



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees

CLLrs Richard Hall (Chairman), Miriam Boswell, John Coates, Maria Millan.
Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

CLLr Angie Kirkwood-Lalanne (Vice Chairman).

The Parish Council would like to congratulate Angie and John on their recent marriage.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

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

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

The 2 large potholes along from The Fisherman near the bridges on the Oxfordshire side have been reported back in January. The walkway is also dangerous. There is little co-operation from Oxfordshire County Council. Residents are encouraged to report potholes etc on Fix My Street in order to apply more pressure for the Council to make the repairs.

There has been a near miss with a tractor speeding through the village. **Action:** Chairman to speak to local farmers to work out how tractors can safely drive through the village.

There is an adverse camber on Crendon Road as you go out of the village. **Action:** Chairman to speak to Colin Woolford.

A resident asked about 20mph zones. These are not funded by Bucks Council and would cost the PC a minimum of £10,000 to implement.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Overhanging hedges on Crendon Road.** A meeting took place on 4th March. Bucks Council came out and carried out an inspection. The owner has agreed to cut back and taper the hedge to improve sight lines.
- **RTM.** The Chairman is planning a meeting with RTM.
- **Resilience plan.** Work continues on this.
- **Obstructions on Mill Road verge.** The resident is currently away.
- **Acorn Anaerobic Digester.** The decision on this planning application will be made by the new Council, after the May elections.
- **Possible collapsed drain at the bottom of Marsh Road.** There is a drain that runs under the road that may have collapsed. **Action:** Vice Chairman to provide update.
- **Ickford Road flooding.** The ditches have been cleared and the verges built up. The verge markers will be installed in the next financial year, along with improved signage. The other side of the road also needs attention. **Action:** Chairman to look into.
The gritting of Mill Road and flooding needs chasing up.



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6. Shabbington Nature Network Update

This Thursday the River Thames Conservation Trust are doing a presentation on the Bucks Local Nature Recovery Strategy at Janet Jackson's house at 6.45pm.

The monthly water testing of the river has been done. The results were fairly standard.

There is work being carried out at the sewage treatment works to increase the capacity of the tanks.

This will allow for a slight increase in housing capacity but discharges will still happen in wet weather.

7. Elections 2025

Parish and County Council elections take place on 1st May. Nominations open on 18th March until 2nd April. One of the existing councillors indicated that he will not be standing for re-election. **Action:** Clerk to circulate election timetable, nomination papers and poster for the noticeboard.

8. Chearsley PC laptop

Councillors agreed to share the cost of the new laptop which Chearsley PC have bought for the clerk so that it can be used for both parishes. It was agreed to contribute £450 (50%).

9. VE Day celebrations

A Whats App group will be started to get a feeling of what people would like to do. It is likely that different roads will organise their own celebrations.

10. Footpath no. 7

The Chairman recently walked the footpath with the Rights Of Way Officer for Bucks. It is in a poor state. It was agreed that it needs to be levelled and widened and the source of the brook needs to be found. This is budgeted for 2026.

11. Village Hut update

Following a further survey, it has been decided to completely rebuild the Village Hut. The hall will be 37% bigger with more facilities. Planning permission has been submitted. The PC has pledged £10,000, half of which will be paid now.

12. Neighbourhood Policing report

None. It was suggested that a PCSO from the Neighbourhood Police Team could attend the next meeting.

13. Finance

- The payment runs for February and March were approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end February 2025, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £25,991, of which £996 is SNN funds.

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Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £314.28, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 384.28
DD payments			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 12.00
Total payments			£ 396.28



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Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
BORG	BACS	Shabbington Nature Network - owl box x 2	£ 200.00
Oakley Parish Council	BACS	Part payment to TPP for transport report for Hornage Farm	£ 606.22
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £314.28, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 384.28
DD payments			
ICO	DD	Data protection fee	£ 47.00
Lloyds Bank	DD	Banking fee	£ 4.25
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 12.00
Total payments			£ 1,253.75

14. Planning

25/00130/AGN - Franklins Farm, Ickford Road, Shabbington HP18 9HN.

Erection of an agricultural access track.

The has been refused by Bucks Council.

25/00128/AGN - Land At Grass Farm, Ickford Road, Shabbington.

Erection of steel frame portal span general purpose building extension to an existing building for the purpose of storage of straw for bedding and forage.

No objections.

25/00189/APP - 16 Ickford Road, Shabbington HP18 9HN.

Erection of a single storey outbuilding for ancillary residential use as a home gym.

No objections were submitted to Bucks Council. Awaiting decision.

Three councillors have booked to attend the online planning training with BMKALC.

15. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.

16. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

Quotes have been received to replace the posts of the shelter in the Pond Garden. It was agreed to go ahead with the quote from P. Miller for £2250.

17. Meetings

Online planning training in April.

18. Items for information

There is a half allotment plot available.

19. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33pm.