

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Meetings**

Present

Chair

Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Sam Evans (SE)

Mr Seb Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

1610. Apologies for Absence

Robert Simpkins (RS).

1611. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1612. New Clerk

RMC and NN interviewed four people for the post. They had agreed that Sheona Beaumont (SB) was best suited to the role and they felt she should be recommended to the Parish Council to become Parish Clerk. JB proposed, SLM seconded and all agreed. It was also agreed that CK and SB would both be paid for the month of November. SB joined the meeting. SB was welcomed by all.

1613. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

No members of the public had requested access to the meeting.

1614. Public Question Time

There were none.

1615. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of October

The minutes were agreed and signed by RMC.

1616. Matters Arising from the Minutes

CK advised she needed to put something together regarding accessibility to the website, to circulate and then post on the website. This will be done in November.

1617. Correspondence Received

None received.

1618. To review and comment on Planning Applications

a) Planning Application Number: 20/09375/TCA. Pedlars Rest, Northend, Luckington. Remove 30 Leylandii. There were no objections.

b) Planning Application Number: 20/08569/FUL. 6, The Bell Field, Luckington. Dormer window and Porch on the front of the building. A discussion took place regarding this application as other applications have been made for the houses on the Bell Field, for similar changes, and they have been refused. It was felt that the Parish Council could not support this application, as the houses had been recently built and additions have not been made to them. If this application was to be agreed, it would set a precedent for this area. CK will respond accordingly.

1619. Update on Financial Issues

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

- Catherine Keegan, Phone, Stamps and Back Pay £28.10
- Jack Derrick grass cutting for October - £504
- Catherine Keegan – Zoom Subscription £143.88
- Alderton Duck Pond Donation - £200

Agreed by all, RMC and SLM will sign the cheques.

1620. Absence of Leave Request

RS has requested an absence of leave from Parish Council meetings. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

1621. Budget Setting and Precept

It was agreed to move this to be discussed in December, when the Grass Cutting Tenders had been received and more was known regarding the cost of this for the next two years.

1622. Camera Speed Trial Update

RMC advised that there was not much to update on. They were working, though not very well, mainly due to being solar powered. This will be discussed again in March.

1623. Update on Prescription Collection and Delivery for Residents in Luckington, Alderton, Badminton, Didmarton and Sopworth

JB updated the Parish Council that he had been in touch with the Tolsey Surgery and since lockdown rules are different this time, the consequential demands on the surgery are also different. We are in ongoing contact with the surgery and they will advise us if demand is such that volunteer deliveries are again requested.

1624. Update on Cemetery Issues

CK advised there were no updates regarding the cemetery.

1625. Grass Cutting Tender and Update on Grass Cutting

SE advised that he had 5 contractors who were interested in tendering for the Grass Cutting Contract for 2021/2022. There had been one received so far. CK had chased the remainder and reminded of the deadline of the 27th of November.

1626. Update on Highways Issues

JB advised that the 30mph/Luckington signs outside of SG's house had now finally been replaced. There was a huge improvement, so many thanks to the Highways department for their help with this. Unfortunately there were no more updates to report on other outstanding items, the verge near the school, the drain on Church Road and the interactive speed sign.

1627. Report from Outside Meetings

SLM wished to update the Parish Council regarding the book which Nick Burrige has produced, with the help of many in the village, called Luckington and Our Neighbours. It is now available in the Luckington Shop for £15 and the proceeds are going to the Splash Out Campaign being run by the Church.

SLM also advised that sadly a window in Luckington church had been damaged, as had two other churches in the Gauzebrook Group.

JB advised that he was part of the Flood Committee and while meetings have not been held for a while, they are now looking to go online, so hopefully a meeting would take place soon.

1628. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

JB advised that the Census should be discussed at the next meeting. Material was already being circulated.

RMC wished to thank Catherine Keegan for all her hard work and looked forward to working with Sheona Beaumont.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.