



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Smith (Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan.

Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), Cllr Susan Lewin (Bucks Council), 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Alan Powell.

Cllr Linda Neil has resigned. Councillors would like to record their thanks for all Linda's hard work. The casual vacancy notice has been posted on the noticeboard. Councillors hope to co-opt a new councillor at the next meeting.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th November 2022.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

- An update was given on Shabbington Nature Network (SNN). The last round of water testing of the River Thames was carried out last Saturday. There has been no change in the results. There will be a talk on Saturday at The Old Fisherman about biodiversity and water quality of the River Thames. The Thames Water storm discharge map had been circulated to the PC. It showed that sewage had been discharged into the watercourse in Shabbington for 1 hour 45 minutes due to the high rainfall. It seems there is not enough infrastructure to support the increase in housing.
- Cllr Susan Lewin is aware of the state of the roads. She has a monthly meeting with Colin Woolford from Bucks Council where she will bring up the state of the road between Shabbington and Long Crendon. People are urged to keep making reports on 'Fix My Street'.
- Cllr Susan Lewin was asked to find out why Ickford village is not on a gritting route when it is on a school bus route.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Leaning tree by Limes Way.** Cllr 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.** A competition for the design needs to be organised and advertised in the newsletter and on Facebook.
- **Felling of two lime trees on Crendon Road. Action:** Cllr Powell to provide update at next meeting.
- **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.
- **Speedwatch. Action:** Cllr Powell to help Chairman organise the volunteers.
- **MVAS.** The Chairman has collected the 2 new units ready for installation.



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6. To discuss beehives in the paddock at the bottom of the allotments

The PC have been asked if they would allow 17 beehives and a container to be put in the paddock at the bottom of the allotments. It was noted that there is a public footpath through the paddock, each beehive contains thousands of bees and that this is a commercial enterprise which is not allowed on the allotments. It was decided unanimously not to allow this request.

7. Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Evidence Base – Settlement Review

The data was reviewed and amended. The following questions were responded to:

- **Does your Town/ Parish have any issues that the Local Plan might help to solve? E.g., road junction capacity, bus services, school places or localised flooding.**
Road improvements for localised flooding.
School places – Ickford and Long Crendon primary schools are oversubscribed.
Long distance to visit GP.
No footpath for children to walk to school bus stop on Crendon Road.
- **What would you most like to preserve or improve about your Town/ Parish? E.g., local green space, historic character, local shops and services. We are also still interested to hear about any sites that we might have missed in the Call for Sites engagement exercises.**
The Village Hut requires improvement.
The green spaces need improvement, they are important for biodiversity.
The facilities at the Millennium Field need improving.
- **What are your aspirations for your Town/Parish over the next 20 years?**
The creation of a public footpath from Shabbington to the A418.
A new Village Hall.
- **If you have not already done so, do you aspire to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan? If so, what are your reasons for doing so, or not doing so?**
Shabbington would like to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan to identify any potential areas for development within the village boundary and to protect areas of natural beauty and green spaces. We would like to ensure that flood plains are not built on.

8. To discuss encroachment of wall / hedge from property on Crendon Road and potential safety risk to road users.

A retaining wall has been built which reduces the width of the road and would obstruct any potential new footpath. To be discussed at the February meeting.

9. To discuss the viability of increasing road surface height by the river Thame near the fisherman pub to enable vehicles to use even in any situation.

It was suggested that the road could be raised by one foot so that it could be used in times of flooding as it is the main access to Shabbington, Ickford and Worminghall from the A418. To be discussed at the February meeting.

10. Roles and responsibilities for councillors in 2023.

To be discussed at the February meeting.

11. Referendum for village hall.

This refers to its location. To be discussed at the February meeting.



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12. Neighbourhood Policing report

The noticeboard at the Millennium Field has been vandalised. Perhaps going forward the gate will need to be locked at night.

13. Finance

- The payment runs for December and January were approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end December 2022, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £12,177.
- Councillors unanimously agreed the proposed budget for 2023/24.
Councillors unanimously agreed the 2023/24 Precept request of £22,000. This is an increase of 10% from 2022/23 – mainly due to increased costs.
- The £500 grant from the Community Board for Shabbington Nature Network has been received into the PC account. SNN need to let the clerk know how to allocate the funds.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN December 2022			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £348, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 418.00
Diana Wild	BACS	Shabbington Nature Network wildflower seeds	£ 44.99
DD payments			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
Total payments			£ 471.39
Receipts			
A Powell	DEP	Shabbington Nature Network (pumpkin sale & raffle)	-£ 154.00
Bucks Council	BGC	Grant from Community Board for Shabbington Nature Network	-£ 500.00
J. Harman	CHQ	Allotment rents received	-£ 156.00

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN January 2023			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £348, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 418.00
Eldridge Electrical	BACS	Light repairs	£ 140.40
HMRC	BACS	PAYE	£ 46.80
DD payments			
Npower	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 90.20
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 8.40
Total payments			£ 703.80
Receipts			
A Powell	DEP	Shabbington Nature Network (calendar money)	-£ 265.00
Adyen	BGC	GoFundMe (Shabbington Village Football Post & Play Equipment)	-£ 15.04

14. Planning

- Neighbourhood Plan - to be discussed at the February meeting.
- No new planning applications have been received.

15. Street lighting & street repairs



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The lamppost outside 2 Lower Farm Close which is wobbly and leaning has been safety checked by the contractor. It was agreed to go ahead and replace the column and lantern at a cost of £774 + VAT.

16. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

- The Chairman will order new fixed goal posts for the Millennium Field which will be repositioned.
- To discuss millennium field improvements for 2023 and funding plans - to be discussed at the February meeting. It was suggested that shade for the play area may be an option.
- The light in the defibrillator at the Pond Garden is out. It is still fully functioning with the light out. Sue Maddex is trying to resolve the issue.

17. Meetings

No meetings attended.

18. Items for information

Linda Neil has offered to continue to help with the Pond Garden and the delivery of the newsletter. The PC accepted these kind offers of help.

19. Date of next meeting

Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hut.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.