

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.luckington.org.uk

Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 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)

Members of the public

Patrick and Julianne Mulcahy, and Judith Chapman.

Announcement by the Vice-Chair:

Prior to the business of the agenda, and on behalf of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council, as the Vice-Chair, I would like to formally express our sadness on learning of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. We would like to acknowledge that today's meeting is taking place during the period of National Mourning – ordinarily meetings during such time would have been cancelled, but in consultation with the Clerk and the National Association of Local Councils, and as the formal summons of this meeting were finalised on Thursday, we have taken the decision to continue as planned.

[followed by the observation of a minute's silence]

1872. Apologies for Absence

Chair - Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

1873. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1874. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

Judith Chapman thanked MS for the clearing of the bin in the churchyard, and gave a short presentation about the benefits of composting your own dog poo and asked the Council to consider public campaigning to this effect. JB, following previous correspondence, reiterated that the Parish Council is not responsible for waste (Wiltshire Council contractors are and Environment Agency), but would be happy to promote good behaviour/education around the issue re. noticeboards and bin locations. JC to contact Dog Warden for publicity materials. MS offered to help clarify what Wiltshire Council contractors do with dog waste. JC left after the discussion.

The Mulcahy's shared information about their planning application under discussion (Sam Evans as architect). Large trees too near the house to be pruned/cut down, and roof height not being raised so no overlooking issues, with attention to sympathetic design for the area (and biomass boiler to replace oil supply). P&JM left after the discussion.

1875. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1876. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2022

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by JB.

1877. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

1878. Correspondence received:

- a) Judith Chapman (29/07/22) in regards to dog poo collection and disposal. Discussed above.
- b) Wiltshire Council (06/09/22) in regards to Community Governance Review process for Grittleton/Nettleton/Castle Combe: a boundary change to these Parishes, with little effect on LAPC boundary.

1879. Planning Applications i. To formally acknowledge Council action on the following planning applications, made during the period 1st – 31st August 2022, by email consultation with all Councillors:

- a) PL/2022/05516: Pond House, Back Lane, Alderton, Chippenham, SN14 6NW (tree works). NO OBJECTION.
- b) PL/2022/05394: Carriers Farm, Luckington Road, Sherston, Malmesbury, SN16 0QA (holiday let). NO OBJECTION.
- c) PL/2022/05798: Ivy Cottage, Sopworth Lane, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6PA (house extensions). NO OBJECTION, with the following comment: 'We would like planning to take note of LAPC concerns regarding parking area, using their expertise to assess safety implications for highway'.
- d) PL/2022/05637: Green Cottage, The Street, Luckington, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 6PA (bay window). NO OBJECTION.

ii) To review and comment on the following planning applications:

- a) [PL/2022/06871](#) - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. GOODWHILE, THE GREEN, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PA. No objection.
- b) [PL/2022/06475](#) - Householder planning permission (attic conversion and changes to windows/doors). GOODWHILE, THE GREEN, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PA. No objection.

1880. Update on Financial Issues

- a) To agree payments as listed in the attached financial summary:
 - £504 J D Estate Management for July and August grass cutting.
 - £150 Ryan Russell payment for tree works in Cemetery.
 - £160 Luckington Village Hall for hire 22/23.

Approved, NN and JB to action. The Council expressed their thanks to Ryan Russell for the pruning of the holly.

- b) To consider Robert Simpkins quotation for wall repair in Cemetery to pull out and re-build fallen wall and adjacent unstable section on the B4040 end of fallen stretch at Luckington cemetery including concrete capping: £490.

Approved, SB to contact Robert.

- c) SB informed the Council of notification in regards to an opt-out period (until 28th October 2022) for the external auditor appointment via Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments.

The Council were asked if they wished to opt-out, all against.

1881. Cemetery issues

Land registration update

SB informed the Council of correspondence from Loxley's received 12/09: land registration process for the cemetery is now complete. SB to respond with acknowledgement, and query the process for the adjacent land. Also inform of imminent wall repair in the cemetery and request permission to access land for removal of brambles.

1882. Highways update

JB reported the following:

- Drain opposite the Old Chapel and Church Road working fine now.
- Pothole reporting encouraged via MyWilts.

- Grit bins to be topped up by SG.
- Shallowbrook Lane surface repair pushed back to next year, due to supply and costs for materials. JB to inform residents this week.

1883. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none.

1884. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

On behalf of queries raised by Katherine Bennett, NN asked the following:

- 1) Should consideration be given to having a photo of the late Queen and King Charles III in the village hall?
- 2) Should the village consider planting a tree in memory of the late Queen?

The Council would be supportive in principle where they can help, and would welcome more specific details and information for the Agenda next month. SB to invite KB to propose specifics and attend next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.