

LUPPITT PACKET



July & August 2021

THE LUPPITT PACKET

This is our last edition as editors. We would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to Amian Fry and the other local folk who started this magazine many years ago in the teeth of opposition from both the Parish council and St Mary's Church council. How times have changed!

It was our intention to bring a different style and presentation to the Packet, and hope that our odd mixture of poor humour, serious articles and random poetry has kept our readers entertained over the last two years. We send a very big thank you to those who have encouraged and supported the magazine with their written and artistic contributions, the trusty band of "posties" led by Mandy Riley and Andrea Smith, and to John Hayes for keeping an eagle eye on the finances. We have made an effort to reduce costs and we leave the magazine in good financial and commercial health. We would particularly like to thank our three artists, Vanessa Nancarrow, Sue Hurst and Julia Sparks, for their imaginative front cover designs which make the Packet a unique publication.

We are pleased to be able to report that a new team has agreed to take on the magazine (see page 4). The new editors will bring their own creativity and new ideas; so readers be prepared for change! We wish them the best of luck and give them our full support and encouragement. We also hope the village will embrace whatever changes they plan to make.

Goodbye and thanks for all the fish!
Nigel Hurst & Claire Stevens

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WHAT'S ON

JULY

Tue 6th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Sun 11th	Cricket Luppitt vs Blacksmiths 2.30pm Luppitt Oval
Sun 18th	Cricket Luppitt vs Bishops Hull 2.30pm Luppitt Oval
Sun 18th	Cricket Luppitt vs Trull 2.30pm Luppitt Oval

AUGUST

Tue 3rd	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Sun 1st	Luppitt Reunion from 3pm Village Hall
	Date changed due to extension of Covid restrictions
Sun 22nd	Cricket Luppitt vs Blagdon Hill 2.30pm Luppitt Oval
Sat 28th	End of Summer Bash from 6pm Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls Mondays, 7.30pm

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 nd September	Packet Coffee Morning 10-12 Greenway Manor
Friday 22 nd October	Autumn Bingo 7pm for 7.30 start
Saturday 13 th November	Luppitt Quiz Night <i>Always a popular event!</i>
Saturday 18 th December	Luppitt Christmas Party

LUPPITT ENTERTAINMENTS

With the extension of Covid restrictions until 19th July, the date for the Luppitt Reunion has had to be changed. It will now be held on **1st August from 3pm**.

This will be a general get-together at the Village Hall for local residents, run jointly with St Mary's Church, giving everyone the opportunity to gather and meet again in a congenial atmosphere.

We will be serving complimentary cream teas, and the bar will be open with the first drink also being free! However, we are happy for people to bring their own food if they prefer.

We are also planning a History Trail – find out how much you know (or not) about Luppitt!

We are also hoping bells will be rung to signal the start.

For the end of August we are planning an informal evening with music, a barbecue and bar, which will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

See also our list of dates above for future events being planned.

**The Village Hall Committee and St Mary's Church
warmly invite you to a**

Luppitt Reunion

**at Luppitt Village Hall on
Sunday 1st August from 3 pm**

**An excuse and opportunity to meet up
with local friends again!**

Complimentary Cream Tea

(Bring your own food if you prefer)

Free first drink at the bar!

History Trail to the Church

**To give us an idea of numbers please email
Tracey Rosewell: dolishfarm@btinternet.com**

**The Village Hall Committee presents an
End of Summer Bash
at Luppitt Village Hall on
Saturday 28th August
Doors open 6 pm**

**With a
Local Band
Bar**

Barbecue from 7-9pm

**Free entry
(but pay for food and drinks)**

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will call at Mount Stephens on Wednesday 21st July
and 18th August from 10:45am until 11:15am.

The van is now open for you to select books but face coverings must be
worn. If you are not a member of the library you can join on the day.





