

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 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)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Sebastian Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

1492. Apologies for Absence

Robert Simpkins (RS).

1493. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1494. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1495. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1496. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February

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

1497. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Flood Plan has yet to be located and loaded on the LAPC website. CK to action

JB has kindly resolved the issue of the overhanging branches around the light opposite the village hall, so SSE were not required to be involved. Many thanks to JB.

1498. Correspondence Received

a) Invitation to take part in Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition 2020

CK to pass this on through Community Matters to find out whether a resident or residents are willing to take this on.

b) Briefing Note 20-10 A summary of the governments £220m 'better deal for bus users'

CK to respond and ask that additional buses earlier in the morning and later into the evening, as well as a better provision at weekends, be considered for Luckington and Alderton.

c) Briefing Note 20-11 Working in partnership with Town and Parish Councils

Wiltshire Council are asking for information from Town and Parish Councils in relation to the Rural Facilities Survey and a Survey on Open Space and Green Infrastructure. The Rural Facilities Survey will be discussed later, the other Survey is currently unknown. More information will be sought.

1499. To review and comment on Planning Applications

a) 1, The Pyghtell, Luckington, Application Number 20/00960/FUL and Application Number 20/02010/TCA (a late application received in relation to 1, The Pyghtell) work required to a tree in a conservation area.

These were discussed and it was agreed to support both applications.

b) 3, The Pyghtell, Luckington, Application Number 20/01011/FUL

This was discussed and the LAPC raised no objections but raised questions in relation to 1. The size of the footprint on the plot and 2. The proposed dormer windows and the impact of these overlooking their neighbours.

c) Carriers Farm, Luckington, Application Number 20/01294/FUL

The LAPC supported this application.

1500. Update on Financial Issues

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

1501. 20mph in place during school start and finish

There was no update on this. SLM will follow up with David Cook, the Head of Luckington School regarding the Travel Plan.

1502. Camera Speed Trial Update

JT advised that a further discussion had been had at the Area Board Meeting and there had been three parishes who had presented very strong cases as to why their parish would benefit from trialling a speed camera. So the Area Board had decided to purchase a further speed camera, therefore all three parishes would now benefit, including Luckington and Alderton. Further details will follow.

1503. Rural Facilities Survey

JB and Jane Buckley had been kind enough to complete these for Luckington and Alderton. The surveys were discussed at the meeting and while it was felt there were some issues with the survey itself, the information that had been provided was fair. These will be submitted by CK.

1504. Update on Cemetery Issues and Spring Tidy Up

CK advised that there are no burials currently planned for March. CK advised that the Spring Tidy up has started already. The Community Payback teams were in the villages on the 6th and 7th of March and carried out a lot of work in both Luckington and Alderton Churchyards, as well as the Playground and Playing Field Areas. Still to be completed is the work within the cemetery and other Parish Council land. This is due to take place on the 20th and 21st of March.

1505. Update on Highways Issues

JB advised on Highways Issues.

Sopworth Road – two new drains have been installed and the area has now been resurfaced. An excellent job has been done by all. Hazel Flood has also been in touch to pass on her thanks. JB will also get in touch with Matt Perrott to pass on thanks from the Parish Council.

Damage to the verge by the school – Dave Catley (Parish Steward) is going to be carrying out the work on this soon.

30mph signs at the Acton Turville end of the village. These have been delayed due to the person dealing with them being off work for some time with illness. The signs have arrived in the depot and JB is awaiting confirmation of an installation date. It may well be April, when the work on flooding has been completed.

The interactive speed camera at the top of the hill coming into Luckington from Acton Turville - has not been working for some time. This has been raised with Matt Perrott who has handed it on to the Highways Route Manager to determine who is responsible for this and its repair.

Drain on Church Road – JB had a call with Matt Perrott this morning and while this problem had previously been resolved, several years ago, it is now an issue again. It is with Public Health Wiltshire to determine what needs to be done to resolve.

1506. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none to report.

1507. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

RMC asked whether the Parish Council should be doing anything more regarding Coronavirus. It was felt that this was not possible as it is beyond the Parish Council's remit. However, it would potentially be necessary to review the next LAPC meeting and how/where this should be held. JT advised that the main aim at the moment with regard to Coronavirus is to delay the major escalation until after the end of March, when the NHS should be better able to cope.

Grass cutting – SE would talk to Jack Derrick regarding the start of this, prior to next month's meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.