

# LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7.00pm in Luckington Village Hall

These are DRAFT minutes of the meeting and as such, may change following approval which takes place at the next Annual Parish Council meeting.

### Present:

**Chair:** John Buckley (JB)

**Vice Chair:** Sue Godwin (SG)

**Councillors:** Roger Phillips (RP), Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

**Wiltshire Councillor:** Martin Smith (MS)

**Parish Clerk:** Elise Whittleton (EW)

**Members of the Public:** None

**1/2478. Apologies for absence.** None received.

**2/2479. Election of Chair for 2026/27. Resolved:** to elect Cllr. John Buckley as Chair. Cllr Buckley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

**3/2480. Election of Vice-Chair for 2026/27. Resolved:** to elect Cllr. Sue Godwin as Vice-Chair. Cllr Godwin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

**4/2481. To receive any Declarations of Interest.** None received.

Councillors were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their Registers of Interest are kept up to date with Wiltshire Council.

**5/2482. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 14 May 2025.**

**Resolved:** the minutes were approved as correct.

**6/2483. Annual Report by the 2025/26 Chair of the Parish Council.**

Cllr. John Buckley in his first year as Chair, reported that since his election in May 2025, the Parish Council has had a busy year, including the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk. He thanked his fellow Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and Wiltshire Councillor Martin Smith for their support. The Parish Council has continued to oppose the proposed Lime Down Solar Park, working closely with Wiltshire Council, other Statutory Organisation and Agencies and the 'Stop Lime Down' Action group and thanked them for their tireless efforts. The proposal is now at the Examination Stage, and pressure will need to continue to ensure as much impact as possible on the recommendation to the Secretary of State.

He also highlighted financial challenges during the year, including the introduction of election costs, rising maintenance costs, website compliance requirements and a subsequent review of council finances. This resulted in an increase in the Parish Precept from April 2026 to ensure financial stability.

The Parish Council continues to work closely with Wiltshire Council on highways and flooding, and with Luckington Community School and the Friends of Luckington School, who seek the implementation of a 20mph road safety scheme in the centre of the village, around the school.

The Chair also noted that there are currently two councillor vacancies and encouraged interested residents to come forward.

The Chair closed by thanking all those who have supported the Parish Council over the past year.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.