

LUCKINGTON AND ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council Held on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 7.30pm in Luckington Village Hall

Present:

Chair: John Buckley (JB)

Vice Chair: Sue Godwin (SG)

Councillors: Roger Phillips (RP)

Wiltshire Councillor, Martin Smith (MS)

Parish Clerk: Elise Whittleton (EW)

Members of the Public: 0

1/2410. Apologies for absence: Councillor Jackie Muggleston, Councillor Nic Johnson-Greening.

2/2411. Declaration of interests: None declared

3/2412. Members of the public are invited to address the Council on agenda items: No members of public present.

4/2413. Public Question Time: No members of public present.

5/2414. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025. The Minutes were approved by all and signed by JB.

6/2415. Matters arising from the 10 December Minutes

- 13/2405 ii. Repairs to B4040 (part) in Luckington completed.
- 13/2405 viii. JB updated that Wiltshire Council refilled the empty grit bins recently.
- 15/2407 EW has reordered website, removed some old and duplicate sections, reorganised meetings into e.g. 25/26. But it is not possible to change the poor accessibility for uploading agenda and minutes as pdfs; the current website produces a duplicate logo plus the link to the minutes/agenda, which scores us poorly.
- 16/2408 RP updated no leaflet available, but will try to find an alternative.
- 17/2409 Andy Geddes yet to confirm to EW if he can attend the February meeting.

7/2416. Planning

a. To review and comment on planning applications received: None received.

b. To note planning applications determined:

PL/2025/06385: Land off, Church Road, Luckington. Erection of replacement commercial building. Decision: Refused. Decision date: 17 December 2025.

c. SG raised a resident's concern about the barn development on land opposite Carriers Farm. JB and MS confirmed that they have followed up with Wiltshire Council, who state it is permitted development. Concerns raised with Environment Agency have not produced a response. The Parish Council will continue to monitor any impact on flooding in the area.

8/2417. Update on financial issues

a. **There was a discussion to agree payments as follows:**

- i. Gradwell (Clerk's phone): £8.81 by DD
- ii. Refund Clerk for stationery purchase - printer paper: £9.40
- iii. Clerk's salary (January 2026): £392.50
PAYE (Income Tax deduction, paid to HMRC on behalf of Clerk): £98.00
Clerk's office allowance (November 2025): £26.00
- iv. HMRC – Employer NI Contributions (October, November, December): £160.60 due by 22 January.

All items were approved and signed off by JB and SG.

b. **The following receipts were noted:** Interest Business Premium Account (8 Sep-7 Dec): £8.63

c. **Budget planning and precept setting 2026/27**

JB provided an updated budget proposal for the councillors to review, as two further financial issues have come to light. EW has confirmed that since governmental changes last year to Employers Contributions to National Insurance, the Parish Council, as an Employer, is now required to pay additional unplanned Employer NI contributions. In respect of the Clerk's contracted 30 hours per month, this will cost an additional £140 approx. per year. JB confirmed that a further section of the cemetery wall came down last week in the cold weather. This will cost £675 to repair. There are no available funds allocated in the 2025/26 budget for this. JB has also had a look at the remaining walls in the cemetery, and it is likely that we may see further failures in the next couple of years. We need to make more provisions in the budget to cover these costs. JB proposed a precept uplift of 85%. Cllr NGJ emailed his agreement to this before the meeting. **All agreed to set draft budget as stated in document LAPC draft budget 2026-27 v.G1 final. All agreed to set the precept as £23,458.35.**

EW to return the Precept Requirement form to Wiltshire Council by the deadline 20th January 2026. The form was signed by the Chair and Clerk. **Action: EW to return the Precept Requirement.**

d. Change in Barclays interest rate

EW confirmed notice has been received from Barclays Bank of a change of interest rate on the Business Premium Account in March, reducing from 1.10% to 1.05%.

9/2418. Lime Down Solar Park update

EW confirmed the LAPC relevant representation was submitted in December, with reference number **F8E9E20B6**. JB advised that the public demand to submit relevant representations meant the system was overloaded at the 9 January deadline and therefore was extended to **23:59pm on Monday 12 January 2026**. We now wait to hear of the next steps.

It was noted that last week, Wiltshire Council Cabinet approved the Council's Relevant Representation for the proposed Lime Down Solar Park, confirming that it does not support the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the proposed Lime Down Solar Park.

10/2419. Cemetery update

JB confirmed last week another, larger, section of the cemetery wall came down in the cold weather, next to the previous repair. Robert Simkins provided a quote of £675 to repair 9 square metres of wall. EW advised this amount is above £500 threshold to request 3 quotes for the work. Councillors agreed that as R. Simkins has repaired previous sections of the wall, that this is a fair price, that they are happy with the quality of his work and for continuity of aesthetic considerations, they all agreed to accept this quote for works. **Action: JB to contact R. Simkins to proceed with the works.**

EW confirmed no other updates.

11/2420. Highways

a. Updates

- i) Notice Highways closure for B4040 (part), Luckington. Took place on 18th December.
- ii) Notice and Indicative Plan for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for C84 (Part), Luckington and Alderton commencing 12th January 2026. To enable: Wiltshire Council to carry out New Foul Connection and associated works. Back Lane now closed in Alderton.
- iii) Notice and Indicative Plan for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for B4040 (Part), Malmesbury and Brokenborough commencing 20th January 2026. To enable: Openreach to carry out pole replacement works and other associated works.
- iv) Issues with Brookend drains are still ongoing.

b. 20mph zone and school travel plan updates: No updates provided for this meeting by Nicole Beazer or Sara Rodwell.

Reporting on issues should continue to be made to Wiltshire Highways via the 'MyWilts App and via the website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting. The Parish Council advises members of the public to create an account, as this allows for further tracking of reported issues.

12/2421. Report from Outside Meetings: No meeting updates to report. JB to attend a Flood group meeting next week.

13/2422. Items for next meeting Agenda and any other business, for information only

EW confirmed agenda items to agree meeting dates for 2026/27 and the appointment of an internal auditor.

EW received an email on 20 January from CPRE Wiltshire, about the best kept village competition due to take place on 20th June 2026. Councillors confirmed that the parish council is not in a position currently to support this at the moment.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.