LUPPITT PACKET COFFEE MORNING



A chance to meet your new editorial team

**Thursday 2nd September
at Greenway Manor
10am to 12 noon**

RAFFLE • CAKES • BRING AND BUY

By kind permission of Louisiana and Julian

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFÉ

Following the recent Repair Service that the Blackdown Hills Repair Café have managed to offer the community, during the recent difficult Covid period, and will be continuing to do so, while Stephan has managed to offer this service from his home in Blagdon Hill.

**The Blackdown Hills Repair Café will also resume its regular slot at:
Hemyock Parish Hall on the 24th July 2021
from 10am until 12.30pm
and thereafter on the Fourth Saturday of every other Month.**

Please contact Stephan, Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café

**Email: sfelehner@aol.com
Mobile: 07715460783 (best)
Home: 01823421760**

NEW TEAM FOR THE PACKET

After several people expressed their willingness to support our magazine, we are pleased to introduce the team that will be taking over the editing and publishing of the Luppitt Packet!

Martin Hemsley and Trevor Bevan

supported by a team of roving reporters and content providers.

They will be taking the reins in time for the circulation of the September edition and are delighted to be involved as the world is starting to open up again, post pandemic.

ONLINE VERSIONS OF THE LUPPITT PACKET

The website www.luppitt.net, which is hosted by Peter Sage, contains a wealth of information about Luppitt – its history, people, photos, family trees etc.

The site also holds PDF copies of The Packet dating from 2010 up to the current edition. We hope also in due course to have an easily readable electronic copy of the Packet attached to the Luppitt Neighbourhood plan website.

LUPPITT WHATSAPP GROUP

Thank you to all those who have signed up to the Luppitt Here to Help WhatsApp group. The group which was originally formed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been a great success.

It is now used for a variety of purposes

Village news • Things for sale
Village road works alerts • Church and Hall news

It is to be renamed from Luppitt Here to Help to **Luppitt Parish Notices**.

If you're yet to join this WhatsApp group and would like to please contact:-

Lucy Murray on 07968 900349

DEFIBRILLATOR REFRESHER COURSE

Defibrillators have been in the news recently. If you would be interested in learning how to use one please contact **Rosalind Buxton by email luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07944 625025 or 01404 861565**.

Luppitt has two defibrillators - their locations are given in the magazine directory.

THE OAK

*Oak before ash we'll just have a splash
Ash before oak we're in for a soak*

The Met Office don't seem to use this old rhyme to predict the weather any more.

I was walking the dog on the eastern edge of the parish boundary whilst thinking about writing this article on the oak. I saw a very good specimen of a stag horned field oak, all alone in a field. This brought to mind the story of the lighthouse designed by Smeaton. I knew the design was based on an oak tree.

The diameter of the trunk of the oak at ground level is generally greater than a few feet higher, making the oak strong and sturdy and able to grow to great age and size. The trunk of the oak is perfectly adapted to resist the most violent action of the wind, this particular feature influenced the design of lighthouses.

John Smeaton designed and built the third lighthouse at the dangerous Eddystone Rocks, 9 miles south of Rame Head in Cornwall. The lighthouse was completed on 25 August 1759. Smeaton based the design on an oak tree after the two previous lighthouses collapsed into the sea. The lighthouse was 59ft (18m) high with a diameter at the base of 26ft/8m and 17ft/5m at the top. It was lit by candle.

The qualities of oak as a material for building and other construction were known to our ancestors. We still have Devon longhouses with recycled mediaeval oak beams and lintels in the village. St Mary's has an oak roof as do most churches in England. I remember my grandfather replacing the oak shingles of a parish church spire.

I can only imagine the amount of oak felled from the Roman period onwards and taken to the busy ports of Topsham and Exeter, straight down the Roman road now the A30. The felling of the oaks must have accelerated in the Blackdown Hills for ship building in the Tudor period with the creation of the Royal Navy. The Mary Rose, Henry VIII's ill-fated flag ship needed 600 trees to build. Nelson's HMS Victory needed 2000 oak trees, around 60 acres of wood.

