

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
12th December 2018 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall**

PRESENT

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr J Buckley (JB)

Mr S Evans (SE)

Mr N Neale (NN)

Robert Simpkins (RS)

Parish Council Clerk

Mrs Z Meaden (ZM)

County Councillor

Mr J Thompson

1234 Apologies

Mr Sebastian Lawrence Mills (SLM)

1235 Absent

Mrs S Godwin (SG)

1236 Declaration of interests

None

1237 Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items.

There were no members of the public present.

1238. Confirmation of the last meetings minutes

The minutes from the meeting in November were agreed by the PC and signed by the Chair

1239. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

JH assisted ZM with the rectification of a historic issue with the accounts not balancing. The issue has now been resolved.

1240. Planning

There were no planning applications

1241. Finance

<u>Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Financial Data as at 4th December 2018</u>		
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<u>December payments made</u>		
<u>Bank account balances at the report date:</u>		
	Barclays Current Account	15,955.90
	Barclays Deposit Account	2,845.90
		18,801.80
<u>Payments to be made:</u>		
-	Luckington Village Hall donation	-200.00
-	Z Meaden expenses	-13.63
-	Administration costs	-315.90
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	Balance carried forward	18,272.27

Two cheques were signed

1250. Review Standing Orders

To be reviewed, add to the January agenda and comments sent to to JB for review

1251. Update on grass cutting

The tender applications were reviewed and Malmesbury Mowing were chosen. This was based on the fact that the company is local to the villages and it will be convenient for them to provide an enhanced service. The company has fulfilled all criteria for the tender application. The cost has increased from £2800 for the current contractor to £4200 for Malmesbury Mowing. One councillor abstained to vote, all others were in agreement. SE asked ZM to contact the company to inform them of their success.

1252. Review the budget for 2019/20

A 1% increase on the budget was agreed after a general discussion around whether it was necessary. JB pointed out that in order to stay in line with inflation it would be necessary. One Councillor abstained and one objected

1253. Update on the churchyard project

This is ongoing.

1254. Update on cemetery issues

SLM had a meeting on 5th December to run through the final draft of all the activities and funding in the village needed for the submission of an Application to the HLF. The Next step is running through and liaising with WCC and their Heritage Department and tying in the DAC and we hope to submit the final application to the HLF before Christmas. There have been many hours of input from the team since the Spring and they are

nearing the end of the process. SLM would like to thank the Tomb raisers for all their hard work.

1255. Update on highway issues

JT indicated that the Sopworth Road will be repaired, no specific date but the work is being planned

1256. Update on Luckington Green path

After canvassing for opinion from the villagers estimates were obtained for cobbles and Cotswold path gravel. After a discussion it was decided that there is no budget for the work next year. To be reviewed.

1257. Review the precept application

RMC asked ZM to apply for the precept in line with the agreed budget

1258. Research a power source for the defibrillator

RMC asked ZM to contact Hugo Armitage to discuss

1259. Review costs for a new laptop for the clerk

The costs were reviewed and a laptop was chosen

1260. Report from outside meetings

Nothing was reported

1261. Agree dates for the 2019 meetings

The meeting dates were agreed, RMC asked ZM to book the village halls

1262. Items for the next meetings agenda and any other business for information only

NN asked ZM to research the possibility to have village picket fence at the B4040 road going through the village. NN asked ZM to speak with JT at WCC as he mentioned that we can apply for a subsidy against the cost.

RMC extended a big thankyou to Sue Godwin and Johnny for doing the Christmas lunch for approximately 35 of the elders of the village