
- **Overhanging willow tree by the Old Fisherman.** This needs cutting back as it is obscuring the view for motorists. **Action:** Clerk to ask Colin Woolford to confirm that the tree belongs to the pub.
- **Duck walk past the second bridge in Oxfordshire.** The clerk has asked Great Haseley PC to trim back the overgrowth. **Action:** Clerk to chase Great Haseley PC.



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- **FixMyStreet.** It was reported that the pavement at Home Edge Close is sunken and the street sign at Lower Farm Close is broken. **Action:** Chairman to report on FixMyStreet. The pavement on Ickford Road is sunken outside number 5. **Action:** Cllr Hardy to report on FixMyStreet.
- **Play equipment at the Millennium Field.** **Action:** Chairman to source missing caps.
- **Hedge on Mill Road.** **Action:** Chairman to contact landowner to request it is cut back.
- **Village map for Neighbourhood Plan boundary.** **Action:** Chairman to ask Cllr Hardy to bring to next meeting.
- **War memorial cleaning.** The PC agreed to a contribution of £200 towards this.

### 6. Shabbington Nature Network Update.

A survey will be carried out tomorrow by Bucks Owl and Raptor Group for owl and kestrel boxes in the village. The results of the photography competition will be published next week. SNN are looking into buying a bat detector. Water monitoring of the River Thame is ongoing with the annual results next month. A representative from SNN attended Worminghall PC's September meeting as they are interested to find out about SNN.

### 7. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report.

### 8. Finance

- The payment run for October was approved as circulated.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 9th October 2023			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £353.80, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 423.80
123-Reg	DEBIT CARD	Email account annual renewal	£ 43.06
Oxford Diocese	BACS	Allotment rent 2023/24	£ 120.00
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting September	£ 356.40
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 222 grass cut play area September x 2	£ 384.00
<b>DD payments</b>			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 9.60
		<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£ 1,336.86</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Bucks Council	BACS	Bucks Cncl Precept half year payment	-£ 11,000.00
Cash	DEP	Millenium Field donation (noticeboard advert)	-£ 15.00

- Accounts to end September 2023, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £17,439. The second half of the precept was received in September.

### 9. Planning

- Neighbourhood plan boundary will be discussed at the next meeting when all councillors are in attendance.
- No new planning applications received.

### 10. Street lighting & street repairs

It was reported that the streetlight opposite the church may be out. **Action:** Cllr Powell to confirm.

### 11. Millennium Field & Pond Garden



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Nothing to report.

### 12. Meetings

No meetings attended.

### 13. Items for information

- It was reported that the PC noticeboard is difficult to open. **Action:** Cllr Powell to repair.
- It was confirmed that the fee for businesses advertising on the noticeboard at the Millennium Field is £15 for an A5 poster for 3 months. Funds go towards the upkeep of the Millennium Field. The date of expiry of the advert is to be written on the back.
- Requests have been received for a barrier to be put in along the river on Mill Road leading to the pub for safety reasons. This has been discussed in the past, but Bucks Council do not see it as a safety issue. **Action:** Chairman to discuss with Colin Woolford.

### 14. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.**