

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

Present

Vice-Chair

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

Parish Clerk: Dr Sheona Beaumont (SB)

Members of the public: Tim Guard (Community Matters) and Julie Gingell (Headteacher, Luckington Community School)

1954. Apologies for Absence

Richard McCraith (Chair)

1955. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1956. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

Tim Guard introduced Julie Gingell, new Headteacher at Luckington Community School. JG asked about possible reduction of speed limit to 20mph in front of school. JB summarised 3 previous occasions when this has been considered in the village, main problems being that the B4040 is a designated lorry diversion route (so national policy is against introducing speed restrictions), existing data is outdated, and funding is difficult to secure. JB confirmed that the existing SID (Speed Indicating Device) is out of action and can't be fixed due to problems with ownership and installation. JB advised that the first step in any application would be the need for an up-to-date School Travel Plan, and to liaise with Ruth Durrant at Wiltshire Council in the first instance. MS and JB to aid if necessary.

TG asked a question about Section 106. CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) went to Highways.

1957. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1958. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by NN.

1959. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

1960. Update on Financial Issues

a) To retrospectively agree payments as made by RMC for Clerk laptop replacement: £629.97 for HP laptop and external hard drive.

The payments were approved. NN and JB to action reimbursement to RMC.

b) Barclays update. SB received confirmation from RMC and a letter from Barclays that all was in hand with Barclays in terms of updating signatory details. Following Council decision last month to investigate banking alternatives, SB reported that other local parish councils bank with CAF Bank (with Cash and Gold (1.35%) accounts

for charities) and Unity Trust Bank (ethical business banking and savings 2%), though one Clerk said it is hard to open new accounts at the moment. Council agreed to stay with Barclays for the time being.

1961. Clerk laptop

Further to the problems reported at the last meeting by SB, and later circulated in her Laptop Report (17/02/23), Council approved the decision to replace the laptop.

1962. Highways update

JB reported meeting the Parish Steward in Luckington on potholes and drains, responding to flooding. Milestone is the new company being contracted from 1 April to take over this work for Wiltshire Council. Work for Highways likely to be inversely affected.

1963. Report from Outside Meetings

None to report.

1964. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

NJG raised concerns on behalf of residents about proposed music events at Didmarton, Worcester Lodge in July (2 weekends, 4 nights) – Gloucestershire Council but also Wiltshire Council village concerns about licensing, traffic management and noise. MS already approaching other local Councils and Cotswold District Council.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.