

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

Present

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)

1991. Apologies for Absence

Richard McCraith (RMC).

1992. Declaration of interests

NJG has a planning application in 1998.c) below.

1993. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There were no discussions.

1994. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1995. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by NN.

1996. Matters arising from the Minutes

MS confirmed that he has contacted Rebecca Chivers at Wiltshire Council, signpost is still on the list to be done.

1997. Correspondence received

There was none.

1998. The following planning applications were discussed:

- a) **PL/2023/03646**: ALBY COTTAGE, THE GREEN, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PB (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). No objections.
- b) **PL/2023/03740**: NORTHEND HOUSE, NORTHEND, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PN (Single storey workshop). No objections.
- c) **PL/2023/03763**: OLD ROYAL SHIP, SOPWORTH LANE, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PA (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area). NJG took no part in the discussion. No objections.

MS confirmed that Avondale planning application will be discussed at the Northern Area Planning Meeting on 21st June, at 2pm, at the Chippenham Council offices. JB concerned that local resident and Environmental Officer concerns, as well as LAPC objections, are being swept aside by the Planning Officer's report, despite the proposal of conditions in the report to take them into account. MS to have a look more closely, especially in regards to proposed building height.

1999. Update on Financial Issues

a) To agree payments as follows:

£288.00 (Auditing Solutions)

£528.00 (JD Estate & Garden Management – May grass cutting)

£50.97 (Clerk expenses: postage and ink cartridges)

The payments were approved. NN and JB to action.

b) Audit report, AGAR submission, and Notice of Public Rights (to inspect accounts). SB confirmed that, as per previous communications with all Councillors, she has submitted the Certificate of Exemption to the external auditors (following the internal audit report) and published the AGAR and Notice of Public Rights on the LAPC website.

2000. Clerk Review

SB reported her annual Clerk review was held by phone with the Chair, no issues were raised. The Council were asked if they had any concerns or comments, there were none. SB requested that her annual payrise, overlooked in April&May's business, be implemented: her salary point to increase from SCP19 (£14.48p/h) to SCP20 (£14.75p/h). Council approved.

2001. Highways update

JB reported on the following:

- Blocked drains and potholes are being dealt with on the Steward rota (Wiltshire Council), they are currently inundated and also catching up following a contractor change. MyWilts app can be used to report both of these, using the MyWilts app: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting.
- Shallowbrook Lane scalplings are due to be laid, following drain laying, and Wiltshire Council to complete the linking patch to main road (B4040).
- Playing Field grass is not being cut enough (currently every 14 days via the School and Wiltshire Council contract). Solutions are being discussed with relevant parties (including Luckington Children's Playground Charity, who own the field), JB advising.
- JB had communication about the cost of new defibs v. the cost of replacing pads & batteries, where the former is likely to be more cost effective. Council confirmed that we are not in a position for significant outlays, but could be approached for small contributions in the future.
- Westonbirt concerts reported as noisy over the previous weekend (Luckington and Sherston), exacerbated by weather conditions, including atmospherics and wind conditions. Thanks to Andrew Smith (Director of Westonbirt) for the considered approach to minimising sound effects over the distance.

SG noted that Cotswolds Wardens have also been installing footpath gates locally.

2002. Report from Outside Meetings

SG reported solar panel field applications near Fosse Way and Hullavington.

NJG reported resident's concern about the hedge on Luckington Playing Field – as this is not Council owned, the residents was referred to John Hunter, Chair of the Luckington Children's Playground Charity.

2003. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

Potential blue plaque application to which the Council may be asked to contribute towards the cost (Seb Lawrence-Mills). JB concerned that applications for plaques have very specific requirements (including planning permission).

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.