

## 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> July 2023 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

#### Present

#### Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

#### Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

**Parish Clerk:** Dr Sheona Beaumont (SB)

#### 2004. Apologies for Absence

Nigel Neale.

#### 2005. Declaration of interests

RMC standing out of decisions on item 2010b), as a member of the Parochial Church Council and a Trustee of Luckington Children's Playground Charity.

#### 2006. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There were no members of the public.

#### 2007. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

#### 2008. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

#### 2009. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none. MS reported ongoing teething issues with new Highways contractor in terms of handover and equipment.

#### 2010. Correspondence received

- a) John Harris (19/06/23), in regards to cemetery gates (upkeep/repair request, previously circulated). NJG reported they don't close neatly, due to leaning post. SB to get itemised quotes for post alignment, and sanding/treating. SB to reply to John Harris.
- b) Jon Hunter (03/07/23), in regards to donation request for blue plaque (on Bridges Court, to commemorate Stewart Menzies). JB asked RMC whether the plaque was official (English Heritage, with permission from the owner and planning application for listed building). JB proposed a response saying the Council would be happy to contribute if this is a legitimate application with proper process, including planning permission to Wiltshire Council. All were in favour (RMC not part of decision). SB to reply to Jon Hunter.

#### 2011. The following planning applications were discussed:

- a) [PL/2023/04948](#): 3 BROOK END, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PJ (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). There were no objections.

- b) **PL/2023/05254:** THE OLD POLICE HOUSE, THE STREET, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6NP (Single storey garden room). NJG had neighbour discussion, and reported no objections. There were no objections.

#### **2012. Update on Financial Issues**

- a) To agree payments as follows:

£352.00 (JD Estate & Garden Management – June grass cutting)

The payments were approved. RMC and JB to action.

#### **2013. Clerk holiday and next year's Council meeting dates**

SB confirmed that she will be away for 3 weeks in August. RMC happy to field correspondence and phone-calls (including any planning applications) during that time. SB to set up forwarding.

The previously circulated dates for next year's meetings were approved. SB to publish online.

#### **2014. Cemetery Gates**

Discussed as 2010a) above.

#### **2015. Village Hall parking**

RMC reported a complaint about the builders' parking outside Luckington Village Hall. JB advised that Village Hall committee would deal with this as a private dispute between them and the company/companies involved, not the Parish Council. RMC said owner of neighbouring land has shown intent to help tidy up when the work is finished. RMC to suggest the neighbour contact the Village Hall Committee.

#### **2016. Highways update**

JB reported on the following:

- An expanded track outside Luckington (on road by water-treatment centre towards to Widleys Farm), owing to complaints, has been found in breach of permission that was previously given, and has now been required to reapply.
- Parish Steward has been in the area doing footpaths and potholes. MyWilts app can be used to report both of these, using the MyWilts app: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting).
- Playing Field Charity continuing to find ways to increase theirs/the school's contracting of grass cutting.
- Winter salt bin check will be done by end of August.

#### **2017. Report from Outside Meetings**

MS reported that the Wiltshire Council Draft Local Plan has been published (detailing housing allocations for Wiltshire to 2038, which are reduced compared to previous plan). Confirmed that there is scope for smaller villages to identify expansion needs beyond infilling (more housing), probably via a Neighbourhood Plan. Sherston on track for expanding, subject to reviewing previous Neighbourhood Plan in development, Malmesbury already at allocation. Autumn opportunity for public feedback and review of this Draft.

SB reported a phone-call complaint (07/07/23) from a relative of a recently deceased resident of Luckington in regards to burial and headstone fees (and the higher rate for non-residents over residents). There was a short discussion about Council policy in this regard, and the acknowledgement of a grey area when residents have to leave the village for healthcare. SB to respond clarifying the Council position (including a correction in this case), and in future to include Councillors in allocations of fees.

RMC notified the Council of recent Wiltshire Police enquiries to all Councils who have Speed Indicator Devices to pass on their information. Council confirmed that our SID has been inoperative for several years now, and is therefore not eligible.

#### **2018. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.