



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Hall (Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Chris Davies.
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Angie Kirkwood-Lalanne (Vice Chairman).

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th October 2025.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

A resident received a letter from Bucks Council about the number of vehicles going to their farm. The farm has been flooded so lots of work has been going on. The resident felt upset by the complaint as they are doing everything correctly. It would be good if the farmers and the community had a better relationship. The Chairman will work to improve relationships with local farmers.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Benches.** A new bench at the Millennium Field would need to be made from recycled plastic due to the flooding. The location of Tessa Alexander's bench needs to be decided, either Crendon Road, near the noticeboard or at the Millennium Field. This will depend on her sons' wishes and also what is happening with the Crendon Road verge.
- **Playground equipment repairs.** These have been completed. The invoice needs to be paid. Thank you to Roy Harris for attending during the works. **Action:** Chairman to send Roy Harris's email address to the clerk so that she can send an email of thanks.
- **Millenium Field track.** Cllr Davies and John Kirkwood will repair the potholes in the track. The PC will cover the expenses incurred.
- **Mill Road.** The railing by the Shabbington sign has been fixed.
- **Dog bin relocation** from the footpath crossroads to the Millennium Field car park. The Chairman consulted the village – 12 people agreed to moving the bin and 15 people asked for a new bin by The Old Fisherman. The cost to install a new bin on a post is £373 with an ongoing cost of £140 per year for emptying. It was agreed to move the bin to the Millennium Field car park. **Action:** Chairman to provide the clerk with the what3words location for the move. The decision on a new dog bin by The Old Fisherman is to be confirmed.
- **Hut funding.** The new hut is finished. A letter of congratulations is to be sent to Shabbington Village Community Trust. **Action:** Chairman to draft an email. The Trust were successful in gaining a grant for £17,000.
- **Picket fencing around play area.** **Action:** Vice Chairman to speak to another PC about a similar project.



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- **River Depth Gauge.** The Chairman has asked for comments from Alison Poland on the extremely expensive quotation from the Highways Commissioning Group, but no response has been received as she is on long-term sick leave. The Chairman has contacted Colin Woolford and Clive Harriss who are escalating the issue. We hope to do the work ourselves.
- **Hedges on the Millennium Field track.** Cllr Millan reported that these will be cut back this week at no cost to the PC.

6. Shabbington Nature Network Update

There has been another hedgehog sighting in the village. Two tawny owls were released in the village and will hopefully use the owl boxes. On Monday 24th November there is a quiz night in the pub and the photography competition with photos going in the SNN calendar. The designs and measurements of the swift boxes for the church tower are being looked at with a view to installing in the spring. SNN are looking at doing the willow dome at the Millennium Field soon. John Coates will get costs for the willow dome and swift boxes. The £200 annual allowance from the PC for SNN work, as outlined in the memorandum of understanding, may be needed for these works.

7. Website Consolidation

It was asked if we can consolidate all village websites to save costs. This needs to be looked into further.

8. Roads

Parking on the junction of Crendon Road with Ickford Road is an ongoing problem. It was discussed whether the neighbourhood policing team may be able to help.

There is one car on Ickford Road which is causing a parking issue. **Action:** Chairman to speak with owner.

9. Finance

- The payment run for November was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end October 2025, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £34,382, of which £451 is SNN funds.

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Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 380 grass cuts play area October	£ 420.00
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting October	£ 420.00
Sue Maddex	BACS	AED pads	£ 75.18
Carolyn Willis	BACS	paper bags + test print of calendar	£ 50.29
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £324.60, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 394.60
DD payments			
Lloyds Bank	DD	Banking fee	£ 4.25
HMRC	DD	PAYE	£ 256.92
Npower	DD	street lighting energy July to Sept	£ 163.04
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 13.20
Total payments			£ 1,797.48

10. Planning

The Old School House and Franklins Farm are still awaiting a decision from Bucks Council.



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11. Street lighting & street repairs

There is an overhanging tree on Dukes Close which is blocking a street light. **Action:** Chairman to take a look at the tree.

12. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Nothing to report.

13. Meetings

Cllr Millan will attend the online Dementia Awareness Session for Parish Councillors on 18th November.

The Clerk will attend the Data Protection Overview Session for Council Officers on 18th November.

The Chairman will attend the Data Protection Overview Session for Councillors on 20th November.

14. Items for information

The Shabbington Ball will take place on 19th September 2026.

15. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.30pm – informal budget meeting (PC members only)

Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm – PC meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.