

LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting of the Luckington and Alderton Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 17th April at Alderton Village Hall at 7:30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on Agenda items
4. Public question time
5. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, the ELAPC held on the 27th of March and sign those from the 13th February meeting
6. Matters arising from the Minutes
7. Correspondence received (see supporting documents)
 - a) Village Hall Donation request
 - b) Phone Box
 - c) Alderton Duck Pond Donation request
8. To review and comment on planning applications (there are none)
9. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the financial summary attached
10. Office Allowance Review
11. Alderton Notice Board
12. Wiltshire Council Boundary Review and response
13. Update on Cemetery issues
14. Update on Highway issues
15. Tombstone Project update
16. Update on village entry picket fences
17. Report from outside meetings
18. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business for information only

The next meeting of the Luckington & Alderton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th of May at 7pm in Luckington Village Hall. This will be the AGM and APM.

Supporting documents

1.

To The Clerk of Luckington Parish Council

Dear Zoe

We are continuing our programme of improvements at Luckington Village Hall.

Our current project is to re-new the lighting with LED lights. The estimated total cost of materials and labour is around £700.00

We would like to ask if the Parish council would be willing to make a donation of £200.00 towards the cost.

We are constantly endeavouring to maintain a valuable village amenity and the Parish councils support is always very much appreciated.

I would be grateful if this could be considered at the next PC meeting. Obviously, I will declare an interest in that agenda item and leave the room during all discussion and decision making.

Yours sincerely Robert Simpkins

Chair Luckington Village Hall Committee

2.

Dear Zoë,

A group of us who are in a book club in Luckington would like to help refurbish the phone box, preferably turning it into a book exchange. Obviously others may have already got in touch with you but, if we can be of any help, please let us know.

Kind Regards,

Sue Thomas

The Old Police House, Luckington Tel: 841358 or 07766 483139

3.

Following my conversation with Sam Evans I write to update you with the problem we have experienced at the pond.

Four days ago we woke to find that a few of our ducks had been killed. Since then we have been visited at night by a predator and more than 30 of our ducks have now been killed. The pond is protected at night with a wire fence and we are confident it is not a fox. There are strong indications that the problem is a mink but we are aware of other possibilities.

At present we are urgently investigating how we can make the pond more secure and will be installing additional wire meshing and electric fencing.

Once we have eradicated the problem we will need to re stock the pond. As many of the local residents know the pond is home to more than 20 species of duck some of which are expensive to replace Amongst the breeds that were killed were: - the Snow Geese (value £100 each), tufted, Bahama Pintails, European Widgeon, Crested Pochards, Northern Shoveler and many more. The total value to replace will be more than £1000.

The restocking will need to be done sensitively so that we pair up the species we wish to keep with a view to incubating our own for the future. In recent years we had been successful in breeding some of our own and it is heart breaking to see these destroyed. For this reason, we do ask that the public do not bring their own ducks to the pond as this may upset the balance that we wish to recreate.

Should anyone wish to contact the Trustees, Tony Witt would be very happy to talk to them on 01666 840457

The trustees are opening a new Bank account to receive donations should the local residents be kind enough to wish to make a donation. I hope to have details of the account in the next 2 days and will advise you of such. Donations can be sent to me as Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to "Alderton Village Pond and Green" and can be sent to "Fourways, The Street, Alderton, Wiltshire, SN14 6NL".

The Parish Council has been very kind to us in the past with donations every year from 2004 to 2015. In 2017 we managed to reduce our insurance from £233 to £78 and have been able to manage our running costs from local donations and voluntary labour. Total expenses for the year just ended (April 2018-31st March 2019) is £590 with voluntary labour estimated in excess of £2000. The Trustees would welcome a donation from the Parish Council and will submit a formal application if this is a requirement.

Kind Regards

George

F G Lynham
Trustees and Treasurer

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
27th March 2019 at 7.00pm in Luckington Village Hall**

PRESENT

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr J Buckley (JB)

Mr Sebastian Lawrence Mills (SLM)

1300. Appointment of new Clerk

This was agreed and Catherine Keegan will be employed from April 1st –RAM will send a new contract

1301. changing the next meeting date from the 10th April to the 17th April.

This was Agreed

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**LAPC Receipts and Payments Statement
Year to March 2019**

Budget Actual Variance

Receipts

Precept	9,071.68	9,071.68	0.00
VAT Refund	100.00	136.29	36.29
Interest	0.00	1.42	1.42
Cemetery	250.00	360.00	110.00
Sundry	0.00	31.04	31.04
Total Receipts	9,421.68	9,600.43	178.75

Payments

VAT	70.00	159.20	-89.20
Clerk's Salary	2,597.00	3,593.44	-996.44
Office Allowance	270.00	270.00	0.00
Cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grass Cutting	1,802.00	1,800.00	2.00
Postage and Stationery	150.00	148.51	1.49
WALC Contribution	250.00	215.33	34.67
Sherston Contribution	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	275.00	0.00	275.00
Hire of Halls	200.00	230.00	-30.00
Insurance	630.00	476.92	153.08
Bank Charges		0.00	0.00
Training	275.00	140.00	135.00
Donations	2,000.00	1,250.00	750.00
Sundry	350.00	796.31	-446.31
Total Expenses	8,869.00	9,079.71	-210.71

Receipts Less Payments

552.68 520.72 -31.96

**Luckington and Alderton Parish
Council Financial Data as at 3rd April
2019**

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Bank account balances at the report
date:

Barclays Current Account	12,135.71
Barclays Deposit Account	2,847.32

Total	14,983.03
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Payments to be made:

Grant Donation to Friends of Luckington School	575.00
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JD Estate and Garden Management	168.00
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Clerk's Salary to be paid by Standing
Order

Zoe Meaden April	304.80
Catherine Keegan April	327.30

Balance carried forward	13,607.93
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