

# **LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 AT 7.30PM, IN LUCKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman	Mr A Stopforth (AS)	
Councillors	Mr J Buckley (JB)	
	Mr P Bamford (PB)	Mr N Neale (NN)
	Miss S Godwin (SG)	Mr N Banks (NB)
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs V Avery (VA)	

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### **774. Apologies**

County Councillor – Mr J Thompson  
Councillor – Mr R McCraith

### **775. Declaration of interests**

There were none.

### **776. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items.**

There were no members of the public present.

### **777. Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

### **778. Confirmation of the last meetings minutes**

The minutes from the January meeting were approved

### **779. Parish council to comment on planning schedules and applications:**

#### **Application Ref: 16/00080/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed Garden Studio

At: 3 Church Road, Luckington, Wiltshire, SN14 6PG

***Councillors Supported the application***

### **780. Correspondence received**

#### **Email from Ollie Phipps – Re: Local Transport Consultation.**

Councillors were encouraged to fill in the on line transport consultation survey and the Parish Council encourage all members of the public do the same especially as this is a rural community and many

residents rely on the bus service. The consultation questionnaire can be found here <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/ltp/wiltshire> local transport plan - public transport strategy review.

**Email from Graham Ellis – Re: Future of Local Bus Services**

The Parish Council noted Graham Ellis' email regarding 'Option247', which is a campaign for a change of community transport services.

**Emails from John Cole, Wiltshire Council, Highways**

The Parish Council noted the various notices for road closures around the villages. The notices have been communicated to Tim Guard of Community Matters.

**Email from Ollie Phipps – Re: Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations and Road to Rio {Olympics}**

'Clean for the Queen', 'Street Party' and 'road to Rio Olympics'.

The Parish Council supports the above plans and would like all the Parishioners to be aware if they wish to plan any of the above, there is help and advice available from Wiltshire County Council.

**Email from Sarah Cooksey Wood (Sherston Parish Clerk) – Volunteer Litter Pickers.**

Parish Council noted Sarah's email and reiterate that if there are any volunteers willing to provide a litter picking service, please let the Parish Council know.

**Email from Adrian Hampton, Wiltshire Council - Re: Parish Steward Scheme**

(VA) was asked to contact Adrian Hampton to provide the Councillors with the priority spreadsheet mentioned in his email.

**Emails from Judith Chapman, Verger of St Mary with St Ethelbert's Church, Luckington**

Re: Grade 2 Listed Tombstones in Luckington Churchyard.

Parish Council noted Judith Chapman's concerns about the tombstones and supports her fully in her quest for funds to restore them. PC sympathises and would very much like to see the issue resolved. As Section 106 funding is no longer available councillors suggested whether a possible cheaper or compromised solution could be arranged. Perhaps looking at other larger churchyards to see how they have managed ancient tombs. (VA) to write a letter in support of Judith Chapman's request to Wiltshire County Council.

**Email from John Eldred, The Old Vicarage – Re: Fallen Tree**

Parish Council noted Mr Eldred's concerns. (VA) to report the problem to the Environment Agency and send photos.

**781. Finance**

**Luckington and Alderton Parish Council**

**Financial Data as at 10th February 2016**

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**Bank account balances at the report date:**

Barclays Current Account	7,081.33
Barclays Deposit Account	2,838.32

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**9,919.65**

**Payments for Approval**

Luckington Village Hall Hire	-40.00
Mrs V Avery - Printer Ink	-24.99

**Clerk's Salary paid by Standing Order**

Mrs Victoria Avery	-157.50
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Balance carried forward      **9,697.16**

**782 Dog Fouling**

VA has spoken to the Dog Warden who has put up a couple of signs in and around Luckington to encourage dog owners to clear up dog mess. He has spoken with some dog owners and hopefully the situation in Avon Rise will be greatly improved.

**783 Luckington Bus Shelter**

(PB) has had no positive results from his inquiries to local builders. Therefore (PB) has kindly decided to do the repair works himself and will update the Parish Council at the next meeting.

**784. Cemetery**

Spring Tidy Up day will be arranged at the next Parish Council meeting.

**785. Highways**

Various road closures have been implemented to enable road repairs to take place in and around Luckington and Alderton. As usual, if any member of the public sees a problem with the roads, please use the 'MyWiltshire' App to report it.

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

- Bus Shelter
- Cemetery
- Highways
- Luckington Post Office

(JB) has had a meeting with Mr and Mrs Sykes of the Luckington Post Office and Shop and reports as follows:

Mr and Mrs Sykes have been running the Luckington Post Office and associated shop for over 23 years.

During the past 4-5 years they have been, unsuccessfully, seeking to sell the business and retire.

Reducing customer footfall, changes to the way in which local post office agencies are funded, and increasing use of internet shopping (with associated home deliver), have all contributed to the reducing financial viability of the business.

It is with much regret that Mr and Mrs Sykes wish to inform the Parish Council that they are now intending to retire, and consequently the Post Office and Shop will be closing in the near future. Plans are still being finalised by them to manage the closure of the business, but it will likely occur within the next 6 months.

Mr and Mrs Sykes intend, in due course, to apply for 'change of planning use' for that part of the premises which are currently used for commercial purposes, so that it may be absorbed back into the larger part of the premises for residential use.

We are all aware of the personal commitments and service which Mr and Mrs Sykes have given to many village residents over the years. They frequently go far beyond the 'call of duty' and their actions are probably best described as being 'welfare' and 'community care' activities, although this hardly does justice to what they have done for the village. They now wish to seek the support of the Parish Council in seeking future ways in which the more vulnerable residents of the village can be supported, when they are no longer in a position to do so directly themselves.

(JB) asked that this be placed on next month's Parish Council Agenda for discussion.

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Cc'd letter from Sheilah Michael to James Grey MP. Re: Waiting for road works/repairs to Luckington Lane, Badminton.

(VA) emailed Mrs Michael, who is a Councillor with Badminton Parish Council and copied the recent Notice of Road Closure for Luckington Lane from Wiltshire County Council, in order for them to repair the road. (VA) offered to copy Mrs Michael in on any future notices of road closures/repairs relating to Badminton from Wiltshire County Council as she had had nothing from them regarding this.

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Recent severe weather has damaged several residents' dustbins. If you need a new dustbin or a repair, there is a form you can print off and fill in on the Wiltshire County Council website, [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

**787. Report from outside meetings**

(JB) reported from the 'Tolsey Surgery' meeting that they are still planning to create new premises in Sherston for a larger surgery.

**788. Time and Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Alderton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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