

### SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021

#### Attendees

Cllrs Alan Powell (Chairman), Linda Neil (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Richard Smith. Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk).

### 1. Apologies for absence.

None.

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

None.

### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th September 2021.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

# 4. Public participation

- It was reported that the Shabbington sign from Ickford Road has disappeared. Cllr Smith has spoken to Colin Woolford at TfB, the sign is with Oxfordshire County Council and will be reinstated.
- A query had been raised asking what is happening with the riverbank by The Old Fisherman.
   The Chairman reported that a working party will be arranged to cut gaps in the vegetation so that the river can be seen.
- Isabel Hunting from Shabbington Nature Network asked for permission to plant a horse chestnut sapling on the Millennium Field as a memorial to Jean Barker. Councillors agreed unanimously.

# 5. Shabbington Nature Network Update

Shabbington Nature Network are negotiating with Limes Way residents regarding the rewilding of the piece of land at the end of Limes Way. The Chairman has received a specification for the trail camera that the network would like to purchase at a cost of £130. This will be discussed at the December budget meeting. The purpose of the camera is to record wildlife and generate interest in nature.

Action: Chairman to put in the next newsletter details of how to join the Shabbington Nature Network Facebook group.

### 6. To consider the adoption of the updated Code of Conduct ratified by Bucks Council

Councillors agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct. Action: Clerk to add to current policies.

### 7. Neighbourhood Policing report

Speedwatch update – The dates for restarting the Speedwatch scheme have been released, the date in Aylesbury Vale is 15<sup>th</sup> November. It will need to be verified if members of the original group still wish to participate and ask if anyone new wishes to join. There are specific locations in the village that have been approved. Prices for the approved battery operated Bushnell speed gun start at £152. A team of at least 3 people is required to operate Speedwatch.

A Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign costs £3900 but the deadline for Community Board grants for the next financial year was 30th September.



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#### 8. Finance

- The payment run was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end September 2021, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £25,322.86.
- The £2590.50 of donations towards the new play equipment will be put towards the deposit for the new swings of £4153.32.
- Tree surgery quotes for 5 lime trees Crendon Road
   JB Tree Services quoted £380 to repollard the 5 lime trees and £280 for work to the large tree on the area of grass on Limes Way (crown to raise 3-4m)

Altom Tree Care quoted £650 for the lime trees and £1195 for the Limes Way tree.

**Action:** Cllr Boswell to obtain a third quote.

| SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN October 2021 |            |  |    |          |
|---|------------|--|----|----------|
|   |            |  |    |          |
|   | Chq.       |  |    |          |
| Payee   | No/BACS    | Detail   |    |          |
|   |            | Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours net pay £324, office £50, |    |          |
| Mrs H Spurgeon  | BACS       | phone wifi software £20                                    | £  | 394.00   |
| RTM Landscapes  | BACS       | Grass cutting September                                    | £  | 312.00   |
| MP Printers   | BACS       | Printing of Shabbington News                               | £  | 99.00    |
| Wilko   | DEBIT CARD | Stationary   | £  | 7.00     |
| Playdale  | BACS       | 50% deposit for new swings                                 | £  | 4,153.32 |
| M R Cross   | BACS       | Inv 49 grass cut play area September                       | £  | 144.00   |
| DD payments   |            |  |    |          |
| 123-Reg   | DD         | Web domain renewal annual                                  | £  | 14.39    |
| 123-Reg   | DD         | Email account annual renewal                               | £  | 43.06    |
| Sage  | DD         | Payroll software   | £  | 8.40     |
|   |            | Total payments   | £  | 5,175.17 |
| Receipts  |            |  |    |          |
| Bucks Council   | BGC        | Second instalment precept                                  | -£ | 7,840.00 |
| Millennium Committee                                  | DEP        | Funds for playing field                                    | -£ | 1,990.50 |

# 9. Planning

Village Hall planning update – Funding is being sought, including Lottery funding. **Action:** Clerk to look back through 2016 minutes to find the number of residents who attended the PC meeting where Rectory Homes presented their proposal for housing in the village to include a new Village Hall.

# 10. Street lighting & street repairs

- All street lights are currently working.
- Noticeboard update Only one vehicle was involved in the collision and the resident is happy to
  admit liability. A claim will be made through our insurance company to either repair or replace
  the noticeboard. Action: Chairman to chase quotes for noticeboard repair/replacement and to
  provide the Clerk with the resident's car insurance details. Action: Clerk to inform our insurance
  company that we will pursue the claim.



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#### 11. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

• Pond Garden- Autumn cutback. A working party for the Pond Garden will be organised in the next few weeks.

 Playground funding update - £1000 will be left over from this year's budget for village projects and there will be £5000 in the budget next year. The interest on a PWLB loan is 1.8%. This will need to be discussed further at the December budget meeting.

# 12. Meetings

- The next meeting of the Community Board is in November. Chairman to attend.
- The Parish Liaison Meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.
- Emails have been distributed about the Oxford-Cambridge Arc consultation. The Government plans to add up to one million more houses to the Arc. The Stop the Arc campaign has created an alternative Ox-Cam Arc consultation. **Action:** Chairman to add details to the next newsletter. **Action:** Clerk to sign up Shabbington to receive periodic newsletters about Arc plans.
- There is a Planning and Enforcement Service Update Meeting on 26th October. The Vice Chairman hopes to attend.
- The Chairman is attending Neighbourhood Planning training on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### 13. Items for information

- An official letter from Bucks Council will be sent recorded delivery to those properties in Marsh Road where the hedges are encroaching on the road. This is being co-ordinated by Cllr Smith.
- There are car parking issues on the corner of Limes Way with cars parking within 15m of the junction. It was suggested that yellow lines could be painted but this would be at a cost to the PC.
- Where the corner of Marsh Road bends round onto the main road there is no footpath. One
  solution would be to apply for a scheme to put in a footpath one side and reduce the traffic down
  to one lane. It would need to be considered whether this is in keeping with the village. Councillors
  were in support of the idea as it will reduce the speed of vehicles.

# 14. Date of next meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm.

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