



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Hall (Chairman), Angie Kirkwood-Lalanne (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Chris Davies.

Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2026.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

A resident commented on the state of the potholes. The Chairman assured the resident that the worst potholes have been reported on Fix My Street.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Works on Marsh Road.** It was confirmed that the digging out of the ditch did continue into the Millennium Field. A thank you letter was sent from the village to the contractor for their restoration of the Millennium Field track.
- **Franklins Farm access track planning application.** There is still no decision.
- **Overhanging tree Dukes Close.** This has been cut back.
- **Assertion 10 requirements.** The new gov.uk website is in progress. Councillor gov.uk email addresses are with us and will transition over soon.
- **Worn out street name signs. Action:** Chairman to go around village and see which signs need replacing.
- **Noticeboard by the Pond Garden.** Cllr Millan has spoken to Richard Smith who has agreed to replace the broken polycarbonate sheet. **Action:** Cllr Millan to supply dimensions to Richard Smith.

6. Shabbington Nature Network Update

No update.

7. Parking on Crendon Road

Car parking opposite Limes Way junction is making it difficult for people pulling out of Limes Way. The PC emphasised that the The Highway Code states "**DO NOT** park opposite a junction". It is also clear that this rule can be enforceable in law if the Police judge that the vehicle is causing an obstruction or that it is a danger to other traffic. The PC proposes that the verge by the noticeboard is cut back to improve visibility and safety. **Action:** Chairman to contact SNN about the proposal.



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Parking on Crendon Road by The Vines is also causing an accident risk but unfortunately there is nothing the PC can do about this.

8. Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

Shabbington's response to the Bucks Local Plan sites survey went well. A committee/action group has been formed ready for the next round of consultation in July. At some point money will need to be raised as it is likely that professional advice will be needed in order to push back, including legal advice. The PC will be asked to contribute. A survey of the village will be needed to ensure that the action group represents the views of the village. Cllr Davies will continue to update the PC. Councillors agreed that the Chairman should also be part of the action group.

9. Grass cutting

It was agreed at the last meeting to continue with the usual contractor (Mr Cross) for cutting the grass at the Millenium Field. A new local contractor (Tom Audley) has quoted for the verge cutting. He is slightly cheaper and offers more flexibility than the current contractor (RTM) who are based in Milton Keynes. It was agreed to go ahead with Tom Audley. Cllr Millan thought RTM had already done their first cut of the year.

10. Finance

- The payment run for April was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end March 2026, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £31,739, of which £992 is SNN funds.
- Councillors agreed the request from Shabbington Village Community Trust for their grant of £3000.
- The Clerk has submitted and received the VAT reclaim for £1738.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 13th April 2026			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 397 grass cut play area March	£ 222.00
BMKALC	BACS	Planning training 10th & 17th March Cllr Kirkwood	£ 100.00
Shabbington Village Community Trust	BACS	Village Hall hire PC meeting 09/03/26	£ 10.00
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
Npower	DD	street lighting energy Jan to Mar	£ 237.09
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 13.20
			Total payments
			£ 981.14
Receipts			
Bucks Council	BGC	Precept 26/27 first half	-£ 16,000.00

11. Planning

PL/26/01875/FA - Mellor House, 9 Ickford Road, Shabbington HP18 9HN

Councillors agreed to submit NO OBJECTIONS to Bucks Council.

12. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.

13. Millennium Field & Pond Garden



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A discussion took place about the provision of additional seating on the Millenium Field. It was agreed that additional seating would be beneficial as long as it was theft proof and would survive the flooding on the field. It was agreed that recycled plastic would be better than wood to withstand the flooding and that the bench would need to be secured in the ground to prevent theft. **Action:** Chairman to approach Tessa Alexander's sons about either a plastic bench at the Millenium Field or a wooden bench by the noticeboard near the Pond Garden. It was agreed that a plastic bench would be situated by the log bench and that future consideration would be given to picnic benches.

14. Meetings

The Chairman and Cllr Davies have a meeting planned on Wednesday at 2pm with Alan Turner (representative of Greg Smith MP) and Rosie Tunnard (Network Operations Manager) and Christine Urry (Head of Network, Strategy and Management) from Bucks Council Highways to discuss how we can inform and warn people of the flooding by The Fisherman.

It was reported that Oxfordshire County Council had been spotted measuring up for duckboards.

15. Items for information

Action: Clerk to invite representatives from SNN, the Church and the Village Hut Committee to give updates at the Annual Village Meeting.

16. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.00pm - Annual Village Meeting followed by AGM.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.