

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall**

Present

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Vice-Chair

Mr 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: Neil Banks (Hollis Gardens), Judith Chapman

1965. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

1966. Declaration of interests

There were none.

1967. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There were no discussions.

1968. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1969. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

1970. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

1971. Correspondence received

Letter from Jon Hunter, Chair of Luckington Children's Playground Charity (02/04/23), with respect to purchasing replacement pads for the Luckington defibrillator and infant pads for the Alderton defibrillator. JH requested reimbursement, Council approved.

1972. To review and comment on the following planning applications:

- a) [PL/2023/02395](#): THE OLD RECTORY, SHERSTON ROAD, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PH (T1 - Larch - fell - large historic wound from limb loss on main stem). No objections.
- b) [PL/2023/02405](#): 19 AVON RISE, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6PF (Householder planning permission: Front porch). No objections.

1973. Update on Financial Issues

a) To agree payments as follows:

£120.25	Clerk expenses (travel, Weebly and Brunel website/webhosting subs)
£432.00	Luckington Children's Playground Charity (defibrillator pads)
£820.00	Robert Simpkins (cemetery wall repairs)

The payments were approved. RMC and JB to action. The Council expressed their thanks to Robert for the quick and professional job.

b) To sign off the 2022-23 accounts (including AGAR form in advance of internal audit).

The accounts were approved and signed by RMC. SB confirmed Auditing Solutions are happy to do this work again. SB to send them the requested information.

JB raised concerns about recent communication from Barclays, SB has responded to request for contact (sent to Clerk email address 12/04/23), no reply as yet. Council advised clear correspondence within the given deadlines for information.

1974. Luckington phonebox

RMC confirmed original painters/bookclub are not willing to paint it. A discussion about possible future uses or sale was considered. Council agreed it needs to be painted. Two quotations being previously circulated, Council approved JB Decorating for the work. SB & RMC to clear out the phonebox, temporary storage with SG.

1975. Cemetery fees review

Following circulation of the Clerk's comparison chart for fees charged by local cemeteries, the Council discussed the increasing of fees for Luckington Cemetery. RMC proposed increasing the fees to:

Resident rates: £200 (single depth), £230 (double depth), £150 (ashes); £200, £230, £120 (Right of Burial equivalents); headstone £180.

Non-resident rates: £400 (single depth), £440 (double depth), £400 (ashes); £400, £440, £200 (ROB equivalents); headstone £250.

This was approved unanimously. SB to update the website and records.

1976. Highways update

JB reported new takeover by Milestone for Highways contractor, various integration problems mean the visiting dates for Parish Stewards are not being upheld. Pothole reporting encouraged due to ongoing and worsening conditions using the MyWilts app: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting. RMC confirmed regular unblocking continues of the Avon Road drain in Luckington.

1977. Report from Outside Meetings

NJG reported resident's concern about blocked drain at top of Church Road, advised to report via the app.

1978. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

Judith Chapman reminded the Council about the Open Gardens in Luckington taking place.

RMC raised a question on behalf of a resident, about the footpath across Village Green (pre-COVID). The Council confirmed this was quoted for, but rejected as not viable in 2017.

RMC raised the possibility of giving a coronation gift to every resident in Luckington & Alderton (mug/medal/coaster etc). The Council discussed it, but decided the short-notice, cost, and logistics were prohibitive.

SB confirmed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10th May at 7.00pm in Alderton Village Hall, half-an-hour before the regular monthly meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.