LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

Present:

Vice Chair: Nigel Neale (NN)
Councillors:
John Buckley (JB)
Nic Johnson-Greening (NJG)
Sue Godwin (SG)
Councillor Martin Smith (MS)

Parish Clerk: Carol Rogers (CR)

Members of the Public: None

2182. Apologies for absence
Richard McCraith (RMC)

2183. Declaration of interests
There were none.

2184. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items
There were no members of the public in attendance.

2185. Public Question Time
There were no questions.

2186. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September2024
The Minutes were approved by all and signed by NN.

2187. Matters arising from the Minutes
Claremont hedge: NJG notified the relevant parties, and this is now being addressed by Wiltshire Council.

2188. The following planning applications were considered:

- PL/2024/08145: Inglewood House, The Street, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NP (householder planning permission, rear conservatory). An objection has been submitted by the neighbour who owns the shared drive. This relates to anticipated issues with access, potential damage to recent resurfacing work and general local disruption. LAPC acknowledges the need to minimise the impact on neighbours and recommends measures to reduce disruption, including conditions relating to traffic control, workforce hours and delivery management. Wiltshire Council Planning Department to be advised accordingly.
- Details of planning application PL/2024/08775 The Farm, The Street, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NU (outdoor swimming pool) were received after publication of the agenda for this meeting. A response is due by 31st October and our formal request for an extension to this deadline was denied. It was therefore necessary for the Council to consider the application 'off agenda' (see item 2197 below). There were no objections.

2189. Update on financial issues
a. It was confirmed that the second precept payment was received on 25th September 2024.
b. The LAPC Financial Regulations document (May 2021) has been updated in line with NALC Model Financial Regulations template (April 2024). The revised document was approved by Council.
c. To agree payments as follows:

Ryan Russell (grass cutting September): £570.00
Clerk's phone: £8.81

Approved and signed off by NN & JB.

2190. Code of Conduct
It was reaffirmed by LAPC councillors that they will adopt the terms of the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct. No further action required.

2191. Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) project
It was agreed that LAPC will not provide input to the recent survey on the installation of local chargers. As responded previously, the Parish does not have any council property suitable for this purpose. Historical attempts within the Parish to provide public points on private land indicated that costs levied by commercial providers would be unsustainable.

2192. GDPR
Following recent discussions and review, the Council have re-affirmed their acceptance of the principles and practical application of GDPR.

2193. Lime Down update
There is currently a hiatus in formal progress with estimated slippage from Q1 to Q3 2025. This reflects the Planning Inspectorate's expansion of scope following EIA feedback. Work is continuing behind the scenes with research and fund raising. The results of feedback from the non-statutory consultation in March/April have not yet been published.

2194. Cemetery update
There was discussion around the interment scheduled for Monday 14th October 2024 in Luckington Cemetery. LAPC wishes to record its recognition of the long service provided to the Parish by Roger Mackney, including his time as clerk to LAPC.

2195. Highways update
- It was noted that the recent notification of the pending closure of Church Road was incorrect. There will however be some limited work relating to power cables in November.
- There is a burst drain in Church Road opposite the Old Forge, but the source is unknown. The Council have been informed and are working on it.
- The Council has also removed some debris causing flooding in Rat Hole, but this continues to be an issue.
- Reporting on issues should continue to be made to Wiltshire Highways via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting .

2196. Report from Outside Meetings
- Wiltshire Council Draft Local Plan. This is progressing through the review stages pending submission to the Secretary of State at the end of the year, and prior to consideration by the Planning Inspector in 2025. The Local Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth to 2038. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan. Local advice is that any neighbourhood plans currently being reviewed should wait to confirm what is in the new national plan.
- Sherston Surgery. Work has been on-going and it is hoped that a decision on relevant planning permissions and other arrangements will be achieved before the end of the year.
- Devolution. Wiltshire has been asked to collaborate with neighbouring counties to facilitate strategic decision-making on key areas such as health and transport.

2197. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only
- Following the discussion at item 2188 above on planning application PL/2024/08775, it was agreed that MS would raise an issue regarding the process for granting extensions to planning application response deadlines. It was noted that many Parish Councils meet monthly and that some meet even less regularly; it is not possible for the review process to operate effectively without flexibility to accommodate Council meeting schedules.

- LAPC currently has vacancies for 2 councillors and with re-elections/elections in the new year it is necessary to plan ahead. The probability of increased Lime Down activity in 2025 means that it will be important to maintain a quorum of councillors at all meetings. Action: add to November meeting agenda.
- LAPC Standing Orders have been updated in accordance with NALC Model Standing Orders 2018 (England) - Version two (April 2022). There are no substantive changes so on this basis and following review by Council they have been approved alongside the updated LAPC Financial Regulations (agenda item 2189b above).
- Luckington defibrillator. A request for funding for a new door for the defibrillator in Luckington was received on 7th October from the Luckington Children's Playground Charity (LCPC). JB has followed up with them and clarified the pre-existing contract, which specifies that LCPC own the defibrillator and are responsible for its maintenance, whilst LAPC has agreed to reimburse the LCPC in respect of associated consumables (adult and child pads, which are either used or require expiry date related replacement). No further action.
- LAPC wishes to congratulate Brenda Ashlin on her 100th birthday.
- LAPC wishes to record its recognition of the long and meritorious service to the Parish by Noel Banks, recently deceased. Noel was a Cotswold Warden and Parish Councillor over many years and his hard work and contribution has been greatly appreciated by the local community.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.