



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021

Attendees

Cllrs Alan Powell (Chairman), Linda Neil (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell.
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Maria Millan, Richard Smith.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th October 2021.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

No questions.

5. Platinum Jubilee arrangements for 2022.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be marked with a 4 day extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June. The government publication 'Your guide to organising a street party' has been distributed to councillors. A suggestion was put forward for a village party on the Millennium Field with a marquee to mark the occasion. This will be published in the next Shabbington News. Jubilee beacons will be lit across the country and there is a tree planting initiative 'The Queen's Green Canopy'. It was reported that the Woodland Trust are donating trees. **Action:** Cllr Neil to enquire with the Woodland Trust.

6. Neighbourhood Policing report

Speedwatch training – It was agreed to purchase the approved battery operated Bushnell speed gun. Training is being organised for both new and existing members of the Speedwatch group. DEFRA have announced biosecurity precautions for poultry due to avian flu - to be published in the next Shabbington News.

7. Finance

- The payment run was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end October 2021, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £20,217.11.



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SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN November 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 October	£ 312.00
Jewson (Saint-Gobain building dist)	BACS	Materials to repair Millennium field track	£ 172.80
BMKALC	BACS	Training - Cllr Smith - Creating a social media strategy	£ 30.00
Kompan	BACS	Operational Inspection Millennium field play ground	£ 145.20
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 58 grass cut play area October	£ 144.00
DD payments			
E-on	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 94.03
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
		Total payments	£ 1,300.43

8. Planning

There is a plan for 1 million new homes in the Oxford-Cambridge Arc which is receiving a lot of opposition.

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has gone through final approval and has now been adopted. The Chairman is unable to attend the Neighbourhood Planning training on Monday 15th November in Aylesbury but the Vice Chairman agreed to attend instead. A Neighbourhood Plan may be required for Shabbington.

9. Street lighting & street repairs

- All street lights are currently working.
- Noticeboard update – no progress with the insurance claim as the driver has been in hospital following a fall at home. We are awaiting information.
- Tree cutting estimates – Residents do not want the tree on the area of grass on Limes Way to be cut. Parks and Gardens are cutting the area of grass there. The Chairman has spoken with RTM to let them know that next year we want to renegotiate which areas in the village are cut as some will be designated wild flower areas. Cllr Boswell was unable to obtain a third quote for the tree cutting. It was agreed to go ahead with the JB Tree Services quote of £380 to repollard the 5 lime trees on Crendon Road. **Action:** Chairman to schedule the work.

10. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

- The October Operational Inspection Report for the play area was received. The ropes on some equipment have dropped and either need replacing or the fixings need moving to bring them up. Some fixing covers are also missing. The Vice Chairman will request a quote from Playdale to carry out the repairs when they install the new swings.
- Pond Garden- this was cut back on Friday. It will need to be done again in the spring.
- The Community Board are looking into the purchase of community outdoor rest benches for parishes. These would be at either no cost to the parish or just a nominal contribution. It was agreed to request 4 benches, one for by the noticeboard and 3 for the Millennium Field.
- The driveway to the Millennium Field has now been repaired and a fallen tree also cleared away. The PC would like to thank Cllr Smith for completing this work.



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11. Meetings

- The Chairman attended the Community Board meeting on Teams. Items discussed were 'The Queen's Green Canopy' and 'let's get active' which supports physical and mental health activities including local group walks and the benefits of allotments. There were 3 presentations by villages on litter picking who are aiming to identify the source of litter. Balfour builders will supply litter picking equipment. There is still funding available for this year from the £247,000 match funding total. Money is available for cycling and walking schemes, outdoor physical activities, highways, speeding and there are grants for community cafes. **Action:** Chairman to speak to Elaine Hassall about applying for funding for a speed gun, MVAS, inclusive play equipment and a noticeboard for the play area.
- The Vice Chairman attended the Planning and Enforcement Service Update Meeting on 26th October.
- Shabbington Nature Network met last week for an update. They are waiting for the lime trees to be pollarded, then they will prepare the verge. They are holding an open meeting on 15th November at The Old Fisherman.

12. Items for information

Nothing to report.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm – informal budget meeting at Chairman's house (PC members only).

Monday 10th January 2022 – PC meeting.

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