

# **LUCKINGTON & ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL LUCKINGTON AT 7.00PM**

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**Present:** Victoria Avery, Parish Clerk. (VA)  
John Buckley (JB)  
Sue Godwin (SG)  
Richard McCraith (RM)  
Sam Evans (SE)  
Seb Lawrence-Mills (SLM)

Two members of the public were present

### **1. Apologies**

Nigel Neale (NN)  
Robert Simpkins (RS)

### **2. Parish Councillors to choose and vote in a new Chair and Vice Chair.**

As (NN) was away on holiday this month, he had given his formal agreement via email to the Clerk to stand for Vice Chair if the Parish Council so wished. (SLM) nominated (NN) for Vice Chair and (SE) seconded. This was put to the vote and all agreed. (VA) will ask Nigel to sign a Declaration of Office on his return from holiday.

(SE) nominated (RM) to continue as Chair and (SG) seconded. This was then put to all Councillors to vote with 3 agreed and 1 against.

### **3. Clerk handed meeting over to Richard McCraith**

### **4. Approval of Convening Notice**

All members of the Council approved the Convening Notice.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

These minutes were approved and signed by Chair.

### **6. Matters Brought Forward from the Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

There were no matters brought forward.

### **7. Annual Report by the Chair of the Parish Council, Mr Richard McCraith.**

We started off the year with 3 people leaving the Council which we would like to thank for their service to the community.

Ashley Stopforth, Noel Banks and Paul Bamford.

We did not have an election and we had in May, five people on the Council.

Nigel Neale, John Buckley, Sue Godwin and Sebastian Lawrence Mills, who is a new member who put himself forward.

Later in the year, we welcomed two new people, Sam Evans and Robert Simpkins who has been on the Parish Council before. Thank you very much for joining.

Our finances have remained health and we have approximately 14,000 in our accounts after the year end. We increased the precept by 1% for 2018/19.

Planning during the year, we have an ongoing plan from Badminton Estate in Alderton to alter New Farm into 7 dwellings. This, I am sure, will run on this year but they have put in planning permission this month.

We had an application for a change of use of some land and a house with solar panels to be built also in Alderton and this was in the end turned down.

I would very much like to help the local community more but we did donate approximately £700 to various projects from FOLS to others.

We are also going to pay for any ongoing costs with the defibrillator in Luckington.

We have the churchyard in the village which needs repair and would very much like to help. (SLM) has kindly volunteered to keep us informed of the ongoing project.

We continue to look after grass cutting and the cemetery where we had some repairs to the wall.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their time and hard work.

Also I would like to thank Tim Guard for sending out communications on behalf of the Parish Council.

I would also like to thank (NN) for being Vice Chair and of course, Vicky for all her hard work and support.

Meeting finished at 7.15pm  
Mrs Victoria Avery  
Clerk to Luckington and Alderton Parish Council