The Royal Oak is the third most popular pub name in England. This pub name celebrates the Royal Oak where the future King Charles II hid to escape from the Roundheads during the Civil War in 1651. The Battle of Worcester in 1651 was the decisive defeat of Charles by Oliver Cromwell.

The future King Charles II concealed himself in a pollarded oak tree at Boscobel in Shropshire the tree became known as the Royal Oak after Charles II recounted his daring escape story to Samuel Pepys. The original tree no longer stands and has been replaced by the Son of Royal Oak. Saplings grown from the Son's acorn can be purchased in the gift shop at Boscobel.

The Proscribed Royalist 1651 painted by John Everett Millais in 1852/53 shows a young Puritan woman protecting a fleeing royalist soldier in a hollow of an oak tree. The picture is in the Lord Lloyd-Webber Collection.

Oak Apple Day was a public holiday on the 29 May until 1859. The day celebrated the defeat of Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army, the fall of the republic and the restoration of the monarchy. People would wear oak leaves or

oak apples. Some schools and institutions such as the Royal Hospital Chelsea still celebrate the day.

William Shakespeare uses the oak to convey heritage, power, strength and endurance in his plays. He would have been inspired by trees and landscapes known to him. Two examples are Herne's Oak in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* growing in Windsor Great Park and the Birnam Oak from *Macbeth*, still growing in Scotland.

The two principle varieties growing in the UK are the sessile oak, *Quercus petraea*, which is distinguished from the English, or pedunculate, oak, *Quercus robur*, by its acorns which are not on stalks but grow directly on a twig.

The characteristics of the oak can be seen throughout the parish. A stoutness of limbs, twisting branches, expansive spread and longevity. This provides the perfect home for the largest range of insects and wildlife. A pollarded tree is cut at 8-12ft above the ground and allowed to grow again to produce successive crops of wood.

The oak supports more life forms than any other species with hundreds of insects supplying many birds with food sources. Flowers and leaf buds are food for the caterpillars of the purple hairstreak butterflies. Bats roost and feed in the canopies. The rich leaf mould beneath the tree supports fungi and invertebrates such as stag beetles.



A considerable number of galls are found on oak leaves, buds, flowers and roots – the artichoke, marble, knopper and apple gall are all examples. From Saxon times, ground oak apple gall was used as an ingredient in ink for writing manuscripts.

Mature oaks shed varying numbers of acorns every autumn. The excessive amount of acorns dropped, improves the chances of germination estimated at 1 in 10,000. This large quantity of acorns allows nut eating mammals to feast. The leaves and acorns are poisonous to most livestock apart from pigs which were traditionally pastured in oak woodlands.

Humans can eat acorns but only after being thoroughly soaked and washed to remove tannins. Oak woodland also supports a wide variety of mushrooms as well as black and white truffles.

Oak wood chips are used for smoking fish meats and cheeses. The wood of the oak has been used for making barrels for ageing wines, sherry, brandy, Irish whiskey, Scotch whisky and Bourbons made from European and American oak. Barrels have been used for preserving and salting foods. Most importantly, the bark of the cork oak is used to produce wine corks.

JSH

GARDEN JOTTINGS

I first came across the Agapanthus many years ago, when I was doing my small bit for Queen and country. I bought a book in a Chester shop, full of coloured plates of exotic garden flowers, arums, irises, clivias, eremurus, cannas I'd never heard of. They were all illustrated by Cynthia Newsome-Taylor. In those far off days the Agapanthus was not well known. Nowadays every plant catalogue has the blue flowers of this Lily of the Nile. I went to a local nursery to buy some. They were doing polyanthus for Woolworths that afternoon, and agapanthus they'd never heard of. Later I found them in flower round the Palm House at Kew. Eventually about 1957 I bought some by post from Bees Nursery near Liverpool. However I was disappointed. Theirs weren't a patch on Kew's.



