

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm in Alderton Village Hall

Present

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Mr Sam Evans (SE)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Robert Simpkins (RS)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

1424. Apologies for Absence

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Mr Sebastian Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

1425. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1426. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

George Lynham (GL) attended the meeting and wished to update the Council regarding the Defibrillator in Alderton. It is now installed and fully functional. Training took place in the previous week for 12 people, another session next week already has 10 people wishing to attend and further training will also take place. Sherston Brownies have also expressed an interest in receiving training, which George was more than happy to facilitate.

GL asked whether the PC would consider contributing towards the cost of sundry costs related to the training, which covers breathing tubes and sanitising wipes, which need replacing. JT advised that the Area Board had monies left within their budget and suggested that GL apply for some of these. GL also advised that the defibrillator came with pads which could be used on adults, but not on children. JT suggested including this in the application to the Area Board as well.

GL also advised that the flashing LED light on the defibrillator, which is activated overnight enabling people to find the defibrillator when needed in an emergency, was causing problems for a couple of houses close to the village hall. The PC said there was really nothing that could be done about this.

1427. Public Question Time

GL also advised the PC about the restocking of the duck pond, which had been carried out in the last couple of weeks. Details of the birds which had been acquired had previously been circulated and the Parish Councillors appreciated this. Three further pairs of birds, NeNe's, Ross's Snow Geese and Marbled Teals, are soon to be

added to the pond. It was also noted that the pictures of the birds on the pond, which are located next to the pond, would need to be updated for some of the new additions. All are settling in well.

1428. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October

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

1429. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Autumn Clear Up – Dale Bird has been contacted again in November and has sent the request on to Doug and Dave, and Dave has been in touch. A date to meet should be set up soon.

Winter Weather Provisions – Sue and Noel Banks shall be collecting the salt on the 22nd of November.

Barclays – Reversal of decision on not allowing cash withdrawals from Post Offices, which is great news.

Village Hall Bookings for 2020 – all have been confirmed and a move to 7pm could be accommodated by both village halls, if required.

Alderton Duck Pond – Re-stocked as per the email from George Lynham.

Cherry Trees – Planted by Lady Jenkinson on the triangle green behind the school.

1430. Correspondence Received

Three bulletins had been received from Wiltshire Council regarding Fly Tipping, Community Governance Review and a Payphone Consultation. All these documents had been circulated with the Agenda for November, through Community Matters, on the website and notice boards for all to see. The Parish Councillors noted what was said in these bulletins and acknowledged them.

1431. To review and comment on Planning Applications

There were no objections to the Planning Application number 19/10103/FUL. This will be sent through to Wiltshire Council.

1432. Update on Financial Issues

a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary - agreed and the five cheques were duly signed by RMC. CK will arrange for a second signature to be added to these cheques.

1433. Defibrillator for Alderton

Update received from GL in point 1426 above. The submission to potentially reclaim monies from the Malmesbury League of Friends was discussed at their meeting on the 12th of November and CK reported it had been approved for repayment to the PC. This will be completed this month. RMC also advised that the defibrillator had been added to the LAPC insurance policy for this year, at no additional cost. Next year the additional premium will be around £10.

1434. Replacement of 30mph signs on entries to Luckington on the B4040

These have been ordered and Wiltshire Council are still awaiting delivery.

1435. Council Tax Setting 2020/2021 and Budget for 2020/2021

The figures put before the Parish Councillors were reviewed, noting the different options available. RS pointed out that an increase of 5% per year for the next four years, is the only way to get income less expenditure back to break even, rather than in deficit as is currently the case. This was agreed by all to be the case and whilst the PC is very aware of increases of costs for everyone, it was felt this was the only way to put the Parish Council finances back on track. RMC proposed this be accepted and JB seconded. Agreed by all.

1436. Parking in Luckington

JB advised the Parish Council that he had received several questions in relation to this, since the last meeting. A few questions had been raised through Tim Guard and Community Matters, the Head of Luckington School has asked about appropriate parking around the school, and there have been more questions asked directly as well.

JB has put together a two-page document, accompanied by two maps of the village, which show the areas which belong to the Highways department and where parking is appropriate. JB circulated these documents for review by all, including James Robinson who attended the meeting, from the Pump House in Luckington.

It was agreed that the document covered all areas in question and that JB would send this document out directly to Tim Guard and Community Matters so that it addresses the questions that have been raised and everyone has access to this for now and future reference. The documents would also be circulated with the Minutes from the meeting and be available on the LAPC website.

1437. Review of Financial Regulations

RMC had updated these, and it was agreed that they should be adopted by the LAPC. JB proposed and SG seconded. They will be available on the LAPC website.

1438. Change of LAPC Meetings to 7pm?

This was discussed and it was agreed that the majority of Councillors would not be able to make a 7pm start, so it was agreed by all that the start time of the LAPC meetings would remain at 7.30pm.

1439. Review of the Website

CK advised that this has been carried out and updated with the addition of various policies and overall for completeness and attention to detail. It was agreed by the Councillors that it was much improved.

1440. 20mph in place during school start and finish

RMC updated Councillors that SLM is looking at this in conjunction with the Head of Luckington School. Any proposal to get the speed limit changed needs to be submitted by the Head. JT advised a new School Travel Plan would be needed to get this started, to enable the application to Wiltshire Council - RMC confirmed this was already being discussed.

JT also advised that Malmesbury Area Board had already purchased three new speed cameras and were looking for trial sites to start testing them. Luckington is an approved Speed Watch Site, which would enable it to apply to be part of the trial. CK will contact Penny Bell at Malmesbury Area Board and make the application for Luckington.

1441. Update on Cemetery Issues

CK advised that cross checking of the Graves and Deaths still needs to be completed. CK will also continue liaising with Dave from Community Payback to arrange a meeting and hopefully subsequent Autumn Tidy Up.

1442. Update on Highways Issues

JB updated the Parish Council. Sopworth Lane French Drain should be resolved end of November/beginning of December, weather permitting.

The drain cover on the Alderton/Littleton Drew road has been fixed.

Brook End Drains and the Rathole both require the gully sucker to attend, this has been requested. JB asked that his thanks be noted and passed on, to a couple of residents, who came and helped clear the area around t Rathole, after heavy rain last weekend.

Flooding opposite South Lea – Barry Snell reported this, and it has also been reported to Wiltshire Council and has now been cleared.

Pothole beside the drain in the entrance to The Ship car park, has been reported and fixed.

JB also advised that the MyWilts App is being changed over to a national standard one. Unsure when or how this will work for Luckington and Alderton. JT advised that it should be possible to do more with the new app and it should be more customer focussed.

1443. Update on Grass Cutting

SE advised there was not much to report and that he had heard from JD Estates that they had just completed the last grass cut of the season, at the beginning of November. It was noted at the end of the season, that the grass cutting contractors this year have carried out a fantastic job and was appreciated by all. CK to write and pass on the thanks of the Parish Council to Jack at JD Estates.

Work will continue with seeding parts of the Orchard area on the playing fields during the next 2-3 months.

1444. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none.

1445. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

Salt will be collected by SG/Noel Banks on the 22nd of November and be stored in the Lock Up and RS's barn, if required. The question was asked about who will fill the Grit Bins and JT advised that Wiltshire Council should do this. CK will check with Wiltshire Council that this will be carried out.

SG said that she would be organising the Senior Citizens Lunch again this year, though a date had not yet been set. 35-40 people attended last year, and it was most appreciated by all. There may be an issue of funding in relation to the Lunch this year, so JB proposed and RMC seconded that up to £150 would be donated by the PC if required. This was much appreciated by SG.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.