

**LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall**

**Present**

**Chair**

Richard McCraith (RMC)

**Vice Chair**

Nigel Neale (NN)

**Councillors**

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

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

Ryan Russell

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**2065. Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

**2066. Declaration of interests**

There were none.

**2067. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items**

(RMC brought the grass cutting agenda item forward). Ryan Russell confirmed that he had received the revised contract for 2024 grass cutting in Luckington. SB & RR signed the contract. SB to put on website.

On a separate issue, RMC asked if he was doing the playing field. JB advised RR to speak to John Hunter at the Luckington Playground Committee and the School Administrator. MS advised that Luckington School might have an option for funding by approaching Wiltshire Council direct (as other villages do).

**2068. Public Question Time**

There were no questions.

**2069. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

**2070. Matters arising from the Minutes**

MS reported that at the Area Board meeting, the Alderton Forge House planning application received approval, with conditions.

**2071. Correspondence received**

- a) Hannah Ledwitch (14/11/23 and 28/11/23), Loxley Solicitors re. adjoining cemetery land. Continuing the previously circulated communication in regards to pursuing registration of the triangle section of land to the west of the cemetery. Following a brief discussion, and expressing thanks to HL for her advice, the Parish Council considered that their priority should be to examine the options for maintaining the ground, repairing the wall, and improving its potential for future use.

**2072. Update on Financial Issues**

- a) To agree payments as follows:  
£60 (Alderton Village Hall hire)  
£356.49 (Clerk expenses and backpay)

SB confirmed that following the circulated document from NALC (E01-23), the Local Government pay agreement had implemented a salary increase to take effect retrospectively from April 2023. Her current salary point (SCP20 £14.75p/h) is now £15.75p/h. Together with the £24 office allowance (unchanged), her monthly salary should now be £496.50. The payments were approved. RMC/NN to complete online.

- b) Following the publication today of Wiltshire Council's decision not to change the taxbases for 2024-25, SB provided the Precept Form to the Council, filled in with last month's Council decision for a 10% increase (£11,561). RMC signed the document, SB to submit.

### **2073. Parish Council Name Change**

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the formally registered name of the Council is 'Luckington Council'. The Council agreed that this needs to be changed to reflect the longstanding use of 'Luckington and Alderton Parish Council', which more accurately reflects the two village communities served. SB thanked MS for the information, RMC signed the name change request form. SB to submit document to Wiltshire Council.

### **2074. Grass-cutting contract**

Discussed at item 2067.

### **2075. Cemetery**

Discussed at item 2071.

### **2076. Highways update**

JB reported on the following:

- The bad pothole outside Old Vicarage, on the incoming B4040 into Luckington has been filled twice, others ongoing. Rathole lane is being reported regularly too. All are encouraged to report it too: MyWilts app: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting).
- B4040 drains at the west end of the village are also on the Parish Steward's agenda, having been attended to recently.
- Salt bins have been refilled.
- Luckington Road known to be a recurring problem with flooding. SG confirmed periodic clearing by hand.

### **2077. Report from Outside Meetings**

There were none.

### **2078. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

RMC reported some local concerns about Community Matters and the verbally negative identification of a particular individual. Councillors expressed their understanding.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.