The Agapanthus comes from Africa. Sima Eliovson has several pages on the Agapanthus in her book I mentioned recently, *South African Flowers for the Garden*, though perhaps a little out of date. She lists seven different species from S. Africa, but admits there may be others. As far as the UK is concerned there are really only two sorts you can grow, the ones that will survive outside in the winter and the ones that need protection, unless you happen to live in a mild winter area like Tresco, or some other favoured spot. These are the deciduous sorts and the evergreens. Deciduous agapanthus usually survive, but you are likely to have problems with the evergreens.

Agapanthus comes in dark blue, pale blue, large blue, small blue, grey blue, purple and blue and of course white and white with blue blotches. Most agapanthus have upright flowers, but there are types with hanging or pendulous flowers. Agapanthus need sunny spot to flower and plenty of water in the summer. In winter reasonably dry conditions suit them best. They should be fed with tomato type fertiliser spring and summer. Plants in pots should be repotted in spring. If you split the pots or clumps up (they appear to be mainly roots) for propagation this should be done in spring. Keep them warm if possible and don't water a lot until they settle down.

Some years ago I grew a variety of Agapanthus. Nowadays I keep only four, all with a history personal to me. I have a large deciduous white. This was advertised as blue around 1968 by a plant importing firm in Penzance with a strange name, possibly Cornish, which I have forgotten. It has a large flower and this is why it kept it. There is a small deep blue deciduous one from Bressingham Gardens in 1977. Nine of the ten that came were tall. The one I kept was shorter. And I have a large medium blue evergreen agapanthus. I found this in the 1970s lying in the gardens of Singer House in Paignton, cut off and abandoned by the gardeners. I took it home and kept it warm under an electric bulb for a couple of months until it started growing. Finally I have a late flowerer from Alan Tofts, who was a keen agapanthus grower.

The name Agapanthus is a made up scientific name. At first I believe it was called *Crinum Orientalis*. Eventually Agapanthus was chosen - the flower of love, a NT word for the love of God rather than the love of Eros.

David Street

LUPPITT CRICKET CLUB

The team's second game of the season and the first home game was held on Sunday 13th June.

Thanks to much hard work by some of the team the Luppitt Oval was looking good, and after a week of warm sunny days all was set for an enjoyable competition in near perfect conditions.

The visiting team were "The Mighty Greys", on tour from Brighton. They were founded in 1987 by some blokes who drank in the Greys Public House in Brighton, which led me to reflect for a moment about how many brilliant spontaneous beer-fuelled ideas have been lost due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

TMGs have been playing Luppitt as a regular tour fixture since about 2003. Having played the previous 2 days, and buoyed by success at Sidbury on Saturday, they looked disappointingly sober and ready for a game. The Luppitt team captained by Stuart Pike were duly assembled and the game was on.

TMGs batted first and made a brisk start, reaching 147 off 35 overs. Luppitt were chasing well with Ben Kitson our high scorer on 65 runs, but as the wicket started to breakdown the ball moved around more. The TMGs spinners bowling was accurate and Luppitt suffered an uncharacteristic batting collapse, falling short of the target all out for 127 off 28 overs.

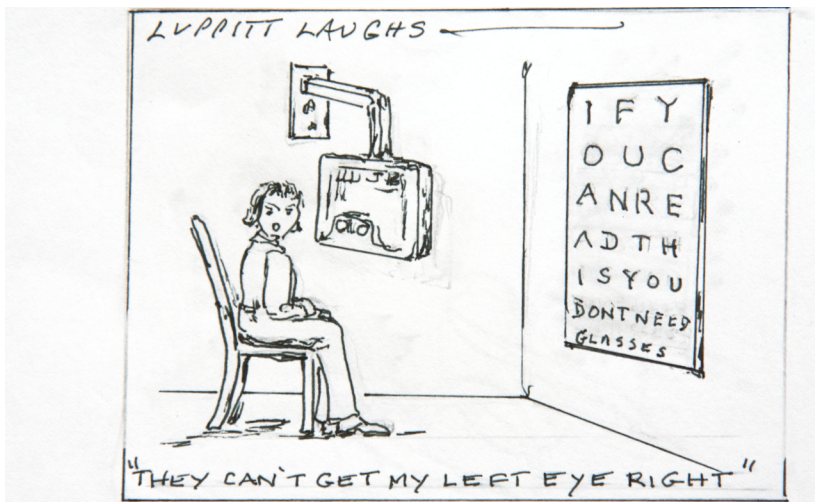


Congratulations to TMG on a well deserved win (their first in about 10 years) and a thoroughly enjoyable game.

