

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Meetings**

Present

Chair

Mr Richard McCraith (RMC)

Councillors

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Mr Sebastian Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

1558. Apologies for Absence

Robert Simpkins (RS) and Sam Evans (SE).

1559. Declaration of interests

None.

1560. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

No members of the public requested access to the meeting.

1561. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1562. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June

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

1563. Matters Arising from the Minutes

CK asked that it be noted in the minutes that the Parish Council had formally decided in April not to hold an Annual Parish Meeting in May, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the rules which allow an APM not to be held until 2021.

1564. Correspondence Received

a) Request from Luckington School regarding a request for an additional dog poo bin to be located on the Green behind the school. JB advised that he had circulated prior to the meeting costings relating to this and if the Parish Council agreed to this being possible, then it could be sited on the metal post of the signpost on the Green behind the school. It was agreed to go with the Idverde quote and JB would send out a message through

Community Matters to see whether anyone raised any issues, he would also advise the school what was planned and then order.

b) Briefing Note 20-22 – Clarification of Wiltshire Council’s Financial Position. JT advised that this had been blown out of proportion in the media. Monies are tight and Wiltshire does not hold a huge amount of reserves, but more money is now being received from the Government.

c) NALC – New Model Code of Conduct – Accepted – CK would respond to NALC.

d) NALC – Holding Remote Meetings – this was noted and accepted by the Parish Council.

1565. To review and comment on Planning Applications

a) Planning Application Number: 20/04511/FUL. This was discussed and the Parish Council had no objections.

b) Planning Application Number: 20/05097/TCA. This was also discussed and the Parish Council had no objections.

1566. Update on Financial Issues

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

- Catherine Keegan, Phone and Stationery Expenses - £18.83
- Jack Derrick grass cutting for June - £504

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

b) The bank reconciliation was agreed by all and signed by RMC.

1567. 20mph in place during school start and finish

No further update. This will be chased up in October.

1568. Camera Speed Trial Update

RMC has received the speed camera, thanks to JT for his help in this. The box will be put up by September. JT advised that the Area Board bought six of these cameras in the end and they are now working on trying to bring the Police on board to support the initiative.

1569. Update on Prescription Collection and Delivery for Residents in Luckington, Alderton, Badminton, Didmarton and Sopworth

This continues to go well, though the number of deliveries has now reduced as more people are now able to collect their own prescriptions. The service is now changing to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week and will continue to be reviewed. Thanks to JB and CK for all their work on this.

1570. Update on Cemetery Issues

CK had circulated proposed changes to the cemetery fee structure, to incorporate the reservation of burial of ashes plots, which previously had not been possible. This was agreed by all and CK will implement and advise the individual who had raised the question about the change of position.

1571. Update on Website and Accessibility Requirements

JB has been engaging with a number of suppliers, as he was asked to do at the previous meeting, and asked them to assess the website, whether it is fit for purpose as it stands, whether there are accessibility issues and what is advised to be done to get the website ready for the Accessibility Requirements which come into effect in September.

It had been agreed that the website is not fit for purpose, there are security issues, it will not be acceptable regarding Accessibility Requirements and the current website is not compatible with achieving them.

A wide ranging discussion was had and whilst it was felt by some that work needed to be carried out and ideally a new website needed to be commissioned, the majority felt that it was not essential and the cost of commissioning a new website, for what is a very small parish council, would put an undue burden on the Parish Council. JB will advise the five contractors of the Parish Council's decision.

1572. Update on Grass Cutting

SE had advised ahead of the meeting that all was well with grass cutting and Jack Derrick has now advised that he and his fellow workers are given plenty of room to enable them to work safely. There is an issue regarding dog fouling in the area on the Playing Fields which has been left to become a wildflower meadow area. This is down to the Playground Committee to deal with. They are aware.

1573. Update on Highways Issues

JB advised that the Parish Steward was doing what he could, amid the Covid 19 situation. There were very few changes to report. The one thing which had been completed during the month was that the path beside the playing field had been resurfaced. This had been requested to be carried out seven years ago. A good job had been done. JB advised that he has sent a list of outstanding items to the Highways department and awaits an update.

1574. Report from Outside Meetings

SLM advised that there had been a Parochial Church Council meeting recently and the Gauzebrook Group now have a new vicar, Adam Beaumont. Elveen Mead is moving on to Stratton St Margaret and everyone wishes her well.

1575. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

There is no meeting in August, the next meeting will be held on the 9th of September.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.