



## SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### Attendees

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

Helen Spurgeon (Parish Clerk), 4 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The minutes were approved and agreed as a true record.

#### 4. Public participation

Demolition of the Village Hut should start at the end of May subject to planning approval. Fundraising is ongoing, the idea of a raffle was mentioned.

#### 5. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Fix My Street.** The unsafe walkway and pothole along from The Fisherman near the bridges have been reported again by the Chairman.
- **Great Haseley PC.** The Chairman has requested help from Great Haseley PC to see if OCC will help with gritting and flooding.
- **Speeding tractor.** It was a contractor driving the tractor. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will talk generally to local farmers.
- **Adverse camber on Crendon Road. Action:** Chairman to speak to Colin Woolford to see if a warning sign can be installed.
- **Speeding.** The Vice Chairman has the Speedwatch camera. **Action:** Vice Chairman to organise Speedwatch session.
- **RTM.** The Chairman has a meeting planned with RTM this week.
- **Pond Garden.** P. Miller has been given the go ahead to replace the posts of the shelter. It will take a while to get the oak posts cut.

#### 6. Shabbington Nature Network Update

The monthly water testing of the river has been done. The results showed high nitrate and phosphate levels. This was the same across the whole catchment due to run off from the fields containing fertilisers and pesticides. Trail cameras have been put on the owl boxes. Hedgehogs have been spotted in the village. If anyone would like a hedgehog hole cutting in the kickboard of their fence please let SNN know and they can do it free of charge.

#### 7. Elections 2025



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The Parish Council election was uncontested with fewer candidates than seats. Cllrs Hall, Kirkwood-Lalanne, Boswell and Millan have all been elected. There is one vacancy which will be filled by co-option. The new council takes office on 6<sup>th</sup> May with the AGM taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### 8. Flooding Mitigation Update

The Chairman has written to the chairman of Great Haseley PC for their support in getting improved flood signage. The Chairman has chased Greg Smith MP and Cllr Greg Smith but the May elections are causing delays. We are seeking Community Board funding for the depth gauges. Bucks Council have indicated that the cost will be in the £0-£5,000 bracket. The Community Board have indicated their support but again there will be a delay until after the elections. The Chairman has also written to Ben Gill who owns the Steam Rally field and he is taking action to clear out the gully.

### 9. Allotments

There are a couple of plots that haven't been maintained for several years. **Action:** Vice Chairman to send letters to those allotment holders.

### 10. Neighbourhood Policing report

It was agreed to remove this as a regular agenda item.

### 11. Finance

- The payment run for April was approved as circulated.
- Accounts to end March 2025, as circulated, were agreed. The bank balance stands at £20,690, of which £796 is SNN funds.

SHABBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 14th April 2025			
Payee	Chq. No/BACS	Detail	
Shabbington Village Community Trust	BACS	Village Hut rebuild contribution	£ 5,000.00
Chearsley Parish Council	BACS	Laptop for Clerk	£ 450.00
BMKALC	BACS	Annual subscription	£ 99.22
Mrs H Spurgeon	BACS	Net salary Parish Clerk 24 hours £314.48, office £50, phone wifi software £20	£ 384.48
<b>DD payments</b>			
Lloyds Bank	DD	Banking fee	£ 4.25
Sage	DD	Payroll software	£ 12.00
			<b>Total payments</b>
			<b>£ 5,949.95</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
HMRC	BGC	VAT refund	-£ 1,403.00
Bucks Council	BGC	Precept 25/26 first half	-£ 16,000.00

### 12. Planning

#### 25/00692/APP - Shabbington Village Hall, Marsh Road, Shabbington.

Construction of replacement 90sqm village hall following demolition of existing.

The PC supports the application. **Action:** Chairman to draft response for Clerk to send into Bucks Council. Comment date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### 13. Street lighting & street repairs

Nothing to report.



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### 14. Millennium Field & Pond Garden

The rotten gate post at the Pond Garden has been removed.

The Chairman has written to Tessa Alexander's sons to apologise that the bench has not progressed due to flooding at the Millennium Field.

The PC are having difficulty getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote for the work to the Millennium Field track. **Action:** Chairman to speak to Miff Chichester about the intended work.

### 15. Meetings

Chairman meeting with RTM.

Online planning training on 24th April.

### 16. Items for information

- The next meeting will be the Annual Village Meeting at 7pm followed by the AGM. This will be the last meeting in the Hut before the rebuild. **Action:** Chairman to contact Clerk regarding the format of the AVM.
- The electricity pole in the School Lane allotments has sunk. **Action:** Clerk to report.
- It was reported that dog walkers are cutting through the allotments rather than using the public footpath. A new sign on the gate is needed to discourage this.
- The white lines need repainting on the road as you come up from The Fisherman and turn into Crendon Road. Drivers are not stopping and checking Ickford Road. **Action:** Chairman to discuss with Colin Woolford.
- It was agreed that the PC will pay the remaining £5,000 pledged to the Village Hut rebuild by September.

### 17. Date of next meeting in the Village Hut

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm - Annual Village Meeting followed by AGM.

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