

LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

Present:

Chair: John Buckley (JB)

Vice Chair: Sue Godwin (SG)

Councillors:

Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Parish Clerk: Carol Rogers (CR)

Members of the Public: 1

Prior to the meeting, a presentation for long service was held for retiring Chair Richard McCraith. RMC was congratulated and thanks were expressed with a gift to recognise his 14 years of service to the Parish.

1/2338. Apologies for absence

Roger Phillips, Jackie Muggleton.

2/2339. Declaration of interests

There were none.

3/2340. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

The collapsed footpath in Alderton has not been fixed despite repeated reporting via the appropriate channels. Pedestrians are forced to walk in the road, with associated risk. Local residents wish to see urgent action, including short term traffic management measures. It was agreed that persistent reporting, with supporting photos, should continue.

4/2341. Public Question Time

There was none.

5/2342. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2025

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by JB.

6/2343. Matters arising from the 9th June Minutes

There were none.

7/2344. The following planning applications were considered:

- a. [PL/2025/05083](#): Long Ridges Farm, Alderton Lane, Chippenham, SN14 6EY (provision of temporary on-site residential accommodation for agricultural worker). This application was withdrawn on 30th January 2025 and has now been re-submitted. **There were no objections.**
- b. [PL/2025/05164](#): Luckington Manor, The Street, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NP (notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). **There were no objections.**
- c. [PL/2025/05357](#): Bridges Court, The Street, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NT (notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). **There were no objections.**

8/2345. Update on financial issues

- a. There was a discussion to agree payments as follows:
 - Clerk's expenses: £46.10
 - Ryan Russell (grass cutting June): £380
 - Working Wood (Norbert Mak) – phone box waterproofing: £100These were **approved** and signed off by JB and SG.

9/2346. Clerk vacancy

The post of LAPC Parish Clerk remains unfilled and is being advertised with a closing date of 28th July 2025. Councillors will be available over the summer for short listing and interviews.

10/2347. Lime Down update

Following the latest Lime Down Solar Park Targeted Consultation, a formal LAPC response was submitted on 7th July 2025. This was also shared with Stop Lime Down.

11/2348. Cemetery update

The funeral of Eirian Newton, resident of Luckington, was held today. The Parish Council wishes to express its condolences to the family.

12/2349. Highways update

- Liability for the flooding problem in Church Road has been confirmed following liaison with the Wiltshire Land Drainage Team, and the fault has now been addressed.
- The pothole in Luckington has been filled as a temporary repair and a permanent fix is scheduled.
- Reporting on issues should continue to be made to Wiltshire Highways via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting.

13/2350. Report from Outside Meetings

There has been nothing to report.

14/2351. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

There were no items.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.