

**LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm IN ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Chair	Mr R McCraith (RM)
Councillors	Mr J Buckley (JB) Mr R Simpkins (RS) Mr S Lawrence-Mills (SLM) Mr N Neale (NN) Ms S Godwin (SG)
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs V Avery (VA)

There were no members of the public present.

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**1113 Apologies**

County Councillor – John Thompson (JT)  
Parish Councillor – Sam Evans (SE)

**1114 Declaration of interests**

Mr R Simpkins declared an interest in item 8 of the Agenda.

**1115. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items.**

There were no members of the public present.

**1116. Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

(RM) asked if there was any update on the donations to Luckington School. (JB) replied he has been in touch with Jane Henshall who was waiting to get some definite dates for school trips and the cost of coach hire.

(RM) asked if the stile had been fixed yet. It hasn't. Councillors will find out why and report back.

(RM) asked if (VA) had spoken to Mrs Hinds (Luckington School Headmistress) regarding funding for 20mph signs. (VA) has seen Mrs Hinds who gave her a Travel Plan which was created in 2010. The school were hoping to gain some funding for road signs etc. after they submitted the plan but nothing ever came of it. The plan took an enormous amount of effort at the time and relied on volunteer parents to help. Mrs Hinds was reticent to re-do a new travel plan as she doesn't have the means or time to create a new one. However, (JB) very kindly offered to take a look at the plan and see if it could be amended/updated easily. (JB) will report back to the PC.

**1117. Confirmation of the last meetings minutes**

Minutes from the meeting in December were approved and signed.

**1118. Planning**

**Application Ref:** 17/12536/TCA

Application for **Work to Trees in a Cons Area**

**Proposal:-** Re-pollard 1 Weeping Willow to Previous Pruning Points, 30% Reduction to 3 Silver Birch Trees and Fell 2 Ash Trees

**At:** Elizabethan Cottage, Brookside Cottage,, Brook End,, Luckington, SN14 6PJ

The Parish Council had no objections.

It was noted that the Arland House, Alderton, planning application has been declined by the Planning Committee.

#### 1119. Finance

<b>Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Financial Data as at 10th January 2018</b>		
		<b>£</b>
<b>Bank account balances at the report date:</b>		
	Barclays Current Account	15,169.23
	Barclays Deposit Account	2,840.22
		<b>18,009.45</b>
	Luckington Playing Field Charity	
	Re: Defibrillator Pads	-160.80
	Mrs V Avery - A4 and A3 printer paper	-17.49
	Mrs V Avery - Extra Pay	-46.95
<b>Clerk's Salary paid by Standing Order</b>	Mrs Victoria Avery	-210.34
<b>Payments Received:</b>	None	
	Balance carried forward	<b><u>17,573.87</u></b>

#### 1119. Quote from Robert Simpkins Re: Luckington Cemetery Wall

(JB) has been to look at the wall and confirmed that it was in need of urgent repair. All Councillors agreed that this work should be carried out by Robert Simpkins as soon as possible.

#### 1120. Delegated Authority Policy

(JB) recommended a change to the current policy which stands at £400 for the Clerk to delegate an authority without the need for a full Parish Council vote. He suggested a rise to £600 instead. All Parish Councillors agreed. (JB) will send (VA) the Policy to be updated.

#### 1121. Letter from Wendy Harris, Malmesbury League of Friends Re: Defibrillators.

Parish Councillors discussed the proposal that Malmesbury League of Friends would like to purchase defibrillators for the surrounding villages. However, Luckington already has one. There was a general discussion around the possibility of Alderton having one and where it could be placed. (VA) will get in touch with the Chairman of Alderton Village Hall Committee to see if they would be interested in having one attached to the hall. Electricity is a problem however as it is on a meter. (VA) to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

#### 1122. Update on Luckington Cemetery

(VA) has had a request to allocate a burial space for Mrs Wilcox, formerly of Luckington for over 70 years, who passed away recently. (VA) will go to the cemetery next week.

#### 1123. Update on Highways

(JB) has responded to Wiltshire Highways' email regarding the 2018 dates that the Parish Steward will be in the villages. The email arrived too late for (JB) to ask the Parish Steward to carry out emergency works. Highways have formally apologized for this and (JB) has now put in a list of issues that need attention. The Parish Steward will therefore make a special trip to the village to ensure these issues are dealt with. The other problem is that there will be no visit from them in April as it is a Bank Holiday. Highways have now confirmed that they will add another date on for Luckington and Alderton on the first Friday after Easter.

Regarding Sopworth Road floods. There is now a plan and (JB) is hoping there will be confirmation of this shortly.

There is now a final report on the freight surveys for the B4040. This survey was commissioned to find out how many HGVs were using the road and whether action should be taken. To conclude, the vehicles using this road are nearly all local vehicles and the traffic wasn't enough to warrant changes. Therefore they recommend that no further action be taken.

It has been noted that there is a very large pothole on the road to Acton Turville. This has been reported on MyWilts 'app' and will hopefully be repaired as an emergency.

**1124 Report from Outside Meetings**

There were none.

**1125 Any Other Business**

There was a general consensus from the parish council concerning the cars parked around the green in the middle of the village being an ongoing problem. Some of this parking is dangerous, particularly between the Methodist Chapel and The Merchants. The Parish Council requests that people please park sensibly especially at school drop off and pick up times when there are many cars coming into the village to drop children at the bus stop. The Parish Council would also request that people not park in the immediate vicinity of the access gate onto the playing field as this can prevent access by maintenance contractors etc.

**1126. Items for next month's agenda**

Cemetery  
Highways  
Churchyard project  
20mph signs

**1127. Time and Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm in Luckington Village Hall.

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