

## LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm in Alderton Village Hall

#### Present

#### Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

#### Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Mr Sam Evans (SE)

Mr Sebastian Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Mr Robert Simpkins (RS)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

#### Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

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#### 1460. Apologies for Absence

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

#### 1461. Declaration of interests

There were none.

#### 1462. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

Hazel Flood (HF) attended the meeting and wished to address the Councillors on a Highways Issue, the drainage on Sopworth Road, which is having a very negative impact on the residents in and around Northend. HF stated that this had now been going on for four years and yet still had not been resolved. It meant various elderly residents in that area were no longer able to walk into the village, and other residents must drive their children to school, rather than walk, as it was now such a danger. HF wanted to raise this question directly with the Parish Council and ask what was being done about it.

JB responded that he finally had another update on when the work would be carried out. Originally it was proposed that a French Drain should be installed and that should resolve the issue, but now gullies are going to be put in. This would mean that the gullies could be easily and regularly cleared, when required, by Dave Catley the Parish Steward. The work is due to be carried out in the next 2-4 weeks. It should also be carried out by Dave and other members of the Parish Steward team. When this work has been carried out the Parish Council will be formally requesting that the whole area be re-surfaced.

JB stated, and SE reiterated, that this issue has been on the Parish Council agenda monthly and is discussed by the Parish Council each month, with updates received from JB, but there is only a certain amount that the Parish Council can do. The issue has been raised regularly with the Highways department of Wiltshire Council, and it is down to them to resolve the issue. As much as is possible to be done has been done by the Parish Council, though they completely understand the total frustration of the residents of Northend and beyond.

JB also recommended that all residents of Northend, and any others directly affected by this issue, download the MyWilts App onto their phone or tablet and report the issue. They should continue doing this on a regular basis, until the problem is fixed. This is a definitive way of continuing to apply pressure to Wiltshire Council.

#### **1463. Public Question Time**

There were no questions.

#### **1464. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> of December**

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

#### **1465. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Senior Citizens Lunch – 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Donation required to help cover the costs? SG had said thank you, but this would not be needed this year. The Parish Council wished for their sincere thanks to be passed onto Sue Godwin for her fantastic work on this and that the lunch had been genuinely appreciated by everyone who attended.

**Brookend Application for Mains Sewage** – CK is still awaiting confirmation from Fran Coles as to where the Parish Council Letter of support should be sent to. This will be followed up again. JB also said he would send Fran the flood related historical documents he has.

#### **1466. Correspondence Received**

a) Briefing Note Number 19-039 – this was noted but does not affect Luckington and Alderton.

b) Parking on verges and what can we do? The photographs were examined and discussed. JB advised that the land in this case is owned by the Highways. Any posts must be set well back from the edge of the highway. If people were unable to park on that corner, then they may cause a problem parking elsewhere.

The individual who reported this issue needs to contact Wiltshire Highways directly. Again, the best way to do this is through the MyWilts App.

The Parish Council (JB) will also contact the Highways Department and request that the Council reinstate the verge to how it was before the damage was caused to this area. Additionally, that the verge is then clearly defined and request advice and costings regarding the possible installation of posts on this area.

#### **1467. To review and comment on Planning Applications**

The plans were examined and discussed. It was agreed that this looked like a good application which the Parish Council will support. CK to respond accordingly.

#### **1468. Update on Financial Issues**

a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary - agreed and the two cheques were duly signed by RMC and SLM.

b) The quarterly bank reconciliation to the end of December 2019 was agreed by the Parish Council and signed by RMC.

#### **1469. 20mph in place during school start and finish**

SLM advised that this was now with the Head of Luckington School to complete the Travel Plan, which is a key document in the submission of a request to put in the 20mph restrictions around the school.

JB asked if it would be possible for SLM to contact the Head again, prior to the Area Board meeting which RMC is attending on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, where trialling of the newly acquired speed cameras will be discussed, to alert the Head of the meeting and the implications for the school. SLM agreed he would do so.

#### **1470. Winter Weather Provisions and Grit Bins**

RMC asked whether the salt had been collected in November as it should have been. This is still unclear. RMC asked that this be confirmed as soon as possible.

JB advised that Dave Catley had been around this week breaking up the old salt in the Grit Bins, ready for the delivery of new supplies. Hopefully this will be delivered in the next 2-3 weeks.

#### **1471. Update on Cemetery Issues and January Tidy Up**

CK advised that the List of Graves had now been updated in the Cemetery Register of Grave Spaces and Burials. The List of Graves and List of Deaths have also been updated on the electronic records now created from the Cemetery Register of Grave Spaces and Burials. A final cross check of all this information now needs to be completed, along with checking all this information against the cemetery. This should be completed in January.

January Tidy Up – CK advised that she had confirmed with all relevant parties that Public Liability Insurance is held. It should be possible for the Community Payback team to use the toilet facilities within Luckington Village Hall, although RS made the Parish Council aware that on certain days, where bookings were already taken, that access would not be available at all times. The Parish Council acknowledged this and thanked the Village Hall for their help. CK has now also provided all relevant forms to the Community Payback team and now awaits confirmation of a date when the work can be carried out, hopefully in January.

#### **1472. Update on Highways Issues**

JB advised no further updates beyond the Sopworth Road update already discussed in point 1462.

#### **1473. Report from Outside Meetings**

SLM advised that the Sir Stuart Menzies talk in November had been a huge success, hugely oversubscribed, and was the first of several events in relation to the monies received for the Tombstone Restoration. The next main event would be in June 2020 combining the Open Gardens and a Nick Burrige Photo Exhibition.

#### **1474. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

RS advised that Luckington Village Hall would be applying for a donation in the next month.

RS also advised that he had been asked why two drains in Chapel Row had not been gully sucked, when they were in the area during November, as these drains had then flooded over Christmas. JB advised that they had been gully sucked in November, but continued to be a problem. Bristol Water are now involved in trying to resolve the issue. The individual should once again report to Wiltshire Council directly, potentially through the MyWilts App. This is once more the best way to keep pressure on the Council to resolve such a problem.

As the MyWilts App had been brought up during this meeting a number of times, CK was asked to put an email out through Community Matters with details of the App, how it works and how people should use it.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.