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Welcome to the February edition of the Luppitt Packet.

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This months wonderful cover Art submitted by Marion Chown.

Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team

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What's on

February

Wed 1 Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am

Tues. 7 Luppitt Parish Council meeting 8:00pm. Luppitt village hall.

Thur, Fri, Sat 23,24,25 . The Luppitt player's present Robin Hood the Pantomime

Sun 26 Cafe Church Newmans 3:00pm

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hub Pub 7:30pm every Wednesday and Friday

Bowls 7.30pm Mondays

Friday Coffee / Market 11am until 1pm

Sat 25th Coffee / Market 11am until 1pm

Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

Coming up:

Please note: some dates have changed from those previously published due to the change of dates for the Pantomime.

Friday 10th March from 7:30pm – Pub Games Night

Friday 31st March 7pm for 7:30pm start – Easter Bingo

Bingo fun with lots of Easter Egg prizes!

Friday 14th April – Skittles Night

Teams from different areas of Luppitt Parish are invited to pit their skills against each other!

Friday 21st April – Pudding Tasting Night

Enjoy tasting six different puddings and vote for your favourite!

Save these dates for future events:

Sunday 7th May – Coronation Tea

Sunday 11th June - Family Footpath Fun

A walk with clues to find, finishing with refreshments at the village hall.

Please note – all events are CASH ONLY!

THE LUPPITT PLAYERS

PRESENT



Robin Hood

By Bob Heather & Cheryl Barrett

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES

23rd, 24th & 25th February 2023

Luppitt Village Hall at 7:30pm

Bar available (Cash Only)

TICKETS FROM:

Steve or Maggie: 01404 891268

Or any cast member

Adults £8; Seniors £7; Under 16's £4

All profits will support: -

Children's Hospice South West & See-The-Future

Hub Pub Games Night

at Luppitt Village Hall
Friday 10th March from 7:30pm

Darts, Pool, Skittles, Beer Pong and more!
Play as individuals or teams

Garden Jottings

I woke up with morning, to rain and wind lashing on the window. We've had rather more of it recently than we needed. The garden's a dead leaf littered bog. The horses are churning up the grass in the field next to us, where we had the fire last summer.

Mild weather has however brought out early snowdrops. There are plenty of them out usually from November to January. I think they are from the Caucasus. They seem to like an open sunny spot, not doing well buried in a Devon hedge. I've had them since about 1980 from Broadleigh Gardens, not too far away. The garden snowdrops will be out soon, but I don't think any snowdrops are native to the UK. I sometimes wonder why they are always white, though I believe some have a touch of pink or yellow in them for the committed galanthophile.



The first daffodils are out too in a tub on the patio - Ringveldts Early Surprise - however you pronounce it. Actually it's another old friend from 1980 from Broadleigh Gardens. There are also some I suppose you'd call them mini daffodils in the poly about six inches high with pale lemon cups and narrow leaves. I don't remember where they came from - possibly a packet of seeds some years ago. They are probably from Morocco or somewhere like that



Yellow and purple crocuses will soon be out in what sun there is. And plum cyclamen will be peering from among heaps of windswept oak leaves.

David Street



Puzzle Page

Clock Watching

Penny is usually in a rush in the morning as she gets ready for work. Yesterday she set off without her mobile phone and without putting her watch on.

It was 9.00 according to the clock on display when Penny went through reception and caught the lift up to her floor where her office is situated.

Penny works in a large open plan office. She has her own working area which is surrounded by screens on three sides. Annoyingly, she can't actually see a wall clock when she sit-down at her desk. However there is a large wall mirror that's reflects a twelve hour clock hanging on the far wall from her work station

Its a busy morning, and two and a half hours go by before she takes a ten minute break. Penny then works for half the time she's already been in the office that morning.

She takes three quarters of an hour for lunch then goes straight into a meeting that last exactly seventy minutes.

Penny then works for half as long as she worked before lunch, plus her afternoon fifteen minute break.

At the end of the day she glances at the wall mirror as she gets up to leave. What time is shown by the clock reflected in the mirror?

Last months answers:

1. Kevin 2. Andy 3. Jim 4. Steve

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

A Luppitt Stroll

As we enter the shortest month of the year, it is also one of great interest in our local countryside and green spaces. At this stage, we're knocking on spring's door, but more than whispers of winter remain in the air, with prevalent frosts, chilly days and intensely bright, low sunshine, and rain.