Our coming fixtures are all Sunday afternoon home games. Please find details in the Diary on page 1.

It's a lovely pitch and spectators are always welcome. If anyone is interested in playing you'll find contact details for the cricket club inside the back page.

Martin Hemsley



UPOTTERY SCHOOL REPORT

Our first week of our final half term has continued to see children across the school working hard in all classes, and getting back to more familiar aspects of the summer school Wren class using the Forest School area at lunch time, to enjoying the field each day for a variety of outdoor sporting wonderful to see all our young people working together and cooperating, in all classes, having re-established important peer relationships with one another after the disruption of the past months. We also continue to be very impressed by the children's hard work and progress with their reading, via our Lexia Core 5 programme. Once again, today in our Celebration Assembly there were young people from across the school having completed their next level on the programme, and have been awarded a certificate for their efforts. Please do keep encouraging your young person to use the programme at home as well as in school: little and often is best. We are really seeing children making good gains with their reading and understanding. Well done to all of our pupils for their continued focus on their reading using Lexia Core 5.

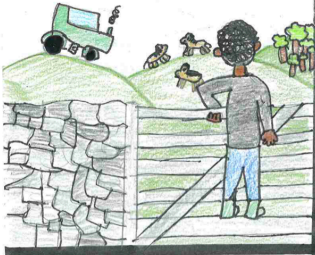


We were also delighted today to see our year 6 students off for the weekend to Pixies Holt, for our Year 6 Residential Trip, which was postponed from the Autumn term. The visit is a great opportunity to experience new challenges, achieve personal goals, and develop a level of independence. It is also an opportunity for our pupils to celebrate their time at Upottery and forge even closer bonds together, which will greatly help them maintain their friendships, as they make the transition to secondary school in a matter of weeks. I was very impressed with how independently they organised themselves, as they set off for Dartmoor this afternoon. We are all greatly looking forward to finding out about their experiences next week. Thank you to Mrs Yallop and Mrs Molyneaux for making this very special trip a reality this year, in such unusual circumstances.

Best wishes, Chris Legg

Artwork by an Upottery pupil

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.



Guard against all risk of fire.



Keep dogs under close control



Keep to public paths across farmland.



Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.



Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.



Take all litter home.



Help to keep all water clean.



Protect wildlife, plants and trees





Services at St. Mary's during July

4 th	09:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev J Hayhoe
11 th	11:00 AM	Family Service	Rev J Penn
18 th	11:00 AM	Holy Communion	Rev J Hayhoe
25 th	11:00 AM	Informal Worship	Lay led

Services at St. Mary's during August

1 st		No Service, Luppitt Reunion event	
8 th	11:00 AM	Holy Communion	Rev J Penn
15 th	06:30 PM	Evensong	Rev J Penn
22 nd	11:00 AM	Family Service	Mr J White
29 th	11:00 AM	6 Worship together outside in Dunkeswell	Rev J Hayhoe

St. Mary's Church is open all day on Wednesdays and Sundays

Evensong in the Churchyard

Sunday 15th August at 6:30pm

Weather permitting we will gather at the top of the Churchyard close to the car park.

Do bring a drink and snacks to enjoy afterwards

Visit www.dunkeswell.org.uk and find us on Facebook
@sixworshiptogether

FROM REV PENN'S PEN

I was watering the garden recently and thought it's looking a bit scruffy, the spring flowers have set seeds and I want to leave them to sow themselves for next year but they do look rather unkempt and there didn't seem to be much by way of flowers, then I noticed the next flush of flowers getting ready to make themselves seen. Gardening requires time and care and our plants need feeding and watering to be at their best. Even now it's not too late to plant some seeds and if you want to grow something edible try rocket, I think it got its name because it's ready to eat in about four weeks.

