

**LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 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)

Mr Robert Simpkins (RS)

**Parish Clerk**

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

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**1475. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor John Thomson (JT) – the Parish Council send their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to John who has been very ill with pneumonia.

**1476. Declaration of interests**

RS regarding the Village Hall Donation request, agenda point 7g.

**1477. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**1478. Public Question Time**

There were no questions.

**1479. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> of January**

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

**1480. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Brookend Application for Mains Sewage – CK has sent a letter of approval from the Parish Council to Fran Coles for her to use within Brookend's application to go onto mains drainage. JB also advised that Fran has accessed and downloaded the information which he has sent her to help with their application.

CK has also sent an email to Community Matters for distribution, regarding the My Wiltshire App. This will be distributed in due course.

#### **1481. Correspondence Received**

- a) Open Space and Green Infrastructure Survey – Wiltshire Council. The basic information regarding this has been received, but the survey has not yet been received. As and when it is CK should respond that there have been no changes in the four years since the previous survey.
- b) The Great British Spring Clean – the Parish Council accepted this was an excellent initiative, unfortunately at this time it was not possible for the Parish Council to support this.
- c) Briefing Note 20-03 Consultation Events in Salisbury
- d) Briefing Note 20-04 Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan, Receipt of Report
- e) Briefing Note 20-05 Community Area Transport Groups Survey
- f) Briefing Note 20-06 Young Carers Awareness Day 30<sup>th</sup> January

All the above were noted by LAPC, but they are not relevant to the Parish Council.

- g) Request from Luckington Village Hall for a donation of £200 towards the refurbishment of the kitchen area.

RS excused himself from the room, while the discussion took place. The issue regarding this request is with timing. The Village Hall asked for another donation in April 19, so according to the LAPC Donations Policy another donation is not possible during the current financial year. However, the Village Hall needs to carry out this work while there are minimal bookings for the Village Hall, which is during February half term. Therefore, JB proposed that the donation be made to Luckington Village Hall in this financial year, however it would not then be possible for the Village Hall to approach LAPC for a further donation until at least April 2021. This was agreed and CK will raise the cheque.

#### **1482. To review and comment on Planning Applications**

None have been received.

#### **1483. Update on Financial Issues**

- a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary - agreed and the cheque was duly signed by RMC and SLM.

#### **1484. 20mph in place during school start and finish**

SLM updated the LAPC that David Cook, Head of Luckington School, has now completed the parent survey of the school and is collating the results. He will advise the LAPC when he has the results. JB said he would also send SLM details he has regarding reasons that 20mph should be installed around the school, for his reference.

#### **1485. Camera Speed Trial Update**

RMC attended the Area Board meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, where the Camera Speed Trial was discussed. Also attending this meeting were representatives from the company who provide these cameras and the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner.

The Area Board has purchased two cameras and is looking for two different sites to locate the cameras. Parish and Town Councils have been asked to apply to be part of the trial. The cameras are not able to be used as enforcement. LAPC is looking to apply for the trial to assist the school in its plan for introducing a 20mph zone in the village at school drop off and pick up times.

RMC has asked JB to look at compiling the bid for trialling a camera and JB updated the Parish Council on what he had found out in the interim.

1. The cameras the Area Board have purchased are supplied by 'AutoSpeedWatch' and are powered by solar power. The 'AutoSpeedWatch' website states: "It's solar powered so does not operate at night or

if light levels are low. It won't always record every speeder every time (for example if other traffic makes it difficult to distinguish offending from non-offending traffic), and it isn't (doesn't need to be) Home Office 'type approved' equipment for the purposes of issuing penalties".  
(<https://store.autospeedwatch.org>)

