

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Meetings

Present

Vice-Chair

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Sam Evans (SE)

Mr Seb Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

1592. Apologies for Absence

Richard McCraith (RMC) and Robert Simpkins (RS).

1593. Declaration of interests

SLM regarding planning application number 20/08082/TCA.

1594. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

George Lynham and Judith Chapman attended the meeting.

1595. Public Question Time

George Lynham expanded a little more on the Alderton Village Pond and Green Trustees application for a donation towards an additional feeder and picnic table, to facilitate local visitors and those from further afield.

1596. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of September

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

1597. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1598. Correspondence Received

a) Request from Alderton Village Pond and Green Trustees for an application of £200 towards an additional duck feeder and picnic table. This was discussed and agreed by all. Very many thanks were given to all involved in keeping the duck pond and area surrounding it going so well. Particular thanks go to Tony Witt. CK will raise the cheque for £200.

b) Wiltshire Briefing Note 20-30 regarding Area Board Boundary Review. The contents of this were noted, but do not apply to the Parish of Luckington and Alderton.

1599. To review and comment on Planning Applications

a) Planning Application Number: 20/08082/TCA. SLM excused himself from the meeting. There were no objections.

b) Planning Application Number: 20/08216/TCA. Judith Chapman explained that various of these trees were now becoming dangerous, hence the application. There were no objections.

1600. Update on Financial Issues

a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary. The following payments were agreed:

- Catherine Keegan, back pay from April to September £52.20
- Jack Derrick grass cutting for September - £336

Agreed by all and NN and SLM will sign the cheques.

b) To agree the bank reconciliation which had been completed to the 30th of September. Agreed by all and signed by NN.

1601. Camera Speed Trial Update

JT advised that a meeting had been held with the Deputy Police Commissioner to look at how the Police could support this initiative. It had been agreed that the Police would support it and the Police will respond soon as to how this will happen.

1602. 20mph in place during school start and finish

It was agreed that in the current climate it would not be possible to progress this project. It would be revisited in March 2021.

1603. Update on Prescription Collection and Delivery for Residents in Luckington, Alderton, Badminton, Didmarton and Sopworth

This has now moved to on a request basis and so far, there have been no requests. The schemes remain in place as it is very unclear as to how Covid 19 issues may progress.

1604. Update on Cemetery Issues

CK advised there was nothing to update on.

1605. Grass Cutting Tender and Update on Grass Cutting

SE advised that he had 5 contractors who were interested in tendering for the Grass Cutting Contract for 2021/2022. The Parish Council agreed that the tender document was excellent – thanks to both SE and JT who had worked on this. SE would send to CK and she would then send out to the 5 interested parties.

There was nothing further to update with regard the grass cutting. All has continued to go very well with Jack Derrick.

1606. Update on Highways Issues

JB advised that there had been an issue heading towards Acton Turville, but this has now been fixed. Dave has cleared the gravel outside Ashbridge House and also on the Alderton Road. He has also cleared the drains, and is due to check salt bins are useable. Patchway Railway Bridge is due to be closed for 2-3 weeks, which will cause a lot of issues in the North Bristol area.

JB is awaiting updates on the drain in Chapel Row, the speed sign repair, the 30mph sign replacement, the verge behind the school still needs more gravel and the wall on Beaufort View is still due to be repaired.

1607. Update on Parish Clerk Recruitment

NN advised that there had been five applicants for the post. NN and RMC will go through the applications and carry out interviews in the coming month. A further update will be available at the meeting in November. JB raised that NALC had just advised that the holidays due to a clerk have increased, so this will need to be reflected in the new Clerk's contract.

1608. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none.

1609. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

JT advised that the planning application for a new Doctor's surgery in Sherston has been submitted. Thanks to all who have been involved in the lengthy process.

CK advised that she had been liaising with the Weather Team and Robert Simpkins regarding the salt stock levels and today 17 bags of salt had been delivered to Robert's farm and stored in the dry. Many thanks to RS for this.

JB asked that it be considered that CK should get Zoom up and running for the Parish Council for the 1st of November, ahead of the next meeting, so that full access would be available to the new Clerk and other members of the Parish Council, before CK left her post. This was agreed by all. CK will organise.

George Lynham also wished to thank the Parish Council for their continued support of Alderton Village Pond and Green. It was very much appreciated.

SLM advised that two more tombs in Luckington Graveyard were going to be renovated.

JB has also been working with Nick Burrridge on a Heritage Project, after the expected photographic history of Luckington Exhibition had to be postponed. Many thanks to JB and Nick Burrridge for all their hard work on this.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.