We really notice the green of spring and then it seems that as we get used to seeing plants everywhere as summer draws on we don't notice it so much. Next time you're out and about this summer do take the time to notice all the different shades of green, the pine trees so much darker than the picnic ready grass.

Earlier this year I wrote about the way the church uses different colours to mark the seasons and guess what, for most of the summer the colour we use is green! If you go into any church at this time of year you will notice that the hanging fabrics, like the one over the altar (that's church speak for a special table) will be green, pop into your local church and check it out. During this time, Christians just get on with growing in our life with God, like the plants are doing. And just as plants need care and feeding, we need feeding spiritually. Meeting with other Christians in church can help, and praying is a great way to feed our growing faith. Long summer days and nights can be a good time for prayers. Start with something as simple as saying thank you to God for something you're really grateful for, or asking for God's peace at bedtime each night.

Here are a couple of examples of simple prayers you could try:

Saying Thank You:

God the Father, who made us, we thank you.

God the Son, who saved us, we thank you.

God the Spirit, who holds us in love, we thank you.

God, who is everywhere, thank you for being you.

Bedtime:

Stay with us, O God, this night,
so that by your strength
we may rise with the new day
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

I pray that this summer will be a really growing time for you

Rev. Jane

CLERK'S REPORT OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2021 AT 8 PM

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice Chair), Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, David Key (EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Andrew Tucker, Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC). Cllr Thorne welcomed everyone to the first face-to-face meeting since March 2020. Covid protocol was followed carefully with windows and doors open, hand sanitiser readily available and social distancing observed.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 4 May 2021, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Ryder).

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Summers declared an interest in the planning application at Windsor Farm as he is related by marriage to the applicant.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Summers signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Since the last meeting, Cllr Thorne has signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair. Both Declarations were signed in the presence of the clerk.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

21/1138/FUL – Windsor Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SY – roofing over manure store

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/1133/FUL – Woodhayes Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4TP – replacement of existing paddock with farm shed

Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Turner and the clerk had visited the site and spoken to the applicant. This planning application raised issues of concern and, after discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application.

21/1360/FUL – Corner Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4UE – demolition of single garage; two-storey extension to rear of property and new car port; new windows for the whole property The clerk will arrange a site visit.

Garages at Millrise

Cllr Key had received a communication from a resident at Millrise about parking. Cllr Key will follow up.

Decisions

21/0709/FUL – Smithenhayes Farm, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4TR – erection of one glamping cabin

There had been some misunderstanding between Planning East and the Ward Member and, as a result, the applicant had been advised that planning permission had been refused. This decision was then reversed and the application will go before Committee at EDDC on 7 July for a final decision. Unfortunately, this had delayed progress for the applicant. The Parish Council supports this application.

Neighbourhood Plan and Communications Programme – update

Cllr Ryder reported that the consultation process had progressed well. Cllr Turner said that all comments will be uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan website. The clerk passed on comments made by Angela King, the Neighbourhood Planning officer at EDDC, as follows:

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the work to promote this locally through a variety of means, including the flyer & Summary document and recordings, and offering zoom meetings and 1:1's is considered exemplary and we would like to share this with others as good practice and congratulate all involved on going to these lengths to engage the local community.

Cllr Thorne thanked Cllrs Ryder and Turner for their hard work in achieving this result. Thanks were also due to Roger Hicks as Chair of the Steering Group.

Parish Council meeting to review final comments received

The clerk will arrange a face-to-face meeting for Parish Councillors and Roger Hicks to agree the final amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan.

EDDC Local Plan

The clerk will forward Angela King's and Roger Hicks' reports on an EDDC webinar meeting to Parish Councillors that was held on 25 May.

