

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall**

Present

Chair

Richard McCraith (RMC)

Vice Chair

Nigel Neale (NN)

Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Parish Clerk: Dr Sheona Beaumont (SB)

WPC Jo Phelps and PCSO Juliet Evans

2079. Apologies for Absence

Nic Johnson-Greening and Sue Godwin.

2080. Declaration of interests

There were none.

2081. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There was no discussion.

2082. Public Question Time

WPC Jo Phelps and PCSO Juliet Evans confirmed their intentions with regard to recent conversations (with Councillors and local residents), in respect of which the Parish Council would like to issue the following statement:

Luckington and Alderton Parish Councillors have been approached by locals expressing concerns, or who have been upset by recent public comments circulating within our community. These comments seek to target specific individuals who reside locally. The comments have been viewed by many as being divisive, emotive, unhelpful, and often inaccurate.

The Parish Council has responsibilities in respect of community safety and is now in consultation with Wiltshire Police and other appropriate agencies to consider options and review the events of recent months.

Parish Councillors would ask all of those within our community to refrain from speculating or making any inappropriate comments at this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

2083. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

2084. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none. RMC notified the Council of a meeting he his attending later this month at Luckington School re. grass-cutting the playing field. MS to enquire re. Wiltshire Council/educational responsibilities.

2085. Correspondence received

There was none.

2086. The following planning applications were considered:

- a) PL/2024/00007: PULENS, CHURCH ROAD, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PG (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). There were no objections.

2087. Update on Financial Issues

- a) To agree payments as follows:
£112 (SLCC annual membership fee)

The payments were approved. RMC and JB to action.

2088. Cemetery

It was reported that the gate to the triangle of land to the west of the cemetery has been replaced. The Council expressed their thanks to Robert Simpkins.

2089. Highways update

JB reported ongoing attention to local potholes, especially along the Rathole following the tree falling down. Reporting continues to be encouraged via the MyWilts app: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting.

2090. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none.

2091. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

SB reported the news from the SLCC that the law will be changed with regards to Parish Councils making donations to places of worship, information to be circulated. MS noted that there have been a number of local robberies, including in Sherston, residents are advised to make sure outhouses, fuel tanks, cars and garages are checked and locked.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.