I have read that by the end of February, England will see almost three hours more daylight compared to early January.'

I was lucky enough to do some walking in the Lake District in January. The conditions were less than perfect, it was a bit of a wash out really, however would we do anything if we waited for the perfect conditions? I stayed dry and the scenery and moody light when it came was wonderful. They say in the Lake District that there is no such thing as bad weather. They say its a case of wearing the wrong clothing.

Walking around Luppitt swings the axe at the idea of the finite nature of good things, and the gnawing suspicion all the best things are always out of reach. Don't wait for perfect weather, the right mood, new boots or the ideal location to go for a walk., Just go.

I am wandering through the the woods at the top of Dumpdon hill, its actually a nice fresh early

morning with a clear blue sky. There are many birds around, they might be a little reluctant to betray their spring-like feelings in the first month of the year, but in February all pretence is thrown off as birds sing, display and perform everywhere, whenever they can. The weather might be vicious at times, and there will be plenty of cold spells when exuberance is dampened .but overall the breeding season has truly uncloaked its self ! It is no longer a secret.

The dawn chorus is starting to amplify, with a rich orchestra of robins, various tits, sparrows, crows and other corvids, Dunnocks and more.

You're likely to spot plenty of wood pigeons and collared doves perched in trees and greedily pecking away at bird tables. Look out for blackbirds, and all the birds named above, flitting about around hedgerows, in trees and in gardens. And of course the Roe deers.

As I wander through the woods, I lean against an Ash tree for awhile. It is very quiet. This tree is the one to relish while you can, for we all know the Ash tree is under threat. Its hard to imagine the British countryside without its 150+million Ash trees.. The grey green barked, black-budded,

spike-flowered, oval leafed, winged-seed trees that can tower to 130 feet are being attacked by a fungus that first causes dieback, then death. As the disease spreads, it seems some trees may be less susceptible, so there may be some hope for the ash and all the wildlife that depends on it, from hungry Bull finches to creeping lichens.

I head down from Dumpdon having enjoyed the early morning light. Today the conditions were perfect. Would we do anything if we waited for the perfect conditions? Perfectionism is cowed by abundance which enables us to see beauty and curiosity, and contentment in more things and simpler ways.

Trevor Bevan



A Lupitt Dunnoek, and Roe deer

MARION MACHELL IN LUPPITT PART THREE

In our third instalment we look at some of the letters written by Marion to her mother Mrs Farmer – note the use of an old diary. Paper was short in those war years. Mrs Rosewell also found time in her busy life to write to Mrs Farmer reassuring her that her daughter was well.

Further photos show Marion aged five, and two items found at Dolish Farmhouse – a sign advertising the chocolate bars and one of the school desks!

You will be pleased to hear that Mrs Farmer recovered from her operation and lived to a good age.

Marion now lives with her daughter in Havant and is in good spirits.

54	Room 544	Sign 9.21	LUPPITT		MR. HONITON	DEVON	AGE 6
			JUNE 1938		Moon 3.22 a.m.	30 Days	
			DEAR DAD		Moon 7.59 p.m.	27th Week	
26 SUNDAY—2nd after Trinity (177-188)							
AND DEAR MUM I WAS EATING AN APPLE AND							
27 MONDAY (178-187) • New Moon 10.13 p.m.							
CAME OUT OF MY BOTTOM TEETH							
PEG MARY AND I WENT DOWN MILL, MRS. BROOKS SHOWED US THE HOUSE							
MRS COLES WAS OUT. WE WENT TO CHURCH IN THE MORNING							
28 TUESDAY (179-186)							
I HAVE HAD HALF TERM HOLIDAY							
PEG DID SOME WASHING AND I HELPED HER. THE PUPPIES CAN							
BARK NOW I LOVE THEM. HOPE YOU WILL SOON BE WELL. I							
29 WEDNESDAY (180-185) St. Peter							
DREW A LAMP ALL IN PRETTY COLOURS. I HAVE BEEN A VERY GOOD GIRL AND GO TO BED EARLY.							
LOTS OF LOVE							
X X X X FROM MARION X X X X X							

MY DEAR MUMMY
AND DADDY
I WENT TO
HONINTOW ON SATURDAY
WITH MRS ROSEWELL
BOUGHT A SCARF
WORK BOX AND
ORDERED A NEW
HAT AND COAT

