

# 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> September 2023 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

### Present

#### Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

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

Judith Chapman

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JB volunteered to Chair the meeting, all approved.

#### 2019. Apologies for Absence

Richard McCraith and Nigel Neale.

#### 2020. Declaration of interests

There were none.

#### 2021. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

Judith Chapman offered to answer any questions about the planning application 2026b).

#### 2022. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

#### 2023. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by JB.

#### 2024. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

#### 2025. Correspondence received

- a) Jon Hunter (21/07/23), confirming blue plaque details for Stewart Menzies, for which planning application is in process. JB reiterated that any Council decision is pending the outcome of the planning application.

#### 2026. The following planning applications were discussed:

- a) **PL/2023/06688:** Land lying to the East of Luckington Court, Luckington, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6PG (Construction of farm track following the approval of planning application ref 20/06457/APD, retrospective). Following a phone call with landowners, JB clarified that this concerned both barn access and intended drive width, for which an original planning application needed adjustment. No objections.
- b) **PL/2023/06810:** 5 CHURCH ROAD, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PG (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). No objections.
- c) **PL/2023/07257:** THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, THE STREET, ALDERTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6NL (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). No objections.

#### 2027. The following planning applications were retrospectively approved, following previous consideration during the summer period:

- a) **PL/2023/05464** - Ruby Cottage, The Street, Alderton (Change of use of annexe to a self-contained dwelling. Erection of fence. Retrospective). No objections.
- b) **PL/2023/04270** - St Mary & St Ethelbert Church, Sherston Road, Luckington (Works related to the installation of an external accessible toilet and its related effluent treatment system). No objections.
- c) **PL/2023/05433** - The Farm, The Street, Luckington (Alteration to House. Development of Barn. Outbuilding conversion to annex. Demolition of Garage. Building of new Garage). No objections.

#### **2028. Update on Financial Issues**

- a) To agree payments as follows:

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The payments were approved. SB to check if RMC/NN can set them up online, JB to countersign once done.

- b) SB circulated the 22/23 VAT reclaim of £320.04, Council approved submission to HMRC.

#### **2029. Cemetery Gates**

Quotations for repair/repainting work are still outstanding following the summer break. SB to action.

#### **2030. Electrical works in Luckington (near Cemetery)**

JB reported that a storm in August created an electrical fault in the underground cables in the land to the east of the cemetery. It is being dealt with by Scottish & Southern Energy. SB to phone SSE, to seek further information about the extent of the cables across the land (implications for future burial site). SB to also contact Loxleys Solicitors about registration of land title.

JB confirmed that Gigaclear have now stopped their broadband extension planned for Luckington (and Sherston). MS has been asking for more information via Wiltshire Council and potentially BT's future involvement.

#### **2031. Highways update**

JB reported on the following:

- Shallowbrooks Lane scalplings nearly complete.
- Parish Steward is back in the area doing footpaths and potholes, following summer break. 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).

#### **2032. Report from Outside Meetings**

Mary Carson reported to NJG regarding dangerous section of road (surface water freezing) on road near Cherry Orchard Barn towards Luckington. Drain checking needed. Advised to report back to Wiltshire Highways via app.

#### **2033. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

Christmas Party proposed by SG for villagers, to be held in Luckington (drinks, nibbles), details to be confirmed. SG clarified that posts up near her property in Luckington are to section out footpath locations, not building.

SB notified the Council about the forthcoming drop-in event for the Wiltshire Council Local Plan Consultation: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 3pm-7pm, Malmesbury Library. The Local Plan sets out the framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan, so communities are encouraged to participate in the consultation process.

SB also reported communication from the police that on 10/09/23, 3 farms had their GPS system stolen (2 in the Malmesbury area). There is a drop-in planned with our Neighbourhood Policing Team in Malmesbury end of September, dates tbc.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.