

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.30pm in Alderton Village Hall

Present:

Chair: Richard McCraith (RMC)

Vice Chair: Nigel Neale (NN)

Councillors:

John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

Sue Godwin (SG)

Parish Clerk: Carol Rogers (CR)

Members of the Public: 4

1/2248. Apologies for absence

None

2/2249. Declaration of interests

There were none.

3/2250. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

A short presentation was delivered on the voting for a street name for the Alderton New Farm development (agenda item 10/2257).

4/2251. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

5/2252. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2025

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

6/2253. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

7/2254. The following planning applications were considered:

- a. [PL/2024/11455](#): 10 The Bell Field, Luckington, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 6GZ (conversion of garage loft to home office). **This application was withdrawn by the applicant on 30th January 2025.**
- b. [PL/2024/00275](#): The Old Parsonage, Church Road, Luckington, Chippenham SN14 6PG (proposed works to trees in a conservation area). **There were no objections.**
- c. [PL/2024/00300](#): 7 Church Road, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6PG (proposed works to trees in a conservation area). **There were no objections.**
- d. [PL/2025/00372](#): Malvern, Brook End, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6PJ (remove conservatory and build new single storey rear extension). **There were no objections.**

8/2255. Update on financial issues

- a. Discussion to agree payment as follows:

Norbert Mak Equestrian Services: £100.00

This was **approved** and signed off by RMC & NN.

- b. **Update on change to Barclays signatories**

The required Mandate Change Form has been filled out and signed by Councillors.

Action: NJG to complete the new signatory ID process.

9/2256. Re-adoption of updated Risk Register

Following the 2023/2024 Internal Audit, the Council was advised to expand the Risk Register to include likelihood and impact (Audit Recommendation number R5). This is complete and the Risk Register has been re-adopted by the Council. **No further action.**

10/2257. Street name for development at New Farm, Back Lane, Alderton SN14 6NW

A request has been received from the developers of PL/2022/01245 in Alderton to determine a suitable new street name at the development site. Construction work is scheduled to start at the beginning of March 2025. The residents of Alderton have been consulted. Following a vote in the Alderton WhatsApp group the following name has been proposed: Duck Pond Lane. This was approved by the Council.

Action: CR to complete and return the form provided by Ashford Homes.

11/2258. LAPC Councillor vacancies

LAPC currently has vacancies for 2 councillors. See agenda item 18/2266 below.

Note: Parish Councillors are vital to local democracy and without Parish Councils, many important local tasks would simply not be done. If any parish residents are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk (Carol Rogers) on 01666 800850 or clerk@luckington.org.uk, and she will arrange for one of the current serving Councillors to discuss the role and provide more details of the role.

12/2259. Luckington Notice Board

The work to waterproof the notice board has been completed and invoiced. It was noted that, given its poor condition, this is only a short-term fix. It will be necessary to review replacement options in the longer term.

13/2260. The Paddock (Land next to Luckington Cemetery)

Due to a change in applicant circumstances, the contract for rental of this land is no longer required. It was agreed that an alternative tenant should be sought.

Action: CR to arrange for routine maintenance on the field whilst it is untenanted.

Action: CR to produce advertising text for Facebook and website.

14/2261. Lime Down update

A series of meetings is being held in the area, including the Luckington statutory consultation event on Saturday 15th February. It was agreed that it is crucial for as many people as possible to attend meetings and provide feedback. In order to offer the public the opportunity to obtain additional information and ask questions, there will be a 30-minute presentation and discussion session with experts ahead of the next Council meeting on Wed 12th March (this will start at 7pm, with the Council meeting taking place as usual from 7.30pm).

Action: JB to arrange the session and provide text to be published on social media and notice boards.

15/2262. Cemetery update

The Luckington Cemetery Regulations have been updated and published on the LAPC website.

16/2263. Highways update

- Remedial work continues to be delayed by poor weather.
- Flooding in the Church Road/Rathole is still an issue, despite some local efforts to clear blockages.
- It is understood that the frequency of drain pumping is being reduced, which will further worsen existing issues.
- Reporting on issues should continue to be made to Wiltshire Highways via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting.

17/2264. Report from Outside Meetings

- The next Operational Flood Group meeting is 20th March. This is a useful vehicle for getting local issues raised.
- MS reported that devolution proposals for a Heart of Wessex area have been rejected by the Government.

18/2265. Prospective new Parish Councillor

Jackie Muggleton, Alderton resident, has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Following her attendance at this meeting, she has confirmed that she wishes to be co-opted onto the Council until the election in May, when she can decide whether to stand long-term. The Council debated the co-option (the candidate left the room during this discussion) and has formally confirmed the appointment.

Action: CR to ensure the correct co-option procedures and form-filling are completed.

19/2266. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

A request has been received for the future interment of ashes in an existing grave.

Action: CR to research and get back to NJG.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.