



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th June 2022

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Smith (Chairman), Linda Neil (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Alan Powell. Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

None.

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 9th May 2022.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

An update was given by Shabbington Nature Network:

There was a talk at the pub on 10th May by a member of River Thame Trust about the biodiversity of the river. There is a lot of activity in the Shabbington section which we can help and maintain.

Donations totaling £103 were given to SNN by the 40+ attendees.

The verges by the noticeboard were cut back on Saturday and a species survey done which identified 33 different plant species.

There is a proposal to leave a 6-foot border meadow along the perimeter of the Millennium Field. The border would be maintained with 3 or 4 cuts per year – at the start of the season, end of May and September. **Action:** Clerk to discuss with the contractor.

A proposal for 2 or 3 bug hotels on the Millennium Field was agreed if they are well back out of view. In August the Berks and Bucks Wildlife Trust are coming to teach the SNN how to count pollinators etc.

There is a meeting this Thursday to discuss future projects.

5. Councillor Responsibilities for 2022/23

Chairman – Speedwatch and highways.

There are now 5 trained Speedwatch volunteers. 2 kits are available to book. We are waiting to hear back about the MVAS grant.

Cllr Powell – HGV surveys and Shabbington News.

Vice Chairman - Millennium Field and delivery of Shabbington News to half of village.

Cllr Boswell – Allotments, street lights, delivery of Shabbington News to Ickford Road area of village.

Cllr Millan – Risk assessment (with help from the Chairman) and defining village boundaries for the Village Plan.

The Village Plan was discussed. The Vice Chairman is unable to comment due to a conflict of interest. The aim is to determine where the village would prefer any new developments to go. The first step is to define the village boundaries and then you can define what is infill.

It was suggested that other residents could be involved in projects as officers of the Parish Council to help with the workload.



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The village risk assessment should include trees, allotments, safety equipment and paths. The leaning tree by Limes Way needs to be risk assessed by a tree surgeon and a quote obtained for removal of the tree. **Action:** Cllr Powell to contact JB Tree Services to seek opinion on the tree.

6. Neighbourhood Policing report

None.

7. Finance

- The payment run was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end May 2022, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £15,248.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN June 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
Playsafety	BACS	Inspection Millennium field play ground	£ 109.20
DCM Surfaces	BACS	New play area surface (2nd installment)	£ 9,558.00
M R Cross	BACS	Mower damage + inv 89 grass cut play area May x 2	£ 392.00
HMRC	BACS	PAYE	£ 14.06
DD payments			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
		Total payments	£ 10,480.46
Receipts			
HMRC	BGC	VAT repayment	£ 3,751.06
Village Cafe	CASH	Millenium Field Donation	£ 80.00
A Powell & J Silver	DEP	Shabbington Nature Network	£ 128.81

- To insure the play equipment, safety surface and goal posts at the Millennium Field will increase the insurance premium from £580 to £1077. This is an unbudgeted cost that the PC cannot afford to pay until the second half of the precept is received in September. **Action:** Clerk to contact insurance company to see if we can pay in instalments.

The repair of the goal posts was discussed. It was agreed to hold off with the repair until Cllr Millan has spoken to Nigel Hargreaves regarding possible funding to purchase new goal posts. If the goal posts are repaired, we will still have the problem of fixing them to the ground. The Vice Chairman is looking into the missing cap on the play equipment.

8. Planning

To note that no new planning applications were received.

9. Street lighting & street repairs

Cllr Boswell will check the street light opposite Limes Way.

10. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

The Vice Chairman agreed to tidy up the Pond Garden. A reminder is to go in the next Shabbington News that the Pond Garden brown bin is only for Parish Council use.



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11. Meetings

None.

12. Items for information

- Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Powell for all his work over the years as Chairman.
- The Vice Chairman was thanked for all her work on the Millennium Field project.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm in the Church – to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.