



## SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Attendees

Cllrs Richard Smith (Chairman), Linda Neil (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Alan Powell.  
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.

Cllr Powell declared an interest in Shabbington Nature Network.

#### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2022.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

It was agreed to add 'Matters arising from previous minutes' as a permanent agenda item going forward.

This month's matters arising:

- Cllr Powell contacted JB Tree Services regarding the leaning tree by Limes Way. They put him in contact with Woodland Consultancy who charge £120 for a visit including a report. **Action:** Cllr Powell to schedule an appointment for the autumn.
- Border meadow on Millennium Field. Cllr Powell has spoken with the contractor who is happy to do this and it appears has already left a border meadow when he did the last cut. Councillors agreed to a 2 year trial to be reviewed in June/July 2024. The border meadow will need 4 cuts a year – start of season, spring cut, harvest cut and end of season cut. The cutting frequency of the Millennium Field was discussed with councillors wondering if 2 cuts per month is too many in the hotter months, especially considering the increased cost of cutting the field this year. **Action:** Cllr Powell to speak to contractor regarding the frequency of cuts.

#### 4. Public participation

Shabbington Nature Network advised that the logs for the bug hotels on the Millennium Field will arrive in time for building on 6<sup>th</sup> August. This date will be advertised to the village.

There is a fair amount of pigeon droppings in the play area. It was suggested that spikes could be put on the swing frames to deter pigeons. **Action:** Vice Chairman to investigate with Playdale.

#### 5. Neighbourhood Policing report

It was reported that 2 men were arrested in Dukes Close for stealing bicycles.

#### 6. Finance

- The payment run was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end June 2022, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £4192.
- The Clerk has submitted a VAT reclaim for April/May 2022 for £1808.



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SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN July 2022			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours net pay £328.80, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 398.80
Gallagher	BACS	Insurance Policy renewal June 2022 1st instalment	£ 580.44
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting April and May	£ 655.20
M R Cross	BACS	inv 103 grass cut play area June x 2	£ 384.00
HMRC	BACS	PAYE	£ 3.40
MP Printers	BACS	Printing of Shabbington News	£ 99.00
<b>DD payments</b>			
Npower	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 119.74
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>£ 2,248.98</b>

### 7. Planning

To note that no new planning applications were received.

Village Plan – a village map is required to define the village boundaries and infill sites. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

### 8. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.

### 9. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

The noticeboard has gone up at the Millennium Field. Three notices need to be displayed:

1. Postcode in case of emergency
2. Contact number in case of repairs etc – the Clerk's phone number
3. No kite flying or drones

It was agreed to allow businesses to advertise on the noticeboard at a cost of £5 per month for an A5 advert. The income will be banked as a donation to the Millennium Field and used for its upkeep.

Councillors agreed for the Clerk to make an application to the Community Board for a community bench to be located by the noticeboard where the rotten bench has been removed. The cost will be £100 with the remainder being funded by a Community Board grant.

The Vice Chairman and her husband have tidied up the Pond Garden. An autumn cut back will need to be scheduled for October/November.

### 10. Meetings

A meeting of Shabbington Nature Network took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Jacqui and Roger have requested input from SNN about what to do with the land they rent by the allotments. A meeting will be arranged.

### 11. Items for information

Complaints have been received from residents about tractors with trailers speeding through the village. They are Tuckwell trailers carrying aggregate towed by Mursley Tractors going from Risborough to local farms. This has been happening for 3 days now. **Action:** Cllr Boswell to call and complain.



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### **12. Date of next meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hut.

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