

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Meetings**

Present

Chair

Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Mr Sam Evans (SE)

Mr Seb Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Dr Sheona Beaumont (SB)

1661. Apologies for Absence

Robert Simpkins (RS).

1662. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1663. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

No members of the public had requested access to the meeting.

1664. Public Question Time

There were none.

1665. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2020

The minutes were agreed, to be signed by RMC.

1666. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None to report.

1667. Correspondence Received

None received.

1668. To review and comment on Planning Applications

a) Planning Application Number: 20/11416/DP3 (Luckington Primary School)

Renewed planning permission for an existing single mobile classroom. There were no objections.

b) Planning Application Number: 20/11096/LBC (Luckington Manor Stables)

Internal alterations and installation of 2 rooflights. There were no objections.

c) Planning Application Number: 21/00044/FUL (Avondale, Brook End, Luckington)

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of three-storey detached house and double garage. A discussion took place regarding this application, the Parish Council having been notified of two objections raised by neighbours. Concern was raised over the bigger prospect, including overlooking windows and heightened roof line, which were considered out of keeping with nearby dwellings. Concern was also raised over the proposed flood defences, and whether the impact of these on flood risk and river course beyond the plot had been considered. JB also raised the issue of due procedure, as neighbours had not been notified of this application by Wiltshire Council, nor had notices been put up. JT confirmed that this constitutes a breach of Council obligations. In light of these concerns, Council voted to object to this application, considering that returning to the 2018 application offers a way forward (JB reminded Council that an earlier version of this plan was discussed in November 2018, and approved on the condition that the then-proposed car port be reconsidered). SB to write to the planning department requesting notices and letters as due process, and a re-set on the application consultation window so that neighbours can be properly informed.

d) Planning Application Number: 20/08569/FUL (6 The Bell Field, Luckington)

A revised application for dormer window to front roofslope, and porch to front elevations. The Council, having objected to this application in November 2020, felt that their previous comments had not been adequately considered, and therefore that they would object again. From their previous comments: *It is known that other planning applications have been made for similar alterations to this application and been refused. Other additions have been made to the rear of these properties, not the front. It is felt this would set a precedent for these houses, which is not necessarily in keeping with how they were built, relatively recently.* SB to respond accordingly.

1669. Follow up on decision for LAPC planning application 20/11044/TCA (Luckington Village Green)

JB and SE confirmed that approval was received 3rd February. JB planning to do the work in due course, weather permitting. JB to notify Whitewalls when done.

1670. Update on Financial Issues

a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary. The following payments were agreed:

- Society for Local Council Clerks annual membership: £120.00
- £500 grant for Luckington Children's Playground Charity (SB confirmed receipt of invoice from Jon Hunter detailing tree works done in Luckington Playground, and conveyed his thanks to LAPC for supporting this work).

Agreed by all, RMC and SLM will sign the cheques.

1671. Census

SB to email Tim with census promotional material and wording.

1672. Wiltshire Council Local Plan and Gypsy & Traveller's Plan Consultation

The Council voiced their concern that our area has neither the infrastructure nor a nearby constabulary to meet the impact of this potential increase in the local population.

1673. Wiltshire Council elections and proposed recharging of election costs to towns and parishes (from 2022-23)

JT reported on the long-standing campaign not to recharge election costs, considering this proposal a retrograde step, effectively taxing people to vote when the money would be better spent on delivering local services. It further undermines the rationale for becoming a unitary, where costs are saved by holding elections

coterminous with local authority elections. SB to write to Cllr Philip Whitehead (Leader of the Council), cc Cllr Pauline Church (Cabinet Member for Finance), expressing concerns.

1674. Highways Update

JB notified that a fallen crossroads warning sign at Alderton has been reported, as had a broken streetlight at Northend. Finger post signs in the Alderton area are also needing attention, but costs are prohibitive (min £1500). JT suggested aluminium posts, but JB confirmed costs apply here too, and pointed Councillors to the website for details (<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-works-cost>). All Councillors are to action the reporting of these posts via the MyWilts app.

Noting that a response on the speed sign continues to be unforthcoming, the Parish Council requested that SB write to Cllr Bridget Wayman (Cabinet member for Highways, Transport & Waste).

It was also noted that the hole reported at the last meeting has been promptly dealt with.

1675. Report from Outside Meetings

None to report.

1676. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

SG raised a query about the removal of a double mirror on the B4040, near Vipers Lodge. JT confirmed it was simply a matter of due process that the person concerned was told take it down, write to the LAPC, and then apply to Highways.

SG also raised concerns about speeding lorries on the B4040, on the 50mph stretch. JT advised lorry reporting to the company concerned if it was possible to note down registration details, or an Area Board application for a 'slow horses' sign.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.