

## LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

#### Present

#### Vice-Chair

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

#### Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Mr Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)

**Parish Clerk:** Dr Sheona Beaumont (SB)

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#### 1799. Apologies for Absence

Richard McCraith and Ms Sue Godwin

#### 1800. Declaration of interests

JB to step out of payment authorising.

#### 1801. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

There were none.

#### 1802. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

#### 1803. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Minutes were approved by all and signed by NN.

#### 1804. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

#### 1805. Correspondence received:

- a) Deborah Ackerley, Voluntary Parish Warden for Cotswolds Natural Landscape requesting contact and information re. public rights of way in our parish (11/02/22). JB has been in touch, and will be our point of contact. Attention to two stiles on paths outside the village is in hand.
- b) Gerard McLachlan of Loxley Solicitors pertaining to land registration at Luckington Court (17/02/22). JB summarised (following a report circulated to the Council prior to the meeting): On behalf of their client, June Pollock, the solicitors are querying the title to the cemetery land, which is shown according to their deeds as registered at Luckington Court. However, further to JB's investigation at the WSHC, our minutes and the 1900 OS Map (12/7) show that the cemetery is part of Field No.156, which was conveyed to the Parish Council in 1940. This piece of land (which includes small areas either side of the current cemetery walls) was purchased by the Parish Council, negotiated by Malmesbury Rural District Council, approved by the Ministry of Health, and with a loan from Wiltshire County Council. JB proposed sending the solicitor his full report, the Council agreed. The Council was made aware of possible future action to include the corrected registration of Field 156 at the Land Registry with the support of Loxleys, and the raising of further administration fees (up to £1000). JB and SB authorised to bring this to conclusion before next Council meeting.
- c) Liz Read, Climate Officer (Wiltshire Council), reporting to all Parish Councils that the Wiltshire Council Climate Strategy has now been formally adopted (18/02/22).

- d) Anna Taylor, Bristol Diocese, reporting that there is no record of Luckington Cemetery being consecrated (21/02/22), following SB cemetery report last month that entries in the Burial Register were inconsistent.
- e) Alexa Davies, Community Engagement Officer (Malmesbury, Wiltshire Council), confirming LAPC expression of interest in regards to Jubilee funding from the Malmesbury Area Board (22/01/22). SB confirmed this funding will be sent to the Parish Council in due course, and reported that RMC had communicated plans are being made by Luckington Fete Committee.

#### **1806. To review and comment on the following planning applications:**

- a) [PL/2022/01105](#) - PEMBERLEY, THE STREET, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6NP. Proposed garage extension to form study with gym over, to include two storey infill extension & loft conversion with associated works. No objections.
- b) [PL/2022/01080](#) - 12 BEAUFORT VIEW, LUCKINGTON, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 6GS. Single storey side extension. No objections.
- c) [PL/2022/01245](#) and [PL/2022/01586](#) - New Farm, Back Lane, Alderton, Chippenham, SN14 6NW. The conversion of a multi-yard farmstead into six new dwellings with associated infrastructure, and the demolition of modern agricultural buildings (Resubmission of 18/03475/FUL and 18/03605/LBC). JB confirmed this is a re-issue of a previously approved application from 3 years ago. No objections.

#### **1807. Update on Financial Issues**

- a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary. The following payments were agreed:
  - Expenses reimbursement to John Buckley (copying service at Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre): £9.00

SB to send out details, NN and RMC to action.

#### **1808. PAYE**

SB reported that RMC has still had no communication from HMRC, SB to phone.

#### **1809. Cemetery fees review**

In light of the current land registration issue (1805b above), the Council decided to postpone the fees review until this has been resolved.

#### **1810. Cemetery land registration**

Discussed in 1805b above.

#### **1811. Highways update (including fingerpost)**

JB action ongoing for fingerpost. JB alerted the Council to an AONB initiative to be authorised to issue fixed penalties to those taking vehicles on bridlepaths, concern was raised over the effectiveness of this. Queries about land/vehicle use at Carriers Farm warrant no action at this stage. Ongoing highways maintenance report includes potholes in hand, and the Old Chapel drain been reported (Luckington, by the entrance to the playing field). Councillors reminded to share the MyWilts app as a channel for residents to report problems.

#### **1812. Report from Outside Meetings**

MS reported from the Streetscene meeting for Wiltshire Council: adjusted policies this year in regards to leaving verges longer without cutting have taken on feedback, to include some junctions/bends with different visibility needs, and some wildflower areas. The Parish Council were encouraged to be point of contact for ongoing local feedback. MS on electric charging, has been in touch with Head of Highways, Wiltshire Council to introduce template forms for requesting Parish Council electric points later this year, if desired. MS reported that Sherston Pre-School is to close, with potential implications in management of Luckington Pre-School (also run by Pumpkins), MS in conversation with RMC.

#### **1813. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only**

NJG noted that Back Green been reseeded (following churned up grass due to vehicle use over the winter).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.