2
I AM GOING AGAIN
NEXT WEEK WITH MARY
AND PEG I HAD COFFEE + C
IN GILS THEN I BOUGHT
SOME SWEETS WE
HAVE HAD TWO LOTS
SNOW BUT IT IS A
GONE NOW
MRS ELIS SENT

Oct: 30th 1940

Dear Mr. Farmer
We were very pleased
to get your letter, and
to hear Mr. Farmer went
into hospital all right.
Sorry the air raids are
no better, hope you will
soon get some sleep.
Maurice is been a very good
girl, she trots off to school
with Eileen & John quite
happily, she was pleased
to get your letter and one
from Mr. Farmer yesterday.
The weather here now is
very damp and cold, but
we have not heard any plans
for the last few days.

Maman is still very
bright and well, and
keeps us all alive.
Fred and Ralph send their
kindest regards to you,
also Mary and Peggy.
We will write again next
week.
Yours sincerely,
L. Rosewell.



Submitted by Mary Hill

In a spot? Talk to Auntie Dot!

Luppitt's Dottiest advice column...

Dear Auntie Dot.

I'm having dreadful problems getting served at the bar. Usually there is no queue, yet the bar staff appear not to notice me, or could they even be ignoring me? I don't think I've offended anyone recently, at least not since I took the inflatable Santa down from the roof.

Dear Reader

You've not given me many clues to work with, but as an agony Aunt I have complete confidence in my intuition. My first suggestion would be to ask if you're vertically challenged, or rather plain looking (I hope not both!)? Luckily these small problems are easily overcome, as you can gain a couple of inches by stuffing a pair of socks down the heel of your wellies, and stand out with a day glow bobble hat. Personally I find wearing a dab of "eau du silage"

Dear Auntie Dot.

My teeth are chattering and my fingers are numb with cold as I try to find ways to reduce my heating bills. Can you give me an advice on how to better insulate my home?

Dear Reader.

Your plight is shared by almost all of us, especially those who live in old houses (most of Luppitt). Here's a scheme that I've been trying out, based on one of (the few) lessons that I attended at school. Mrs Tripp always said that wool is a natural insulator, and that having lots of insulation in your house was a good thing.

During the coldest evenings I encourage a dozen sheep from the field next door to come inside my lounge for a while. If I'm completely honest it's not been very successful. It is warm after running around to get them inside, but since I don't like to shut them in, they only stay long enough to nibble my houseplants, leaving behind a cold and muddy carpet

Dear Auntie Dot.

I'm terrified of spiders. As a big burly farmer I should know better, but I'm having nightmares about those spindly legs, hairy legs, and bulging bodies.

Dear Reader.

You're right to be afraid. Those lanky beasties can give you a nasty nip. The venom of one I read about in the Daily Mirror affects your nether regions, and nobody needs a pain in the doodaa.

As for your nightmares, you might sleep more peacefully if you avoid looking in the mirror when undressing for bed?

Weekly Newsletter



Interim Headteacher ~ Amanda Lacey
Chair of Governors ~ Nicola Cornish

20th January 2023

Dear parents / carers

My name is Amanda Lacey and I am very excited to be the interim head teacher here at Upottery Primary. I have been a teacher for more than 30 years, teaching across the primary age range. I retired early from my headship in a large village school just outside Newton Abbot. As, I loved my job I have continued to work with schools across the county. I am very passionate about teaching and want to ensure all children reach their full potential.

I have loved the time I have already spent in this lovely village school. The Governors, staff and children have made me feel very welcome. I look forward to working within this community to ensure the best outcomes for all the children.

Amanda Lacey

Highlights of the Week



Wren class have enjoyed printing shapes using paint, learning about 3D shapes in Maths, acting out the story of 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' in Literacy, labelling pictures of mammoths, counting our body parts in Science, learning about the different countries of the UK in Geography and playing with the ice outside! **Mrs Gregory**

Kingfisher class have enjoyed playing in the sunshine, learning about speech marks, drawing fossils and building on our multiplication and division knowledge. **Mrs Leach**

Kestrel class have enjoyed starting a news report about The Titanic. We have researched the construction, journey and passengers aboard and are now ready to start writing. In maths we have concentrated on multiplying by 10/100/1000 and decimals. Year 6 have been practising arithmetic papers. In sport we are working on skills for tag rugby and we all really enjoyed our first swimming session on Thursday. **Mrs Yallop**

Upcoming Event - Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 11th March

Kestrel Class have a fantastic opportunity to participate in an outreach programme with Exeter Cathedral. It will involve working with Andrew Downton, who is Exeter Cathedral's Singing Development Leader. He will come into school and lead three school-based sessions, rehearsing several songs, which will be performed together with other local schools on the afternoon of Saturday 11th March. The Exeter Cathedral Choristers and Junior Choir will also be performing.

