

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall**

Present

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Mr Sam Evans (SE)

Mr Sebastian Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Mr Robert Simpkins (RS)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

1446. Apologies for Absence

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

1447. Declaration of interests

SE in relation to Planning Application 19/10990/FUL, The Watershed, Luckington.

1448. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

Fran Coles, from Brookend, Luckington attended the meeting to discuss the Brookend application to Wessex Water to be put onto mains drainage. There is new legislation coming in in the new year, which means that all but two septic tanks in Brookend would need to be upgraded/replaced. There are many issues in Brookend as well regarding flooding and this causes many issues with the septic tanks which are currently in place.

A number of residents of Brookend are working together to look at the possibility of having mains drainage installed and Fran asked the Parish Council whether they would be prepared to write a letter of support in relation to their application. The application process can take between 3-5 years.

JB advised that there are issues relating to flooding in Brookend dating back to 2002 and before. He will share many historical documents with Fran regarding this. There are several options of where Brookend could go into mains drainage, but there are challenges, not least that the middle of Brookend is higher than either of the ends.

The Parish Council said they would be more than happy to support Fran Coles and the other residents of Brookend in their application. CK would liaise with Fran on this.

1449. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1450. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November

The minutes were agreed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair.

1451. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Winter Weather Provisions – Noel Banks collected on the 22nd of November? As SG was not at the meeting this needs to be confirmed. CK has made a request for the six grit bins to be refilled throughout the Parish.

Village Hall Bookings for 2020 – these have been confirmed and that meetings will continue to start at 7.30pm.

Defibrillator for Alderton – Monies were received back from Malmesbury League of Friends in November.

Senior Citizens Lunch – 10th December – Held yesterday, and very successfully! Over 30 turned up and truly appreciated the amazing effort that Sue and Johnny had put into organizing the event. RMC will confirm with SG whether the agreed donation of up to £150 would be needed.

1452. Correspondence Received

- a) Fran Coles letter regarding application for mains drainage in Brookend, covered in point 1448.
- b) Sainsbury Solar Share Offer – JB advised a minimum of £100 needs to be invested, a return of 5% only if targets are met. LAPC would not take this one up.
- c) Luckington Church Splash Out Campaign – request for a donation of £100, as had previously been discussed by the LAPC. JB abstained. RS proposed and SE seconded. CK will raise the cheque.

1453. To review and comment on Planning Applications

SE left the room while the discussion took place. The plans were reviewed and discussed by all. The general agreement was that it was a good move to go from the building being used as office space to being residential. The concerns which were raised were in relation to parking, as around the area there are limited areas to park and there is a history of complaints regarding parking in that area. Also raised was the question of the roof lights which were due to be installed facing over The Merchants and whether this would cause any issues. The LAPC was generally supportive of the application. CK will respond accordingly.

1454. Update on Financial Issues

- a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary - agreed and the four cheques were duly signed by RMC and NN.

1455. 20mph in place during school start and finish

SLM confirmed that he had met with the Head of Luckington School and had passed on information provided by RMC and CK regarding previous Travel Plans. The Head now needs to work on a revised Travel Plan to enable this application/process to move forward.

RMC advised that he will attend the Malmesbury Area Board meeting, which is due to be held on the 28th of January, where a discussion will take place regarding the two new speed cameras which have been purchased by The Area Board and where they would be trialled and when. JB advised RMC that he should push to trial both speed cameras, if possible, and this should not happen in school holidays, otherwise the data obtained would not be as useable.

SLM asked whether it would be possible for a sign saying Dead Slow to be put up around the double bend in the centre of Luckington, as the driving through that area is such an issue. JB advised it is unlikely to be possible, mainly due to where the sign would be located and the potential distractions it may cause.

1456. Update on Cemetery Issues and Autumn Tidy Up

CK advised that cross checking of the Graves and Deaths has now been completed. During the 1990s and 2000s deaths were registered in what appears to be a correct way, but these deaths were then not input into the Grave Spaces. This is now being rectified and although some more work is required to fully update for this missing information and a final check with the cemetery, the information is now substantially more complete and accurate.

There were two burials in the month, Reg Johnson and Margaret Spackman.

RMC and SE met with Doug and Dave from the Community Payback team and talked through the work which could be completed. There would be 8 people attending and they would need a day's work. This would not be necessary for what the Parish Council requires, so conversations have been had with Luckington and Alderton Parochial Church Councils and the Playground Committee. A comprehensive list of what needs to be done has now been collated and this was discussed at the meeting, with a few adjustments needing to be made. This will now be passed through to the Community Payback team and a date will then be agreed for the work to be carried out. JB asked that CK check with the Parish Council Insurers Zurich, to ensure that this did not compromise the Parish Council Insurance, before final go ahead is given. This will be completed.

1457. Update on Highways Issues

JB updated the Parish Council. No progress has been made on Sopworth Lane French Drain, in spite of the reassurances received last month.

The Gully Sucker was in the Parish this month and went through all areas which were needing attention and many more! So far so good.

Dave Catley the Parish Steward has also been through the Parish this month, in fact twice. He has cleared many and various drains and the Rathole, unfortunately it still flooded afterwards.

Grit Bins and refilling/maintenance. CK has been round them and the map of where they are located in the Parish has been circulated. CK will now photograph the bins which require attention, as JB has been advised that there is someone working through the area clearing issues relating to Grit Bins. The issues will be reported by CK on the My Wilts App. The yellow bins are owned by Wiltshire Council and if there are problems with them, then Wiltshire should replace them. The blue bins are not owned by the Council, so if they require refilling/maintenance that falls to the Parish Council.

1458. Report from Outside Meetings

JB advised he continued to work on any potential flooding issues.

SE advised that there had been a Luckington Playground Meeting the previous evening and they had confirmed that they are going ahead with the wildflower planting and Jack Derrick has been asked to stop the grass cutting in the 'orchard'. The planting of Wildflower Areas had been highlighted in the Highways Newsletter this month; it was noted.

SLM advised that the Sir Stuart Menzies talk in November had been a huge success, hugely oversubscribed, and was the first of several events in relation to the monies received for the Tombstone Restoration. The next main event would be in June 2020 combining the Open Gardens and a Nick Burridge Photo Exhibition.

1459. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

RS advised that Luckington Village Hall may be applying for a donation around February. JB said that Luckington Pre-School may also be applying for a donation in the new year and RMC said that FOLS would be doing similarly in February or March.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.