

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Alderton Village Hall**

Present

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Vice-Chair

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Mr Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Parish Clerk: Dr Sheona Beaumont (SB)

1831. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

1832. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1833. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There were none.

1834. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1835. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2022

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

1836. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none. RMC confirmed that the Luckington defib was serviced by Playing Field Committee in April 2022, but has not received confirmation of its insurance status.

1837. Correspondence received:

- a) Lucy Hay, Secretary to Malmesbury League of Friends (19/04/22), with offer of assistance for those facing financial hardship:

“We are becoming increasingly aware that, with the recent massive increase in the cost of heating fuel and food, many families and individuals may face serious hardship in the months ahead. So if, in the course of your parish council duties, you hear of any such individuals or families, and you think it appropriate, then please feel free to pass their details on to us.

When we receive such requests, one of my colleagues will send an application form to the individual/family for completion and return, then one of the Trustees will visit the applicant(s) where they would undertake a sensitive assessment of their individual financial circumstances. These would then be considered for support at our next meeting (which take place on alternate, odd months of the year).”

For further information please contact the Chair David Hide (davidhide@hotmail.co.uk). Councillors were asked to share this information with anyone they might be aware of. SB to include in minutes.

- b) Deborah Bourne letter of introduction as new County Officer for Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (26/04/22). New contact details: dbourne@communityfirst.org.uk.

1838. Update on Financial Issues

a) To agree the following payments:

- £8.95. Clerk expenses (postage).
- £264.00. Auditing Solutions fee
- £336.00. JD Estate & Garden Management for grass-cutting.

All approved, SB to send out details, RMC and NN to action.

b) Confirmation of completed audit for 2021/2022. The completed audit was accepted by the Councillors who thanked the Clerk for her work. All was in order, with no recommendations to implement.

1839. Cemetery land registration update

JB has written to Loxley's, awaiting reply.

1840. Jubilee celebrations update

Promotional posters are going up around the village. SB to link SG with Katherine Bennett.

1841. Highways update

JB reported the following:

- Drain opposite the Old Chapel: investigations still to follow.
- Email reminder to Highways about July for Shallowbrook Lane scalpings & planings.
- Carrier's Farm re. vehicles on the field, Enforcement Officer and Environment Agency engaged.

1842. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none.

1843. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

MS asked if Councillors were aware of any families wanting to host Ukraine refugees, with a Malmesbury group connecting people and a Wiltshire Council meeting on 16th May. MS/SB to email with further info.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.