

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 10th March 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)

1677. Apologies for Absence

Robert Simpkins (RS).

1678. Declaration of interests

SE for the Planning Application 21/01658/FUL (Mayfield, Luckington).

1679. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

Emma and Paul Melling attended. They expanded on their planning application (21/01385/FUL below), confirming intention to keep height low, in line with current house, and that neighbours are informed. RMC also confirmed conversations with one neighbour who approves, and another who does not. The Council were invited by RMC to consider the application and neighbours concerns at this point in the meeting. After a brief discussion, Council voted to approve the application with no objections.

1680. Public Question Time

There were none.

1681. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2021

The minutes were agreed, to be signed by RMC.

1682. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The circulated response from the Development Department at Wiltshire Council was noted by JB. JB also confirmed the tree work done on Luckington's Village Green, and the crossroads sign replaced at Alderton.

The state of fingerposts locally was again noted. In the light of Council costs to replace finger posts, JT advised approaching local joinerys for an alternative solution. SB and SE to approach Zeal Woodcraft (Sherston), Moulder Joinery (Easton Grey) and Mike Heal (Pinkney) for quotations, with SE available for site visit and/or further consultation if necessary. Specific requirements to include the use of hardwood, aluminium priming, and oil-based undercoats and topcoats.

1683. Correspondence Received

a) Email responses from Cllrs Philip Whitehead and Pauline Church thanking LAPC for our comments on proposed recharging of future election costs.

b) A request to respond with comments to Andrew Riddick (on behalf of Beverly and Emily Pateman) in regard to his Highways Improvement Request Form (see 1688 below).

1684. To review and comment on Planning Applications

a) Planning Application Number: 21/01896/TCA (Pond House, Alderton)

2.5 Metre Crown Reduction to Cherry Tree. There were no objections.

b) Planning Application Number: 21/01385/FUL (Riparian House, Luckington)

Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. As above (1679), there were no objections.

c) Planning Application Number: 21/01658/FUL (Mayfield, Luckington)

SE stepped out of the meeting for this item. Erection of detached residential annex, including extension to garden. RMC reported that neighbours have been consulted, with no concerns raised. The Council were impressed by the thoughtful approach to community impact, and the provision for need and practicality. Full support was given.

1685. Update on Financial Issues

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

- WALC audit training for the Clerk: £36.00

Agreed by all, RMC and SLM will sign the cheque. SB raised the outstanding payment to John Miller (Community Payback) raised in March last year, and remaining unposted (£75). After confirmation that this was not issued because the work was not done, it was agreed to cancel this as an outgoing payment, SB to action for the accounts. SB also requested approval for engaging Auditing Solutions again this year, Council approved. SB further requested that the ability to make payments online from LAPC accounts be investigated, having reported from a recent training session that several parish councils have this set up (with 2- or 3-step verification processes to include designated Councillors). RMC/SB to approach Barclays in the first instance.

1686. Elections

RMC reminded Councillors about the notice period of election, and the nomination process (8th April deadline). A question was raised about whether nomination papers can be delivered in bulk, SB to find out. A discussion highlighted the need to make this an open and transparent process for the whole community, as well as welcoming new nominations. Councillors to encourage others who may be considering standing, SB to publicise online and through the Community Newsletter, RMC to send SB a brief report of Council's work for the website.

The date of the annual meeting following the elections was raised for discussion, and set for 19th May instead of the 12th (due to legislation requiring three days from election results on the 10th). At present this meeting's venue is unconfirmed – legislation for remote meetings runs out on 7th May, but as yet, the village halls are not available for booking.

1687. Cemetery tidy-up day

SB reported a broken section on the cemetery gate. Council requested that SB include this as a repair job on the quotes being sought for the fingerposts. SB also advised that a burial plot has been requested in the cemetery, and subject to receipt of fees will be granted near Philip Shimwell's grave. In light of COVID restrictions, the tidy-up day for the cemetery will be re-considered at a later date.

1688. Comments request re. Shallowbrook Lane blindspot

JB raised a question over the form being used for this request, and over the use of mirrors which are discouraged on current Council pages. JT confirmed that Highways are aware of this location, and confirmed that mirrors may still be employed if deemed the best solution. Council agreed that the location was a difficult exit for local residents, presenting a dangerous aspect, and gave their support to the application. SB to respond.

1689. Highways Update

JB confirmed that the Steward has recently attended to various potholes, drains (including opp. the old PO in Luckington), and edges.

1690. Report from Outside Meetings

None to report.

1691. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

JT reported that the Malmesbury Area Grant had awarded £1,900 to Luckington Playground.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.