



## SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### Attendees

CLRs Richard Smith (Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Alan Powell, Maria Millan.  
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

CLRs Linda Neil, Greg Smith, Susan Lewin.

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

CLR Powell declared an interest in Shabbington Nature Network (SNN).

#### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2022.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

#### 4. Public participation

- An update was given on Shabbington Nature Network. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2 members of SNN tested the water quality of the River Thame at 2 sites in Shabbington. The phosphate and nitrate levels were fairly high but the water clarity was good. The results have been submitted to the River Thame Trust. A meeting took place to discuss how the River Thame Trust would like to work with SNN. A concern was raised that having bathing status on the River Thame in Shabbington may not be good for wildlife, although it would be good for the water quality. If bathing status is to be applied for in December 2023, support will be needed from the PC and CLR Greg Smith. SNN would need to apply for funding for water testing equipment. There will be a talk in February at The Old Fisherman about biodiversity on the River Thame. A survey will be needed in the village to see if residents want bathing status.
- Badger culling has been halted at present. There was no update from Bucks Council.
- There is a proposal for a footpath between Shabbington and the A418. CLR Powell has written to CLR Pressel, an OCC cabinet member with a specific brief on public transport /cycling and sustainability, to support this proposal. A member of the public has suggestions on the route of the path and will liaise directly with CLR Greg Smith who would like details of the proposal.
- A member of the public asked if there was any news on the planning application for the new village hall. It looks as though it is likely to be rejected as there are issues with parking and the design.

#### 5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Leaning tree by Limes Way.** CLR Powell has emailed Woodland Consultancy to assess the tree and is awaiting a response.
- **Wooden kissing gate to Millennium Field. Action:** Chairman to organise repair.
- **Painting of container on Millennium Field.** This belongs to the PC. A design needs to be agreed.
- **Two lime trees on Crendon Road.** A letter was sent to the residents to ascertain why the trees were felled. The response explained that the roots of the trees were in the sewers and the remaining lime trees may also need to be felled. **Action:** CLR Powell to contact Bucks Council



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building regulations to obtain details. Clerk to obtain land registry plan for Wynwood as it is thought the trees are on PC land.

- **Hedge cutting.** The hedge on Crendon Road opposite Home Close and the hedge on Mill Road leading to the pub have both been cut back. The hedge cuttings left between Old Bryers Close entrance and Footpath No.7 entrance have now been removed.
- **Marsh Road overhanging trees/bushes. Action:** Chairman to send letter and addresses to Clerk so that the letters can be sent recorded delivery to 4 properties.

### 6. Neighbourhood Policing report

- The Chairman was successful with his grant application for 2 MVAS for the village. One will be situated permanently on the Crendon Road entrance to the village. The other will rotate between the Ickford Road and Mill Road entrances to the village. They will be mounted on existing posts.
- The Speedwatch equipment which is on loan to Shabbington for 6 months has not yet been used. The police will need the equipment back if it is not used in the next month. **Action:** Cllr Powell to help Chairman organise the volunteers.
- Thefts have been reported in Ickford on Facebook.

### 7. Finance

- The payment run for November was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end October 2022, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £10,870.
- The cost for printing the Shabbington News will rise to £116 in 2023. Cllr Powell has asked Lisa Kerry to co-ordinate the Shabbington News with a PC section in it.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN November 2022			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 129 grass cut play area October	£ 192.00
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours + backpay £482.40, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 552.40
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting October	£ 327.60
Waitrose	DEBIT CARD	Stationary	£ 4.12
HMRC	BACS	PAYE	£ 3.54
<b>DD payments</b>			
Npower	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 111.51
Bucks Council	DD	Garden Waste Service 2023	£ 50.00
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>£ 1,249.57</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
A Powell	DEP	Shabbington Nature Network	-£ 45.00
Boxercise	CASH	Millenium Field Donation (noticeboard)	-£ 15.00
Adyen	BGC	GoFundMe (Shabbington Village Football Post & Play Equipment)	-£ 1,825.43

### 8. Planning

The village boundary needs to be determined for a Neighbourhood Plan.

### 9. Street lighting & street repairs



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There is a street light out outside numbers 11/12 Dukes Close. This has been reported to the contractor. **Action:** Clerk to chase contractor.

The lamppost outside 2 Lower Farm Close is wobbly and leaning. **Action:** Clerk to ask contractor to safety check.

### 10. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

- The Pond Garden has been pruned.
- £1800 has been raised from the 'GoFundMe' page to replace the football posts at the Millennium Field. With the £1200 grant from the Football Foundation, the PC has now raised the £3000 needed. It needs to be decided whether we purchase moveable or fixed posts. Local views will need to be sought.

### 11. Meetings

No meetings attended.

### 12. Items for information

Thought will need to be given to next year's budget. Further improvements to the play area to be considered.

### 13. Date of next meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hut - informal budget meeting (PC members only).

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hut – PC meeting.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.**