



SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees

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

Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 11 members 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 11th November 2024.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

4. Public participation

A resident enquired about the overhanging hedges on Crendon Road. This is in the hands of Bucks Council who have requested that the resident cut back his hedges, but there is a dispute over highway extent.

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **RTM.** The Chairman is planning a meeting with RTM over the winter.
- **Footpath no. 7.** The Chairman is in touch with the Rights of Way officer regarding cutting back the overgrowth. Logs may be placed as stepping stones in the muddy area.
- **Resilience plan.** This is a labour intensive task where names will need to be allocated to the required tasks.
- **Obstructions on Mill Road verge.** A letter has been sent to the resident.

6. Shabbington Nature Network Update

The monthly water testing of the river has been done. This showed high nitrate levels.

A number of SNN events are planned for the coming year.

7. Acorn Anaerobic Digester

Joanne Grey from Oakley Parish Council is leading the Parish Councils' response against the proposed Acorn Anaerobic Digester. Adjusted plans have been received from Acorn with limited time to respond by 18th January. We have been asked, along with 4 other Parish Councils, to contribute £500 towards a new objection written by experts. The majority of councillors agreed to this contribution. A discussion took place about the Acorn proposal, the number of lorries it would involve and the overall impact. It was suggested that a post could be installed on the corner of Marsh Road to stop vehicles from mounting the pavement. **Action:** Vice Chairman to discuss with Colin Woolford.

8. Community orchard



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The idea of a community orchard somewhere in the village to grow a variety of fruit trees has been suggested. There are various possible locations in the village to investigate, such as, Limes Way, the allotments, the Pond Garden, Joan Berry's land. This would be a village project rather than a PC initiative.

9. Possible collapsed drain at the bottom of Marsh Road

There is a drain that runs under the road that may have collapsed. **Action:** Chairman to take a look.

10. Ickford Road flooding update

The Chairman and Vice Chairman have met with Colin Woolford. It was agreed that the ditches on Ickford Road will be cleared, the verges built up and verge markers installed. Improved flood signage is being looked into with more impactful wording.

At The Fisherman more signage and depth gauges are being looked at so that the road can be closed when the water reaches a certain depth. In the recent icy conditions, the kissing gate and Shabbington sign were both damaged by vehicles skidding on the ice. The Chairman has asked about gritting on Mill Road but was told by Bucks Highways that the road doesn't meet the criteria for gritting. The Chairman is meeting with Greg Smith MP to discuss flooding and gritting and to request that the resurfacing of Long Crendon Road is brought forward. It was commented that the process for closing Mill Road when it floods is slow. If the road is blocked, it can be reported to the police who then contact Highways to close the road. If you have to go straight to Highways then it takes some time.

11. Village Hut update

The original plan was to demolish and rebuild the Village Hut but funds for projects like this are exhausted. The plan is now to refurbish the current hall. Grant applications are underway and the PC has pledged £10,000 over 2 years. It is hoped that the project will start this year.

12. Neighbourhood Policing report

It was reported that there is a Haddenham and Long Crendon police bulletin available online.

13. Finance

- The payment runs for December and January were approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end December 2024, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £27,313, of which £996 is SNN funds.
- Councillors unanimously agreed the proposed budget for 2025/26.
Councillors unanimously agreed the 2025/26 Precept request of £32,000.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN December 2024			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £314.48, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 384.48
Bucks Council	BACS	Dog waste service 2024/25	£ 228.00
DD payments			
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 12.00
			Total payments
			£ 624.48
Receipts			
Carolyn Willis	BACS	SNN calendars	£ 441.08



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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			
Npower	DD	Quarterly charge street lighting	£ 216.74
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 12.00
Total payments			£ 613.02

14. Planning

No new planning applications were received.

15. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.

16. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

The shelter in the Pond Garden is not in such a bad state as it looks. The roof needs lifting and the posts resecuring. The Vice Chairman's husband will work on it this weekend, weather permitting. The long term plan for the pond garden needs to be considered.

17. Meetings

The Chairman has a meeting planned with Greg Smith MP at The Fisherman.

18. Items for information

None.

19. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.