



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021

Attendees

Cllrs Alan Powell (Chairman), Linda Neil (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Richard Smith. Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Nic Brown (Bucks Council).

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

As a founder member, the Chairman declared an interest in Shabbington Nature Network. The Vice Chairman declared an interest in the planning application for 7 The Vines.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2021.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

- Ed Turpin from the Beds, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust was due to attend this meeting to give an outsider view of where the Shabbington Nature Network stands. There are over 350 members on the Facebook group. The network have produced some blue sky thinking for the Millennium Field. There is an application for funding of approx. £100 for a trail camera to film wildlife. A £500 grant from Bucks Council has been received for rewilding the piece of land at the end of Limes Way. However, not all residents are in agreement, there are concerns about the land being managed and maintained by volunteers rather than the Parish Council's contractor. Planting is not due to start until the end of November.
- An email had been received from a member of the public asking what action the Parish Council is taking on speeding through the village and the number of extra lorries. Cllr Smith reported that the damaged bridge by The Old Fisherman will be inspected in October and has asked Bucks Council if it is suitable for HGVs. He has also spoken to Bucks Council about speeding and explored the possibility of a speed limit reduction but this would be a very costly process at over £10,000. One possibility would be to purchase a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign at a cost of £3930. The Community Board Freight Strategy Plan may also deliver some improvements.

5. To review new Shabbington newsletter and decide future plans.

The latest newsletter was printed at a cost of £99 for 210 copies. It was suggested that local businesses could advertise in the newsletter to help cover the printing costs. **Action:** Chairman to explore this possibility. All councillors agreed to continue with the new newsletter.

6. Neighbourhood Policing report

No report.

7. Finance

- The payment run was approved as circulated.



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- Accounts to end August 2021, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £16,820.91.
- The second half of the precept has now been received so an extra £7,840 has been added to the bank balance.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN August 2021			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours net pay £324, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 394.00
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting July	£ 312.00
MP Printers	BACS	Printing of Shabbington News	£ 95.00
BMKALC	BACS	Planning Training - Cllr Smith	£ 60.00
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 29 grass cuts play area July	£ 288.00
DD payments			
E-on	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 88.68
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
		Total payments	£ 1,246.08
Receipts			
HMRC	BGC	VAT reclaim	-£ 1,826.43
Mr & Mrs Kerry	CHQ	Play equipment donation	-£ 600.00

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Shabbington Village Hall	BACS	Hall hire May, June, July 2021	£ 22.50
Bucks Council	BACS	Cost of uncontested election May 2021	£ 102.20
BMKALC	BACS	Councillor Training - Cllr Smith	£ 38.00
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 42 grass cuts play area August	£ 288.00
DD payments			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
		Total payments	£ 1,165.10

8. Planning

21/03386/APP Shabbington Village Hall, Marsh Road, Shabbington

After some discussion, the majority decision of the Parish Council was to submit NO OBJECTIONS.

9. Street lighting & street repairs

- A repair to the Crendon Road has been carried out.
- The path by the bus stop is still to be done.
- The Shabbington street sign down by The Old Fisherman is also still to be done.

10. Millennium Field & Pond Garden



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- Another working party at the pond garden will be needed before winter, date to be agreed at the October meeting. Another litter pick in November was also suggested.
- Replacement swings and wet pour at the Millennium Field:
The safety surface needs to be extended by an additional 3 square metres to meet current regulations which will incur an additional cost of £330. It was agreed to remove and replace the entire safety surface using DCM at a cost of £15,600. It was agreed to use Playdale to remove and replace the swings at a cost of £7,702 for installation in February/March. Funding for the wet pour needs to be investigated. A grant from the Community Board or a loan are two possible options. It was also suggested that more equipment could be replaced and a basket swing and adult gym equipment could be considered.
- Proposals for nature enhancement at the Millennium Field:
A document containing draft proposals for nature enhancement at the Millennium Field has been circulated. Any plans will have to be agreed by the village.
- Future of the Pond Garden
It was agreed to use voluntary working parties to maintain the Pond Garden rather than to employ a gardener. This will be looked at further at the next meeting.

11. Meetings

- The Chairman attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Millennium Field.
- The next meeting of the Community Board is in November.
- The BALC Conference and AGM is on 22nd September. No one is available to attend. Clerk to send apologies.

12. Items for information

- An email was received from BALC on 24th August asking councillors to complete the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Survey of Parish, Town and Community Councils.
- An email was received from BALC on 13th August asking councils to adapt and adopt the updated Code of Conduct that has been ratified by Buckinghamshire Council. **Action:** Clerk to put on agenda for October meeting.
- An email was received on 4th August with a consultation on the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. Councillors are requested to complete this.
- The Millennium Field Committee has agreed to dissolve and hand its remaining funds of £1990.50 over to the Parish Council to be spent on the playing field.
- The driveway to the Millennium Field is in need of repair. Councillors agreed to organise the repair at a cost of approximately £180.
- Cllr Neil left the meeting in order for councillors to discuss planning application
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Councillors agreed to submit NO OBJECTIONS.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.