

# LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

### Present:

**Chair:** Richard McCraith (RMC)

**Vice Chair:** Nigel Neale (NN)

### Councillors:

John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

Sue Godwin (SG)

**Parish Clerk:** Carol Rogers (CR)

**Members of the Public:** None

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### 1/2232. Apologies for absence

None

### 2/2233. Declaration of interests

There were none.

### 3/2234. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### 4/2235. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

### 5/2236. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2024

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by RMC.

### 6/2237. Matters arising from the Minutes

1. *Planning application PL/2024/08145.* LAPC acknowledges the impact on neighbours and agreed to repeat its previous comments on the Wiltshire Council Planning Department website. CR to action. **Complete.**
2. *Precept 2025/26.* CR to return the signed Precept Requirement form to Wiltshire Council for processing. **Complete.**
3. *Barclays change of mandate and signatories.* CR to initiate the mandate change process. See item 8/2239b below.
4. *LAPC Councillor vacancies.* Action by all to pursue plus CR to draft a communication regarding the WALC councillor recruitment online event for Facebook. See item 9/2240 below.
5. *Luckington notice board.* NJG to obtain a second quote. See item 10/2241 below.
6. *The Paddock (land next to Luckington Cemetery).* CR to follow up for confirmation. See item 11/2242 below.
7. *Cemetery.* CR to review cemetery regulations regarding holding a wake in the cemetery. See item 13/2244 below. CR to send the latest cemetery plan to NN. **Complete.**

### 7/2238. The following planning applications were considered:

There were none this month.

### **8/2239. Update on financial issues**

- a. Discussion to agree payments as follows:  
Clerk expenses (travel and sundry) £199.84  
Clerk's phone: £15.68  
These were **approved** and signed off by RMC & NN.

### **b. Barclays change of mandate and signatories.**

The required Mandate Change Form has been filled out and signed by Councillors. The next step is completion of Barclays ID process for new signatories.

**Action:** CR to send out details to SG and NJG on what is required for ID confirmation.

**Action:** SG and NJG to complete ID process directly with Barclays.

### **9/2240. LAPC Councillor vacancies**

LAPC currently has vacancies for 2 councillors. Some interest has been registered and discussions are taking place. The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) are hosting an online event for anyone interested in standing for their local Town or Parish Council. This is scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. Details are available on the WALC website or from the LAPC Clerk [clerk@luckington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@luckington.org.uk).

**Action:** CR to publicise the WALC event.

Note: Parish Councillors are vital to local democracy and without Parish Councils, many important local tasks would simply not be done. If any parish residents are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk (Carol Rogers) on 01666 800850 or [clerk@luckington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@luckington.org.uk), and she will arrange for one of the current serving Councillors to discuss the role and provide more details of the role.

### **10/2241. Luckington Notice Board**

The Luckington notice board has a broken bolt and does not close tightly. Following research into options, a decision has been reached and remedial work will be undertaken in the near future.

**Action:** CR to arrange for work to proceed.

### **11/2242. The Paddock (Land next to Luckington Cemetery)**

- a. A request has been received from a local resident for use of the land next to the Luckington Cemetery. A contract has been drafted and Version 2 has been formally agreed by the Council.

**Action:** CR to finalise contract once planning permission is obtained.

- b. The Wiltshire Planning Department has been asked for advice on the status of this application.

**Action:** CR to liaise with the prospective tenant on information required by the Planning Department and follow through.

### **12/2243. Lime Down update**

The next stage will include a range of statutory local consultation events, due to take place between 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The detailed Planning Application documents are still estimated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in Q3 2025.

**Action:** JB and CR to publicise the dates once these become available.

### **13/2244. Cemetery update**

A request has been received to hold a wake in the cemetery, potentially involving a temporary structure such as a marquee. It was agreed that the Luckington Cemetery is an unsuitable location/terrain for this kind of event.

**Action:** CR to add a clause within the Luckington Cemetery Regulations to clarify the LAPC position on use of the cemetery.

#### **14/2245. Highways update**

- Progress on filling potholes is being hampered by current weather conditions and conflicting priorities.
- Flooding in the Church Road/Rathole is still being investigated (this is possibly due to tree roots but has yet to be confirmed).
- Reporting on issues should continue to be made to Wiltshire Highways via [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting).

#### **15/2246. Report from Outside Meetings**

- The next Operational Flood Group meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> January.
- Wiltshire Council is holding an emergency meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to discuss current devolution proposals. The Government requires the formation of strategic authorities in all areas, each with a mayor as chair. Although it is expected that regions will formulate their own plans, the Government is reserving the option to override any proposals that insufficiently support overall geographic and strategic objectives. Additionally, associated potential financial incentives may be unavailable. Negotiations are currently under way between Wiltshire and other areas.

#### **16/2247. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

A request has been received from the developers of PL/2022/01245 (previously approved) in Alderton to determine a suitable new street name at the development site. Construction work is scheduled to start at the beginning of March 2025. This needs to be formally proposed by the Parish Council, but the Council wishes to consult the residents of Alderton to identify a suitable name, and steps are being taken to facilitate this process. The matter will be added to the February LAPC meeting agenda (meeting is in Alderton Village Hall) with a view to reaching a decision, preferably with input from local residents and the developer Ashford Homes.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.