



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019

Attendees

Cllrs Alan Powell (Chairman), Stephen Capaldi (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Linda Neil. Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs M Rand (AVDC), C Harriss (BCC).

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Powell as a true record.

4. Public participation

A discussion took place about footpaths in the village and the accessibility of stiles and gates. Cllr Neil has completed the BCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation with several points on stiles and footpaths to be picked up by BCC.

5. Resilience Plan

Cllr Powell has drafted a plan for Shabbington that covers lower scale emergencies that might affect the more vulnerable members of our community. Actions include a register of 4x4 volunteers if the village were cut off. Gritting of roads in extreme weather, particularly the corner of Mill Road by The Old Fisherman and the top of Marsh Road, specific volunteers would be needed. Cllr Powell will clarify the liability of gritting roads ourselves with Graham Hillary from BCC. More thought needs to be given to helping vulnerable people and how this might work.

6. Traffic concerns and HGV traffic routes

Cllr Powell is holding a site meeting with Graham Hillary, BCC Traffic Officer, on Friday 15th November at 9.30am to discuss Shabbington's concerns. The wooden railing by the river needs replacing with a proper railing in case of a road traffic accident. With the current railing, any vehicle involved in an accident would end up in the river. Crendon Road is breaking up. There has been a steady increase in traffic through the village and the roads are not designed for HGVs. Measures to slow down lorries need to be discussed, perhaps a 20mph speed restriction or a weight restriction. The whole village needs to be reviewed. Cllr Neil will request for Shabbington to borrow the Sentinel Speedwatch equipment at the December LAF meeting in Haddenham.

7. Footpaths

There is overgrowth on the raised planks down by The Old Fisherman and a leaning willow tree is blocking the footpath. A chainsaw is required to deal with the tree. **Action:** Cllr Neil to resolve.

The way marking signs indicating the public footpath by Morton King Close have been removed.

Action: Clerk to report to BCC.



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8. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report this month.

9. Finance

The payment run was approved as circulated.

Accounts to end October 2019, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £11,607.45.

A cheque for £700 was received from Great Bucks Steam Rally Society to go towards the defibrillator fund. The Parish Council would like to record their thanks for this donation. **Action:** Cllr Powell to write a letter of thanks to the committee. Going forward, The Old Fisherman may take on responsibility for the defibrillator at the pub and then a new one could be purchased for the centre of the village. A new defibrillator will be in the budget for next year.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 11th November 2019			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	£
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours net pay £288, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 358.00
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 3074 grass cut play area (Oct)	£ 138.00
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting October	£ 294.00
Susan Maddex	BACS	Defibrillator pads	£ 37.14
Mr A Powell	BACS	Printing costs including ink/paper for Shabbington News	£ 41.00
DD payments			
123-Reg	DD	Website hosting	£ 23.99
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 7.20
Total payments			£ 899.33

10. Planning

It was noted that the planning application for The Paddock had been withdrawn.

Land adjacent to 1 Dukes Close. There is a proposal by VAHT for the development of a 4 bed detached house which will go for sale on the open market. A consultation letter from VAHT has been sent to residents who would be directly impacted by the development. The Parish Council would like to know why the land is not being developed for social housing. **Action:** Cllr Millan to circulate the letter to Councillors.

Verge damage in Dukes Close caused by building work lorries. **Action:** Cllr Powell to discuss with Graham Hillary at the meeting on Friday.

11. Street lighting & street repairs

The street light opposite The Vines is staying switched on into the day.

There is a light to the right of the Pond Garden which is no longer in use and capped off. The Parish Council would like to know if this is live as it is a possible location for the new defibrillator. **Action:** Clerk to ask Aylesbury Main.

12. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Judith Pagan will continue with her work in the Pond Garden. The Parish Council are happy to hire a chipper if required and a working party can be organised if further work is needed.



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The work to paint, upright and set in concrete the red goal posts on the Millennium Field will be done when there is fair weather.

13. Meetings

- Cllr Neil attended the AVALC AGM and conference on 2nd November at The Gateway. There was an open discussion about merging Parish Councils and whether they should form consortiums. It was concluded that informal links are preferred. A Councillor from Haddenham spoke about climate change and what Parish Councils can do about it.
- Cllr Neil attended the BMKALC Parish Liaison meeting on 6th November. There was a Unitary Council update. The disparities between the different planning authorities were discussed. Both BCC and AVDC oppose the Expressway but support East/West rail. The number of Community Boards is still to be decided.
- B&MKALC Conference 2019 - Creating Constructive Community Engagement For Town & Parish Councils, on 29th November at 10am in Aston Clinton. Cllr Powell to attend.
- LAF meeting, 5th December at 7pm in Haddenham, Cllr Neil to attend and possibly Cllr Capaldi.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 9th December 2019 – informal budget meeting (PC members only), 7pm Kimbells Close
Monday 13th January 2020 – PC meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.