



## SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Shabbington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025

#### Attendees

Cllrs Angie Kirkwood-Lalanne (Vice Chairman), Miriam Boswell, Maria Millan, Chris Davies.  
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the public.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Richard Hall (Chairman).

#### 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

#### 3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

#### 4. Public participation

A member of the public expressed concern at the constant barking of dogs from 4 Dukes Close. Cllr Millan explained that there is a litter of puppies living there. A discussion took place about barking dogs in the village. It was explained that this is not a PC issue and needs to be taken up with Bucks Council. The member of the public was told the steps to follow.

Concern was also expressed that the property at 4 Dukes Close is looking messy. The member of the public was advised to contact Fairhive Homes. Cllr Millan agreed to have a chat with the resident of 4 Dukes Close.

#### 5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Playground equipment repairs.** The Chairman has suggested that we order the parts only from Playdale and do the work ourselves. The spinner needs to be disassembled to get it going. **Action:** Cllr Millan to ask for a requote from Playdale to include the spinner. **Action:** Vice Chairman to look at alternative companies to carry out the repair work.
- **Speeding.** It was agreed to leave the 20 is plenty banners up until the end of August and to retension them. A discussion took place around speeding.
- **Village Gates.** The PC is waiting to hear back from Colin Woolford regarding a site visit.
- **Millenium Field track.** Cllr Davies has sent out a specification for refurbishment at Millennium Field Road. He is currently awaiting the quotes.
- **Tessa Alexander's bench.** It was suggested that the new bench could be located on Crendon Road, near the noticeboard on the hardstanding where the old bench used to be. **Action:** Chairman to ask the family about the location of the bench.

#### 6. Shabbington Nature Network Update

There will be a waste talk tomorrow by Bucks Waste Bashers in the Church at 7.30pm.

The monthly water testing of the river has been done. The results still showed high nitrate and phosphate levels.

The annual attack on the Himalayan balsam down by the river has started.

Richard Blandy has asked if SNN could contribute some bat boxes etc for the new Village Hut.



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### 7. Verge cutting

This is to be discussed at the next meeting when the Chairman is present.

### 8. Mill Lane and footpath access update

The Vice Chairman met with the Parish Clerk from Great Haseley who is in contact with the Oxfordshire highways team. They walked along Mill Road and observed:

The raised footpath is in need of repair

The undergrowth needs cutting back

The road has deep crevices.

The Great Haseley Clerk will speak to Oxfordshire County Council about these issues.

**Action:** The Vice Chairman will speak to Colin Woolford about repairing the Shabbington sign and railings where they were hit by a vehicle.

There is a footpath between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bridges which has an inaccessible stile. OCC need to be contacted to request this is replaced by a gate.

### 9. Finance

- The payment run for July was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end June 2025, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £29,681, of which £796 is SNN funds.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 14th July 2025			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
RTM Landscapes	BACS	Grass cutting June	£ 420.00
M R Cross	BACS	Inv 350 grass cut play area June x 2	£ 420.00
BMKALC	BACS	3 x planning training 24/04/2025	£ 150.00
Sainsbury's	Debit Card	A4 copier paper	£ 5.00
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £314.28, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 384.28
<b>DD payments</b>			
Lloyds Bank	DD	Banking fee	£ 4.25
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 12.00
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>£ 1,395.53</b>

### 10. Planning

No new planning applications were received.

### 11. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.

### 12. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Positive feedback has been received for the repair work to the Pond Garden shelter.

### 13. Meetings

Nothing to report.

### 14. Items for information

An enquiry has been received asking if closed picket fencing could be installed around the play area.

**Action:** Clerk to include on September agenda.



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- 15. Date of next meeting** in the Church  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

**There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.**