

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
18th July 2018 at 7.30pm IN ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Chair Mr R McCraith (RM)
Vice Chair Mr N Neale (NN)
Councillors

Mr J Buckley (JB)
Mr S Evans (SE)
Mr R Simpkins (RS)
Ms S Godwin (SG)

Parish Council Clerk Mrs V Avery (VA)
County Councillor Mr J Thompson (JT)

1221 Apologies

Councillor – Mr S Lawrence-Mills

1222 Declaration of interests

Mr S Evans (Councillor) declared an interest in Item 7 planning application no. 18/05872/FUL

1223. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items.

There were no members of the public present

1224. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

1225 Matters Arising from Last Meeting

- Regarding the 20mph signs, (JT) said that the School needed a travel plan in place in order to receive possible funding. (JB) told him that they had been trying to start a conversation with the Head of Luckington School but so far hadn't heard back as they have been extremely busy.

It was suggested that perhaps a Community Policeman could visit the School around drop off and pick up times and give some feedback as to how to improve the situation.

(RS) raised the previous idea of parking by the playground and there was a general conversation around this, see below.

- Proposed conversion of the grassed area in front of the playground being converted to hardstanding parking in order to alleviate the congestion of parked cars around the Village Green at school pick up and drop off times.

(JB) has spoken with Matt Perrott of Wiltshire Highways who has done a site visit. Mr Perrott says that it is Wiltshire Council's land and that they are unlikely to agree to the land being converted to hardstanding. They would need a proposal drawn up together with a plan and details of funding possibilities. (JB) also said that if people were parking on this land already it is an offence. (RS) queried that it was an offence to park there and that if so, how could it be enforced? There was a general discussion between the Councillors. (JB) was asked to forward to the Councillors the specification he has received from Matt Perrott.

(JT) was asked by councillors if he could speak to Matt Perrott and see what would be possible as the car parking is a concern of villagers.

1226. Confirmation of the last meetings minutes

Minutes from the meeting in June were agreed by the PC and signed by the Chair.

1227. Planning

Application Ref: 18/05911/TCA

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

Proposal:- Re-pollard Willow Tree

At: Ford House, Brook End, Luckington, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6PJ

No Objections

Application Ref: 18/06138/TCA

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

Proposal:- Fell 1 Cypress Tree (T1)

At: Pond House, Back Lane, Alderton, Wiltshire, SN14 6NW

No Objections

Application Ref:: 18/05872/FUL

Application for Full Planning

Proposal: New access from property onto B4040. New access from property onto Shallowbrook Lane
New access from field via hunting gate.

At: Shallow Brook, Sherston Road, Luckington, SN14 6PH

(SE) asked if he could give an overview of the above planning application to give the Parish Council more of an idea for the reasons behind the application. This was agreed. The applicant is a vet and works with horses and needs better access and a larger parking area for horse lorries and trailers. Currently access is through a field.

(JB) told the PC that there was some history with the same planning application.

It had previously been turned down by the planning department as the road is fast and dangerous.

(SE) continued to explain why the application had been split into two, however (JB) was unhappy that (SE) was allowed to continue to speak as he had made a declaration of interest. (RM) overruled this and asked (SE) to continue. (SE) said that they knew the first application would probably not be granted as it was clearly a dangerous part of the B4040. The application for this had been put in after discussions with the neighbours. He then left the hall so that Councillors could discuss.

(RS) strongly objected to the application for new access onto the B4040 as it was extremely dangerous and had already been refused by the planning department and the Parish Council.

All Councillors object to the application for access onto the B4040.

There were no objections to new access onto Shallowbrook Lane or from the field via hunting gate.

1228. Finance

Luckington and Alderton Parish Council		
Financial Data as at 18th July 2018		
		£
Bank account balances at the report date:		
	Barclays Current Account	19,110.37
	Barclays Deposit Account	2,843.06
		21,953.43

Payments to be made:		
-	Luckington Village Hall Hire	-40.00
-	Clerk's Salary	-218.50
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	Balance carried forward	<u>21,694.93</u>

1229. Remembrance Day Memorial

Katherine Bennett has written to the Parish Council requesting a possible donation of £200 in order to fund a permanent memorial for Remembrance Day on 11th November.

(RM) showed a model of the memorial to the Council and all agreed to donate £200. (VA) was asked to find out who the cheque needed to be made out to.

1230. Access across the Village Green

(SE) has very kindly drawn up a draft plan to reinstate a path across the Village Green. (JB) said due to the dry weather the old path has become noticeable and he dug a couple of inches and found pre-existing gravel. They now need to work out costings. All Parish Councillors are keen to pursue this. (JB) suggested we contact Tim Guard and ask him to put it out on Community Matters to see what residents felt and perhaps give them two options? There was a general discussion about this and some work needs to be done to see what options would be best.

1231 The appointment of a new Clerk

(RM) and (JB) have recently interviewed Zoe Meaden (who was present at this meeting). She was asked to leave the hall in order for the Councillors to have a discussion.

She came across in the interview as extremely efficient and knowledgeable. She would need to have her expenses paid if travelling to the Parish outside of the normal monthly meetings as she lives in Trowbridge.

(RM) asked the PC if they were happy to pay two salaries for August as they would like (VA) to handover to Zoe Meaden during August and also attend the September meeting with her. All agreed.

Zoe was asked to come back into the meeting and (RM) said they would like to offer her the job of Parish Clerk and she agreed. (VA) will arrange to meet with her shortly to handover.

1232 Update on the Churchyard Project

There was an email sent out by (SLM) that they had managed to raise over £1,000 so far which was excellent news. (JT) was thanked by the Parish Council for his donation to get the ball rolling.

1233. Update on Grass Cutting

(SE) has spoken to the grass cutter and they have concerns about some low hanging branches on the trees on the village green and wondered if these could be cut back. There was a general discussion and it was agreed that these should be cut back.

1234 Update on Luckington Cemetery

(VA) reported that there had been a recent request for a double plot for the cremated remains of Ronald and Dorothy Marshall. (VA) had been in touch with the funeral directors and organised a new plot. (VA) had been made aware that there wasn't currently any space allocated in the cemetery for cremated remains. Could the PC possibly consider this for the future? She will bring the Cemetery scroll, layout plans and book to the next PC meeting in September.

1235. Update on Highways

There are two road closures coming up. The B4040 from Hollis Gardens to the Village Hall will be closed from 6th to 8th August in order to mend the huge drain and mainhole.

From 29th to 31st July the road near the rail track at Alderton will be closed.

Still no dates for the Sopworth Road site. (JB) asked (JT) to see if he could check with Highways for them.

1236. Report from Outside Meetings

(RM) attended the Village Hall AGM and all was going well with finances good and there were no issues.

1237. Any Other Business

There was none.

1238. Items for next month's agenda

Cemetery

Highways

Churchyard Project

Alderton Defibrillator

1239. Time and Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 in Luckington Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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