Whilst arrangements for the day have not been finalised, we anticipate that children will arrive at the cathedral for 1.30pm. The concert will begin at 4.30pm and will finish by 5.40pm. More information to follow shortly. **Mrs Gregory and Mrs Yallop**



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those receiving a Headteachers Awards and in the special book this week.



PTFA

The PTFA held their first meeting of 2023 on Wednesday evening and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support with all the Christmas fundraisers. Looking forward to 2023 the PTFA's first fundraising event will be a whole school disco on Thursday 9th February from 6-7.15pm. The entry to this disco will be £3, which will include a bag of sweets and 2 tattoos for each child. The PTFA hope to hold an Easter trail at the manor rooms, similar to last year. More details of this will follow in the coming weeks. As ever the PTFA are always looking to welcome new faces onto the committee and even if you don't have the time to commit to this we are always looking for helpers at various fundraisers. So if you can ever spare an hour of your time it would be really appreciated. With this in mind, if anyone is able to help out at the school disco on 9th February; checking children into the disco, applying tattoos and keeping the children hydrated with water can you let Claire Crabb know please (07709706112). **Upottery PTFA**

Diary Dates are also available by following the link below:-

<https://www.upottery-primary.devon.sch.uk/diary/list/>

Dates for your diary...

Dates for your diary...		
Monday and Tuesday's	Fencing Club	3.35pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 24th January	Girls Futsal Event Y6 / Y5 / Y4	Morning
Thursday 26th January	Swimming Y4 / Y5 / Y6	Afternoon
Thursday's	Choir Club	3.35pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 2nd February	Swimming Y4 / Y5 / Y6	Afternoon
Friday 3rd February	Exeter Cathedral Outreach Choir	Afternoon
	Kestrel Class	
6th - 12th February	Childrens Mental Health Week	
Thursday 9th February	PTFA School Disco	6pm - 7.15pm
Thursday 9th February	Swimming Y4 / Y5 / Y6	Afternoon
13th - 17th February	Half Term	

BULLETIN BOARD

There are still a number of Luppitt Village Maps available in A2 . Please contact the Luppitt packet editors at the email address below if you are interested , Cost £5 , Thank you
editors@luppittpacket.co.uk

The Parish Council is very grateful to all the volunteers who turned out to help plant the 200 trees supplied as part of the Free Trees Project. Cllrs Andrew Tucker, Brian Pulman and John Thorne said that it made light work of what could have been a much more difficult exercise.

If you want to join the Parish Notices WhatsApp group, please contact Lucy Murray on 07968900349.

St Mary's church Luppitt . If anybody would like to visit the church, Please contact either Phil Smith on 07984 735663 to arrange for the key or contact Pearl who also has a key on 01404 891325.

The Luppitt Packet team would like to thank all who attended the Luppitt Packet tea in December. A grand sum of £275.16 was raised. Thank you for your kind support.

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

Our Next Event is on Saturday the 25th March at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1.0pm.

Please do come along and have all of your broken items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs enjoy some refreshments in our tea room café

Our Repair Cafe Events for the whole of 2023 are as follows, All on Saturday's at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW from 10am until 1.0pm

(We are now able to take on extra, lager and more extended repairs due to us now also having a Workshop facility)

January 28th, March 25th, May 27th, July 22nd, September 23rd, November 25th.

Stephan-Coordinator of Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe
Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783, or at
sfelehner@aol.com

Foundations in Christian Ministry

It is with some surprise that I find myself writing an article about my experiences so far as a participant on the Foundations in Christian Ministry (FICM) course. As a cynical and world-weary former IT professional it never occurred to me that one day I might be accepted onto such a course.

I cannot remember a time when I was not a Christian but my faith journey so far has not always been smooth. It is sometimes difficult to be a Christian in the commercial environment where you are often called upon to work 7 days a week, 'manipulate' the truth when speaking to customers about delivery deadlines or actively proclaiming a faith in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural work environment.