2. Siting and mounting of the camera. There are many restrictions in place about where they can be sited and JB is uncertain where it would be possible to site a camera in Luckington. The AutoSpeedWatch website states: 'Selection of where to install the monitoring unit is **crucial** to the successful operation of AutoSpeedWatch. You should have the permission of the local council and/or the Highways Agency, for attaching the monitoring box to any roadside furniture/poles/etc. The unit needs to be placed as close as possible to the carriageway without causing a strike hazard to vehicles, pedestrians, or other road users, and should be less than 4m from the centre of the lane being monitored. If mounted on or near a pedestrian footpath, then ensure that the monitoring box is placed to prevent injury to people passing (at a height of 2.2m or more). It should also be at least 60m from a change of speed boundary, and have at least 40m of reasonably straight line-of-sight visibility of the traffic, both before and after. Check that foliage will not obscure its view as it grows. It must be mounted on a vertical pole, or similar, so that the top of the unit is horizontal. The unit is IP54 rated meaning that it is designed to prevent harmful ingress of water spray provided that it is installed according to these instructions.  
'The unit requires a good view of the sky to recharge with the solar panel **in direct sunlight**. The installation position should therefore be free of overhanging bushes or trees, or any building, structure or other object that might reduce or shade sunlight reaching the top of the unit. Think about how the sun tracks across the sky and how the unit will receive light. The unit also needs to communicate over any mobile phone network, and should not be in an area of poor/nil coverage'.  
([https://store.autospeedwatch.org/index.php?route=information/information&information\\_id=8](https://store.autospeedwatch.org/index.php?route=information/information&information_id=8))
3. LAPC need to provide considerable admin support to work through and analyse the data which is gathered. What data is gathered and how much data is gathered has not been confirmed. The data may appear to show cars who were over the speed limit of 30mph, not those who are not, therefore making it difficult to compare and use this data. There may be a requirement to sign off on GDPR in relation to the data if downloaded. (The data would be provided in the form of a csv file).
4. Wiltshire Police do not support these cameras and their enforcement.
5. There may also be liability issues and insurance implications.
6. The cameras would be a permanent fixture, it is not possible for them to be moved, as the Area Board had first believed. The company website states: 'Please note the units **need to be permanent installations**, and should not be re-located'.
7. Dependent on the location selected for the camera, there maybe legal requirements affecting installation. The AutoSpeedWatch website states: 'How to install – You must carefully assess the installation for risks and mitigate any risks to ensure you, and others, remain safe. Do not work at height. Have someone with you with a mobile phone. Wear high visibility jackets. Warn traffic as necessary. Follow the guidance and work practices given by the Health and Safety Executive (see [https://www.hsa.ie/eng/vehicles\\_at\\_work/working\\_on\\_or\\_near\\_a\\_road/](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/vehicles_at_work/working_on_or_near_a_road/)). If the location is designed for pedestrian access (i.e. a pavement, pathway etc) and is protected from traffic by a kerb or barrier, then you should be able to self-install with due care. You **must comply** with the Safety at Street Works and Road Works codes of practice given in [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/321056/safety-at-streetworks.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/321056/safety-at-streetworks.pdf) . If the location is not protected (such as a verge) then you will need 'Chapter 8' competencies for working near a roadway, or employ someone who is Chapter 8 qualified. We have a list of Chapter 8 trained installers that may help you.
8. The administration of these cameras and the data that they produce is unknown. It could well be extensive.

RS felt that the installation of a camera could well be a deterrent. Signs would also be needed.

RS also asked about the Community Safety Group that used to exist within the village. Apparently, it has been an issue getting enough volunteers to help. This group is a very good speed deterrent, due to their presence in hi viz jackets on the roadside.

NN said that as the Area Board had already purchased the cameras, there would be no additional cost to LAPC. The cost going forward, if the LAPC was to be able to trial a camera, would be on administering the data.

RMC said he would like to apply to trial a camera in Luckington and he would be happy to give the time to analyse and administer the data.

A vote on whether to apply to trial a speed camera was held. Four in favour, two abstained and one against. The vote was carried.

#### **1486. Winter Weather Provision, Flood Plan and Grit Bins**

RMC asked if the salt had been collected in November, as planned. JB confirmed that he had spoken to Noel Banks and this had not been done. However, NB advised that there are sufficient stocks of salt to last the winter

The Flood Plan was reviewed and agreed last summer. RMC will check with NB that no changes need to be made. CK will look at getting the Flood Plan onto the website.

Grit Bins – some have been refilled, but not all. This should be complete in the next few weeks.

#### **1487. Update on Cemetery Issues and Spring Tidy Up**

CK advised that there is one burial due at the end of February, and another request had been received regarding reserving a plot in the cemetery, though this has not yet been confirmed.

CK has been around the cemetery and updated the records which are held for a few amendments which are needed. There are a few additional records which need to be created to fully reflect the cemetery.

The Spring Tidy Up is scheduled for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of March. All parties involved have been advised and Sharon Hart has advised that there are currently no bookings in the Village Hall on these dates.

#### **1489. Update on Highways Issues**

JB advised on Highways Issues.

Sopworth Road has had the work carried out on it, last week. It has been fitted with a large bore drain and two drain holes. Highways will carry out the patching of the road later. The drain is dealing with a large volume of water which is very fast flowing, but so far it is coping well. JB has been in regular contact with Hazel Flood, and she is very pleased with the work which has now been carried out.

Drains on Chapel Row. This has been a problem since 2015. Bristol Water (fresh water supply), Wessex Water (sewage) and Highways (drains) have all been involved. JB worked with Wessex Water in the last couple of weeks and has seen plans of the drainage systems in the area and it has been determined that the issue lies with the Highways. JB will be in contact with them again very soon, after they have finished dealing with all the storm damage and ask that they investigate fully to determine where the problem is and then address it.

Verge behind the school, as raised at last month's meeting. The Highways own the verge. They will repair it, the work being carried out by the Parish Steward, with gravel etc. When this is done it is an option for the Parish Council to install, and pay for, posts along the length of the area. It was agreed this would not be necessary.

#### **1490. Report from Outside Meetings**

RMC attended the Area Board Meeting which also included details of changes to recycling within Wiltshire. Details will be sent to every household regarding what will be changing, in the form of a letter and potentially an email. These changes start to take place between the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Some details on this have already been passed by CK to Community Matters and are waiting to be distributed.

**1491. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

RS raised the issue of the light opposite the Village Hall, which is being considerably obstructed by branches from a tree and restricting light. CK to get in touch with SSE and request this is dealt with.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.