



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025

Attendees

Cllrs Richard Hall (Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan.
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Angie Kirkwood-Lalanne (Vice Chairman), Chris Davies.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2025.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

None.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Bench at the Millennium Field.** The cost of a recycled plastic 2 seater bench is £300, a 4 seater is £500. Shipping would be around £100 and there would also be an installation cost.
- **Playground equipment repairs.** These will be done w/c 27th October.
- **Speeding.** Cllr Millan and Cllr Kirkwood-Lalanne each have one of the 20 is plenty banners and one is missing.
- **Village Gates.** Alison Poland is our new Local Area Technician. A site visit will need to be arranged with her.
- **Millenium Field track.** Cllr Davies is working on a solution to the potholes in the track and hopes to have a cost shortly.
- **Tessa Alexander's bench.** Suggested location - on Crendon Road, near the noticeboard on the hardstanding where the old bench used to be. We can't move forward with this until we know what is happening with the verge. SNN to finalise their plan.
- **Mill Lane.** The railing by the Shabbington sign is jutting out where it was hit by a vehicle.
Action: Vice Chairman to report to Alison Poland, once Alison is back at work.
- **Dog bin relocation.** The cost to relocate the dog bin at the footpath crossroads to the Millennium Field car park is £168. **Action:** Chairman to consult village.
- **Hut funding.** The PC cannot make any further donations this financial year as we have reached the allowed limit of £11.10 per elector (approx. £5000). Shabbington Village Community Trust have taken out a loan but the PC are unable to act as a guarantor for a loan. The PC is willing to support the project wherever possible.
- **HGVs through village.** There is no weight limit on the bridges so the UK 44 tonne limit applies.
- **Picket fencing around play area.** **Action:** Vice Chairman to speak to another PC about a similar project.

6. Shabbington Nature Network Update



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SNN and the PC will meet over the winter to discuss verges and the Millennium Field cutting regime. The hedges on the Millennium Field track need cutting back. Mr Cross is supplying a quote and Cllr Millan will ask Miff Chichester if he is able to do the work. The public open space at the end of Limes Way is not being cut at the residents' request. The swift project Memorandum of Understanding between the PC, PCC and SNN needs to be signed by the PC.

7. Precept planning to include village projects opinion survey

Village projects on a long term basis need to be considered. Councillors are asked to put forward any ideas in advance of the December precept meeting. The Chairman and Cllr Davies are due to meet to discuss.

8. River Depth Gauge

The quotation from the Highways Commissioning Group for depth gauges on the river has come in at almost £5000 which is unacceptable. The sign manufacturer, Shelley Signs, has quoted £245 delivered for the signs. We need to find out if we can do the work ourselves.

9. Finance

- The payment run for October was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end September 2025, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £36,206, of which £451 is SNN funds.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN October 2025			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 373 grass cuts play area September	£ 420.00
123 Reg	DEBIT CARD	Web domain renewal	£ 15.59
123 Reg	DEBIT CARD	email account annual renewal	£ 57.46
Playdale Playgrounds	BACS	Playground repairs 50% deposit	£ 194.82
Oxford Diocese	BACS	Allotment rent 2025/26	£ 120.00
BMKALC	BACS	The Planning Framework training	£ 50.00
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £324.40, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 394.40
DD payments			
Lloyds Bank	DD	Banking fee	£ 4.25
Npower	DD	street lighting energy Jan to June	£ 372.25
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 13.20
			Total payments £ 1,641.97
Receipts			
Various	FPI	Allotment rents	-£ 128.00
Bucks Council	BGC	Precept 25/26 second half	-£ 16,000.00

10. Planning

There are currently no applications requiring comments.

11. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.

12. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Nothing to report.

13. Meetings



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Cllr Millan attended The Planning Framework training.

14. Items for information

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

15. Date of next meeting in the Church

Monday 10th November at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.