

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th December 2014 AT 7.30PM, IN ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT

Chairman Mr A Stopforth (AS)

Councillors Mr N Banks (NB) Mr J Buckley (JB)
 Mr P Bamford (PB) Mr N Neal (NN)
 Mr R McCraith (RM) Miss S Godwin (SG)

Parish Council Clerk Mrs V Allman (VA)

Two members of the public attended (members of the Playground Committee)

564. Apologies

None

565. Declaration of interests.

RM is a member of the Playground Committee

566. Ollie Phipps, Community Youth Officer, Introduced himself and his role

There has been a change of provision for supporting young people in the area and the new model is more community led with all 19 local parishes being included as opposed to concentrating on provisions in Malmesbury. The focus is supporting young people and their communities to come together to offer a range of activities for those aged 13-19. The activities are also for those aged up to 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

As part of his role Ollie will be focusing on community working, growing and enhancing voluntary and community sector positive activity provision. The emphasis is on 'championing the voice of young people' and setting up clubs local to them, or with a provision of transport which will be run by local volunteers. Within our villages he has identified 54 young people, 7 of whom live in social housing. He would urge young people or their parents/guardians to get in contact with ideas since there is currently a youth fund of £10,000 available until March 2015 to set up local schemes, activities or services for this age ground. Another fund of £17,000 is available after March 2015. Please contact him on:

Tel: 07795 060797

Email: ollie.phipps@wiltshire.gov.uk

567. Playground committee to present for Section 106 monies

Mark Lloyd and James Langley of the LCPC presented a proposal to secure the full amount of Section 106 monies available (£5800.00) in order to fund the construction of a two-lane boules pitch on Luckington Playground and to carry out some maintenance work of the goal mouth areas of the football pitch. The proposed site of the boules pitch is to the left of the low wall that marks the boundary between Luckington playing field and The Bell Field.

The proposal is to build a dual lane boules piste measuring 12m x 6m, surrounded by a timber sleeper. They also feel the project would benefit from the additions of two benches at either end of the pitch,

and this is included in the funds requested. There is also an intention to plant four fruit trees at each corner, the cost of which would be met by the LCPC.

The proposed site is as central as possible within the Parish of Luckington and will add visual interest as well as amenity value and continue a regionally recognised inter-village pursuit which is of interest to a wide demographic within the community of all ages and abilities. It will be integrated into the community with events such as the annual fete, village school and sporting events. By constructing a dual lane piste, the opportunity for the village to form team which is eligible to enter in to the regional leagues also has the potential to deliver economic benefits to local businesses through encouraging visiting teams in to the area.

The goalmouth areas of the football Pitch on the playground are in urgent need of levelling. The intention is to have this work done over two phases in order to achieve the best results.

Three quotes were presented for the boules piste and one for the levelling of the goalmouth areas. The LCPC requested support for the middle quote, since the cheapest one was not from a boules specialist and therefore the longevity of the works was questionable.

JB pointed out that another project in the community had expressed an intention to pitch to the LAPC next month. It was agreed that a deadline of **1st February 2015** for applications for the section 106 monies. A decision would be made at the meeting of 11th February.

568. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

569. Sue Godwin was formally enrolled onto the Parish Council

570. Matters arising from the November minutes

Sarah McGory's request to have street light turned off between 12.00pm and 5.00am outside 23 Avon Rise. VA spoke to Highways, another option would be to blacken the back of light, but this isn't advised since there can still be light pollution. Wiltshire Council advise turning light off during requested hours. RM to consult neighbours.

Bus Shelter Graffiti – ongoing.

8 Church Road – this is still in hand with the Housing Association.

571. Finance

The receipts balances and accounts for payment were circulated –

The accounts below were approved for payment by the Council.

Bank account balances at the report date 10th

December 2014

Barclays Current Account	5,981.98
Barclays Deposit Account	2,836.56

<u>Total balances</u>	<u>8,818.54</u>
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Payments for approval at this meeting:

<u>Total payments for approval today</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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Receipts given this month

Cemetery Fees for The Late Mrs C Sweet	120.00
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Total	<u>120.00</u>
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572. Budget

RM presented figures with an updated year end forecast. He again proposed an increase of 10 or 15%. JB commented that the reserves are not big enough and this should be addressed. It was proposed that the precept next year should be increased by 10%. 5 members voted for this and 1 member voted against. The motion was carried.

