

LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on
Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Meetings**

Present

Vice-Chair

Mr Nigel Neale (NN)

Councillors

Mr John Buckley (JB)

Ms Sue Godwin (SG)

Sam Evans (SE)

Councillor John Thomson (JT)

Parish Clerk

Mrs Catherine Keegan (CK)

The meeting started with JB as Chair, as NN was having issues logging into the Zoom meeting.

1576. Apologies for Absence

Richard McCraith (RMC), Robert Simpkins (RS) and Seb Lawrence-Mills (SLM).

1577. Declaration of interests

SE for the Planning Application 8 e) in relation to 1, The Bell Field, Luckington.

1578. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items

No members of the public requested access to the meeting.

1579. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1580. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July

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

1581. Matters Arising from the Minutes

JB asked that it be noted that a Statement is required for the website in relation to the Accessibility Requirements. This is due to be completed by the 23rd of September. JB also confirmed that the number of prescription deliveries are substantially down, so the service has moved to an on demand one. If needed in the future it will be possible to move back to a more regular service. SE asked that thanks be given to all who have made this such a fantastic service for all local residents and the Tolsey Surgery.

1582. Correspondence Received

There was none.

1583. To review and comment on Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application Number: 20/05891/TCA in relation to The Meadows, The Street, Luckington. This has been agreed over the summer and no objections were raised.
- b) Planning Application Number: 20/05188/FUL – in relation to 2, The Street, Luckington. Once again this had been agreed over the summer and no objections were raised.
- c) Planning Application Number: 20/05889/TCA – in relation to 3, The Street, Alderton. Again no objections had been raised on this.
- d) Planning Application Number: 20/05203/FUL – Shallow Brook, Sherston Road, Luckington. No objections were raised in relation to this application.
- e) Planning Application Number: 20/06663/FUL - 1, The Bell Field, Luckington. SE excused himself whilst a discussion was had by the Parish Council. No objections to this planning application.
- NN joined the meeting and took over as Chair. He was updated by JB as to what had been discussed and agreed already in the meeting.
- f) Planning Application Number: 20/07537/TCA – The Old School House, Alderton. The application was discussed and no objections were raised.

1584. Update on Financial Issues

- a) To agree payments as listed on the financial summary. The following payments were agreed:
- Catherine Keegan, Phone July and August - £11.78
 - Jack Derrick grass cutting for July and August - £336 and £336
 - IdVerde – installation of dog poo/litter bin and emptying for the next six months - £295.62

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

- b) To agree revised and backdated pay for the Clerk, following receipt of the NALC 2020/21 National Salary Award. JB asked CK to check her contract, as he believes she is on a different scale. CK will check and revert. However, the increased pay was agreed by all.

1585. Camera Speed Trial Update

RMC has received the speed camera, and this has now been installed on The Green in Luckington. Very few people have been seen to be speeding through the village so far. JT advised that the cameras had been very successful where they had been installed so far. There are some persistent offenders in other locations. The Area Board is working with the Police and asking them for help in targeting those who are persistently breaking the speed limit. The Area Board may fund proper signage for the locations but are waiting on feedback from the areas where the cameras have been installed.

1586. Update on Prescription Collection and Delivery for Residents in Luckington, Alderton, Badminton, Didmarton and Sopworth

This is covered in point 1581 above.

1587. Update on Cemetery Issues

CK advised that two ashes burial plots have been reserved in the cemetery.

1588. Update on Grass Cutting

SE advised that no complaints at all had been received and the contract seemed to have gone incredibly well this year. SE also advised that the contract runs out at the end of 2020 and a new two-year contract will be needed for 2021 and 2022. SE will update the contract ahead of the next meeting. SG thanked SE for all his hard work.

1589. Update on Highways Issues

JB advised that Dave the Parish Steward had cleared the gravel on the junction outside Ashbridge House, as this was becoming an issue again. Dave had also cleared the Rathole drains and filled the potholes. He is checking these every two weeks.

The new dog poo/litter bin has been installed on the green behind the school. There were just two simple questions raised during the consultation and these had been dealt with. Everyone was happy with the installation and there had been positive feedback.

1590. Report from Outside Meetings

There were none.

1591. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

JT asked for the Parish Councillors views regarding the changes in the High Street in Malmesbury, due to Covid 19 and social distancing. The feedback was that whilst it was understood changes may need to be made, the lack of an hour of free parking previously available on the High Street was highly likely to discourage people from visiting Malmesbury to carry out the normal tasks they would on the High Street and beyond. Car parking in the Cross Hayes Parking area is also more difficult now.

JB raised the question asked by Tim Guard of the Parish Council regarding circulation of the Parish Council Agenda and Minutes. JB noted that the Parish Council is required to publish the Agenda and Minutes on it's website and display them on the notice boards in Luckington and Alderton. The idea of using Facebook had been considered previously and been discounted. Community Matters should be advised that the Agenda and Minutes were now available in these locations, but not required to publish them directly.

The resignation of CK was discussed. All the Parish Councillors wanted to express their disappointment at CK's resignation and said she had been excellent during her term as Parish Clerk and thanked her for all her hard work.

NN and RMC would now need to work on the advertising of the position and look to place the advertisement for the vacancy as soon as possible.

CK would also look at the cost of Zoom meetings, as she had been able to provide this for the Parish Council previously, but this would not be the case in the future.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.