

### SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018

#### **Attendees**

Cllrs Alan Powell (Chairman), Stephen Capaldi (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Linda Neil. Cllr M Rand (AVDC), Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the public.

### 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 8th October 2018.

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

### 4. Public participation

- A member of the public reported that the road by Home Close has subsided and is very dangerous. Action: Chairman to take a look at the road and report via the Fix My Street website.
- A member of the public commented on the number of HGVs coming through the village on their way to industrial estates, such as the one by Worminghall. The Chairman suggested organising a traffic survey.
- David Hordern from the Parochial Church Council explained that St Mary Magdalene Church is running out of money. The expenditure last year was £11,551 with a shortfall of £1421. Costs have been cut as much as possible, donations requested and fundraising activities planned. The PCC are requesting a donation from the PC in the region of £500 to £800. It was pointed out that it was illegal for a parish council to fund church activities but it could contribute towards the upkeep of the churchyard if it wished to do so. The PC agreed to consider this further at the December precept meeting.

# 5. Single unitary council for Buckinghamshire

The Chairman read out the press releases from BCC and AVDC regarding the new single council for Buckinghamshire. Cllr Rand explained that the proposed single unitary authority will go before Parliament in the new year with the intention of creating the new council from 1 April 2020. In consequence local elections will be deferred from May 2019 until May 2020 and will then be for a 3 year term. There will be a 'shadow' council of 216 members from March 2019 to May 2020. A steering group has been set up.

### 6. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report received.



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#### 7. Finance

The payment run was approved as circulated:

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 12th November 2018				
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	£	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours net pay £276, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£	346.00
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting October 2018 £245 + VAT £49	£	294.00
Mr Alan Powell	BACS	Printing costs including ink/paper for Shabbington News £60, wreath for Remembrance Day service £17	£	77.00
McColl's	DEB	2nd class stamps	£	6.96
Oxford Diocese	BACS	Allotment rent 2018/19	£	120.00
DD payments				
123-Reg	DD	Website hosting	£	23.99
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£	7.20
		Total payments	£	875.15
Receipts				
Barclays Bank	CHQ	Defibrillator - account closed	-£	365.78
J. Harman	CHQ	Allotment rents received	-£	164.00

An invoice had been received from Judith Pagan for £187.50 for gardening duties in the pond garden from June to October and an invoice for £155 for staining of wooden benches, pergola, oak posts and arbour of the pond garden. Councillors approved the payment by cheque and expressed thanks to Judith for her work. It was agreed that going forward the Clerk should be notified in advance of any extra work considered necessary so that these could be approved before costs were incurred and that invoices for the pond garden should be presented as they become due.

Accounts to end October 2018, as circulated, were agreed.

# 8. Planning

- Christine Homes, Ickford Road. Some work to connect to the drainage system has been taking place but it appears that the repair work still needs to be carried out.
- A section of Mill Road will be closed from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November for UK Power Networks to carry out cabling works.
- Cllr Rand reported that the Rectory Homes planning application on Ickford Road is going to appeal due to non-determination by AVDC.

# 9. Street lighting & street repairs

Street lighting replacement with LEDs. The Clerk has been in touch with Aylesbury Mains who recommend replacing the internals inside the existing SOX lighting units with Trueforce LED 18W and 26W lamps and gear. This will give good lighting, reduced energy costs and get rid of all the lighting failures. The cost is £120/125 exVAT per lamp. **Action:** Clerk to contact Aylesbury Mains to replace the street light on Home Close which is out with the new Trueforce LED. The PC can then review the light on Home Close to see if they wish to replace the rest of the lights in the village with the same lamp.



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# 10. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Repair work still needs to be done to the play area. **Action:** Chairman to discuss the required work with Paul Stevens.

It has been reported that the trees at the back of the pond garden need pruning. **Action:** Cllr Boswell to circulate quote for the work once it has arrived.

# 11. Meetings

The next LAF meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm in Worminghall. There is currently around £6000 of LAF funding available for non-transport projects. **Action:** Chairman to look at possible project ideas.

Highways England are holding an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway - Buckinghamshire Parish Engagement Event on 14<sup>th</sup> November 15.00-18.30 at the Bell Hotel in Buckingham. Cllr Rand expressed the importance of this meeting. The Chairman plans to attend.

# 12. Date of next meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December (informal precept meeting – PC members only) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Parish Council meeting)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.