

**LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00pm IN LUCKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT**

Vice Chair Mr N Neale (NN)

Councillors Mr J Buckley (JB)  
Mr R Simpkins (RS)  
Mr S Lawrence-Mills (SLM)  
Mr S Evans (SE)

Parish Council Clerk Mrs V Avery (VA)

There were no members of the public present.

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**1128 Apologies**

County Councillor – Mr J Thompson (JT)

Parish Councillor – Mrs S Godwin (SG)

Chair – Mr R McCraith (RM)

**1129 Declaration of interests**

There were none.

**1130. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items.**

There were no members of the public present.

**1131. Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

(NN) asked if there was an update on the stile which needed fixing. (RS) said he had asked Noel Banks but hasn't seen him for a while. He will do some fencing work in a few weeks time and if the stile hasn't been mended by then, then he will do it.

(NN) asked if there was an update on the requests for 20mph signs near the school. (VA) said this matter was ongoing and will report further at the next meeting.

**1132. Confirmation of the last meetings minutes**

Minutes from the meeting in January were approved and signed.

**1133. Planning**

**Application: 17/10872/FUL**

Proposal: Change to Use of Land to Equestrian and Erection of Three Stables, Tack Room and Hay Store.

At: Land Opposite The Bungalow, Brook End, Luckington, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6PJ

**AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED**

*The Parish Council had no objections*

**Application : 18/00676/TCA**

Proposal: Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Re-pollard Weeping Willow to Previous Pollarding Points

At: Sladbrook House, The Street, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NT

*The Parish Council had no objections.*

#### 1134. Finance

<b>Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Financial Data as at 14th February 2018</b>		
		<b>£</b>
<b>Bank account balances at the report date:</b>		
	Barclays Current Account	14,904.79
	Barclays Deposit Account	2,840.22
		<b>17,745.01</b>
	Alderton Village Hall Hire	-15.00
	Luckington Village Hall Hire	-40.00
	Donation to Friends of Luckington School	-378.31
	Village Hall Donation Re:Seniors Christmas Dinner	-112.50
<b>Clerk's Salary paid by Standing Order</b>	Mrs Victoria Avery	-210.34
<b>Payments Received:</b>	None	
	Balance carried forward	<b>17,156.83</b>

#### 1135. Letter from Wendy Harris, Malmesbury League of Friends Re: Defibrillators

(VA) has asked the Chairman of Alderton Village Hall Committee, Hugo Armitage, if they would be interested in getting a defibrillator, ideally to be attached to the outside of Alderton Village Hall. He was keen to get one for the village and will investigate the costs of getting the hall electricity supply changed as it's currently on a meter. Parish Councillors were pleased with this outcome and look forward to hearing from Mr Armitage.

#### 1136. Application for LAPC Community Grant from Friends of Luckington School

The Parish Council discussed this grant and were all happy that the application met all the Parish Council criteria and were all keen to support the school. (JB) proposed a cheque for £378.31 be drawn up and signed at this meeting (NN) seconded. All agreed.

#### 1137. Email from Anne Pollard, Auditing Solutions Re: Annual Audit

(VA) explained to the PC that in the past there have been two yearly audits. An internal audit conducted by Auditing Solutions and an external audit done by Grant Thornton. The government have now appointed a new external auditor, PFK Littlejohn. However, as this Parish Council is classed as a smaller authority where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure has not exceeded £25,000 in the year ended 31 March 2018, it would be possible to certify as exempt from a limited assurance review. (JB) proposed that the PC certified as exempt as we met all the criteria for this. (NN) seconded and all agreed. (VA) will notify the auditors and prepare the paperwork to be signed at the PC meeting in April.

#### 1138. Update on Luckington Churchyard Tombstones

(SLM) has met with the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council. He would like to help them obtain the funds for the restoration of the tombstones. He shared with the PC the estimated costs for the project. (JB) highlighted again that the Parish Council isn't lawfully able to donate to a church project as it stands. However, as previously stated in meetings, they could possibly help if the tombstone project became an appropriately constituted 'legal entity' with registered charity status (as per the guidance available from The Charity Commission and the Department for Business Innovation and Skills). (RS) suggested that (SLM)

could report back to the PCC that the Parish Council, in principle, would be prepared to donate to the restoration of the tombstones. (SLM) will do this and report back at the next meeting.

**1139. Update on Luckington Cemetery**

(RS) reported that the wall has been repaired however he can't cap the top yet as it has been too cold. He will do so when the weather improves.

**1140 Update on Highways**

(JB) reported that the Parish Steward has been to the village recently and made sure that all the drains were clear.

Good news regarding the Sopworth Road drainage system. The finance for this project has been approved by Bristol Water and Wiltshire County Council. So look forward to the works starting soon.

**1141 Report from Outside Meetings**

There were none.

**1142 Any Other Business**

Last minute planning applications came in which need the Parish Council to comment on before the next PC meeting in March.

**Application Ref: 18/01307/TCA**

For Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: Fell 1 Lawson Cypress Tree

At: The Old Parsonage, Church Road, Luckington

*The Parish Council had no objections*

**Application Ref: 18/00944/FUL**

For Full Planning

Proposal: Erection of grain store and alterations to access track

At: Luckley Farm, Luckington,

*The Parish Council had no objections*

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(SE) has spoken to Bill Spencer who is happy for him to continue clearing the river between Luckington and Alderton as there are lots of blockages. Councillors thanked (SE) for his help.

(RS) brought up the subject of grass cutting. The cemetery needs cutting asap. (JB) asked (VA) to write to AW Services and ask for a list of this seasons cutting dates before the end of February and to also ask him to do the cemetery as soon as possible as a cut was missed at the end of last season.

**1143. Items for next month's agenda**

Cemetery

Highways

Tombstone project

20mph signs

**1144. Time and Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The minutes were taken by Victoria Avery, Clerk to Luckington and Alderton Parish Council.