Working Group

The Parish Council now refers to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan when considering planning applications. The feasibility of forming a working group of Parish Councillors who would carry out any site visit, consider compatibility or otherwise with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and then provide this information to the full Parish Council to reach a decision was discussed. As this would be a working group and not a committee, any discussions necessary after the site visit could be carried out via Zoom. The formation of a working group would not in any way affect the Standing Orders which state that the whole of the Parish Council are members of the Planning Committee with a quorum of 3. Any Parish Councillor could be part of the working group. The working group would not be taking any decisions but simply providing detailed information which would be put forward at a full Parish Council meeting thus enabling Parish Councillors to make an informed decision. It was agreed that this was a sensible way forward (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Ryder).

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report as follows:

- Loose kerbstones at Millrise – Cllr Key continues to have email correspondence but work has still not been carried out.
- Ford Bridge to Shaugh – on the left-hand side of the second bend coming from Ford Bridge, one side of the road has sunk – repair does not appear to have been carried out so the clerk will report again.
- Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead – potholes and subsidence and large pothole mid-way on the left-hand side between Overday and Gully Lane. Check to see if work has been carried out. Clerk will report again if necessary.

Parish Maintenance

Later in the year, Cllrs Thorne and Pulman will make a list of potholes around the

parish that do not meet Highways' criteria for repair but which cause problems for residents. Cllr Tucker will be asked to quote for carrying out the work and the clerk will establish what funding or materials may be available under the Road Warden scheme.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Cllr Tucker has carried out work to the gate at the footpath by Hillend. There was nothing to report from the footpath wardens.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Play Area

A resident had approached Cllr Ryder and the clerk to put forward a proposal to improve the play area facilities. The Parish Council was very encouraged to learn from the resident that there are now approximately 25 children under the age of 10 who live in the parish. It was agreed that this could be a worthwhile project and an ideal opportunity for a community initiative that the Parish Council could support. The Village Hall Management Committee should be approached for their support. Cllr Summers expressed his interest in liaising with the resident to progress the idea. The Parish Council will be interested in receiving further information regarding feasibility, costings, funding available, etc. Cllr Ryder will write to the resident.

Night Lights

Cllr Turner will put an article in the Luppitt Packet to remind residents about unnecessary night lights and reiterating the principle of dark night skies.

Luppitt Packet

The clerk had written to the editors of the Luppitt Packet on behalf of the Parish Council offering help and support in finding a replacement for when they step down after the July/August issue. The editors thanked the Parish Council for their offer but felt they had the matter in hand.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Internal Audit Report

The internal auditor was satisfied that the financial systems and controls had been properly carried out and that the final bank reconciliation accurately reflected the year-end balance held in Luppitt Parish Council's bank account. The clerk has forwarded the internal audit report to the Parish Councillors. It was resolved unanimously to approve the internal auditor's report (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Ryder). The internal auditor (Gavin Brake) has indicated that, as he has carried out the internal audit for 3 years, he feels it is good practice to find someone else to carry out the work to maintain independence.

Approval of Annual Governance Statement

It was resolved unanimously to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Ryder). It was signed by Cllr Thorne as Chair of the meeting.

Approval of Accounting Statements

It was resolved unanimously to accept and approve the Accounting Statements for 2020/21 (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Ryder). It was signed by Cllr Thorne as Chair of the meeting.

Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Controls, Risk

Assessment and Management Register, Register of Interests

All these items were reviewed and accepted unanimously (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Pulman). Parish Councillors present confirmed that there were no amendments to their register of interests.

Correspondence

An email from Devon & Cornwall Police regarding the launch of a new summer-long campaign to help reduce demand on their 101 non-emergency number was noted.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Cllr Thorne had received a letter from two long-standing residents regarding the siting of caravans and shepherds' huts at Higher Moorlands Farm. This item will be discussed at the July Parish Council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Dates for next meetings to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:

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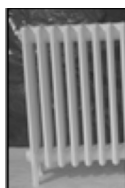
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