573. Results from the Grass Cutting Tender

The quotes were discussed, and it was unanimously decided to award the tender to the existing contractor, AW Services, due to the vast disparity in price. VA to contact parties.

574. Update on Emergency Planning subcommittee.

The minutes from the meeting were circulated. There is confirmation that Mr Simpkins has received salt and sand.

It was proposed that the LAPC issued a written communication to all residents of the Brookend and Sherston road region of the parish to the effect that the LAPC would be available to provide the appropriate assistance in the event of severe flooding in that area. NB's phone number to be given. VA to do letters. RM offered to distribute.

PB commented that he had registered with Scottish and Southern Energy Priority Services and he had been sent a phone with a cord, since cordless phones do not work in a power cut. He advised that all households should have one such phone to be used during power cuts.

It was agreed that Emergency Planning should be on February 2015 agenda.

575. Wiltshire Open Spaces Study – map to be approved.

There was one error on the map. VA to notify.

576. Update on Cemetery issues and notice boards.

Notice boards are still in progress. VA commented that the map in the cemetery doesn't correspond directly with the actual headstones, making it hard to designate numbered plots for future burials. It was agreed that this needed to be looked into.

577. Update on Highways Issues

JB reported that there has been works in The Street, outside the Post Office unblocking the main drain and the soak-away. There are various potholes around, but none big enough to report to the Council. There is a highways 'community day' on Tuesday 6th January where gulleys/drains are looked at and surface cleaning is done. Patches will be put on potholes if they are obvious.

There is still no resolution in sight with regards to mending Luckington Lane. JB still has not had confirmation about the resurfacing of The Street in Luckington, as far as he knows, this is still scheduled to start 16th February 2015.

578. Senior Citizens Lunch Donation

NB reported from the Village Hall Committee that they are expecting 40 residents at the lunch on Thursday 11th December. The Village Hall Committee also asked for a donation towards their annual insurance bill of £469.00.

It was proposed that £400.00 be donated towards the Senior Citizens lunch. Everyone agreed and the motion was carried.

AS pointed out that it used to be a rule of thumb NOT to pay insurance premiums since these are revenue costs.

579. Donation of Playground Committee

RM presented, on behalf of LCPC, a request for a contribution to Annual Insurance Policy , £319.84 and the Rospa Report Cost £110.40. There was also a request towards the works as identified in the Rospa report classified as 'Medium' risk:

We are proposing to address these items in the Spring once the weather picks up, as such we have no firm quote to date. Based on previous experience of the costs, we have estimated them to be circa £1000-£1,200. As the report states - these are only required to be done, if we have appropriate resources. So which items are done will be based on the level of funding from the PC and we will obtain quotes once we have a commitment either way.

In summary we would appreciate PC funding for the Insurance and Rospa Report total £430.24 plus a contribution to the estimated works at say 50% c£500-600.

RM was asked to leave the room whilst the request was discussed amongst the other members. It was felt that although the LAPC wanted to be seen to support the Playground Committee, they only wanted to donate towards capital expenditure, not revenue costs (see **578.**)

It was proposed that the LAPC would donate £400.00 towards the works in the Playground as required by the ROSPA report. This would only be payable upon completion of these works.

Four members voted for and two abstained. The motion was therefore carried.

580. Dates for next year's meetings

These dates were confirmed.

581. Report from outside meetings

JB reported from the operational flood group in Malmesbury. There are problems with surface water in our area – fields are full and water tables are high. This will affect roads and in the overwhelming of surface drains. It also means that cesspits should be emptied more frequently, since these will also be overflowing.

582. Items for next month's agenda and any other business for information only

- Website
- Cemetery fees and layout

583. Time and Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14th January 2015 in Luckington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

The minutes were taken by Victoria Allman, Clerk to Luckington and Alderton Parish Council.