When we moved to Luppitt in April 2017 I had intended to take a 'gap year' and then return to the nebulous world of IT contracting. However, God appears to have had a different plan and I found myself being offered the part time job of Parish Administrator to the 6 Churches of the Dunkeswell Mission Community. This is a varied and interesting role which includes tasks such as arranging funerals, weddings and baptisms, booking vicars to conduct services. Who knew such a lot goes on 'under the hood' of a Parish Church?

It is hard to say whether it was working for the Churches or praying about the never-ending renovations at the house that strengthened my faith but in 2021, despite strong misgivings, I started leading Church services at Luppitt. It is extraordinarily time-consuming to prepare services when you have no training or prior knowledge so when Revd Jane sent me information on the FICM course I felt I ought to give applying for a place serious

consideration. There was no-one more surprised than me when I was offered a place. I had grave concerns about studying at my age. The first taste of what to expect was the pre-reading. We were expected to choose 3 books from a list provided. Having duly ordered my books from Amazon I was ill-prepared for the length of time they would take to read. By the time the course started I was embarrassed to be less than half way through my second book. (It was a relief to later find that others had also failed to complete their chosen books).

The first study day was incredibly spiritual and thought-provoking. It is hard to explain the feeling of being with other Christians with the shared purpose of exploring their faith and possibly their vocation. I think the main thing that I have learned so far is that it is important to put aside busyness and other diversion tactics and simply spend time in prayer and thoughtful contemplation. The second is to put aside time for the reading!

I have little idea where this training will take me but my goal was to expand my understanding so that I am better equipped to support others and prepare and lead worship. I have felt lead towards this study and I have faith that God will make his purpose clear to me in His time.

Sara Bevan



February Service

5th	11:00 AM	Holy Communion BCP	Rev G Walsh
12th	11:00 AM	Morning Praise	Lay Led (Village Hall)
19th	11:00 AM	Holy Communion	Ven A Beane
26th	3:00 PM	Cafe Church	At Newmans

There will be a Mission Community Ash Wednesday service at St. James the Greater, Sheldon at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Thank you

On behalf St. Mary's Church I would like to thank everyone who has made regular or ad hoc donations to Church funds during 2022. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Sara Bevan
Treasurer



Dunkeswell Mission Community
Dunkeswell, Broadhembury, Luppitt, Sheldon
Upottery and Plymtree

From Rev Penn's pen

I hope that you all enjoyed a warm and happy festive season and that the new year has started well for you.

In the church calendar we see the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday 23rd February.

You may be surprised to learn that the preparation time before Easter, Lent and the preparation time before Christmas, Advent should feel the same. That excitement we have as get ready to celebrate Christmas just doesn't seem to happen during Lent yet Jesus bursting from the tomb that we celebrate on Easter Day is just as exciting as the birth we celebrate at Christmas.

Do you still keep Lent? It used to be a period of abstinence and fasting, a time when people gave something up, a pale imitation of Jesus' 40 days without food at the beginning of his ministry. Nowadays it's become more a time to do something positive, perhaps donating money or spending more time in prayer and spiritual study, a friend of mine gave up buying his coffee at the railway station each day on his way to work and gave the money to charity instead, over £15 a week! These things can be helpful disciplines, think of the stylites who lived their whole life on top of a tiny pillar, there's nothing wrong with them and I've used them in the past but this Lent I'm going to be kind to myself and my suggestion is that you look after yourself a little in Lent: try and stick to Government Guidelines for alcohol consumption (max 6 glasses of wine/6 pints beer over at least three days in a week); exercise for 30 mins a day; switch off your phone and TV screen about an hour before bed, so you get a decent night's sleep; spend a bit of extra time with the people you love; don't work so hard; lounge in the bath a bit longer; daydream (meditate) for a while each day; make sure you have a whole day off each week (harder, I know if your main job is child care); try to eat sensibly; be kind to the people you live and work with.

It seems strange to think that we can draw closer to God by making ourselves miserable. Does God really want us to starve ourselves or beat our bodies into submission? Jesus came so that we can have

life and have it abundantly. Genuinely Christian spirituality is sensual, sensible, gentle and fun. St Paul (hardly a dissolute wastrel) wrote: "the Kingdom of God (what God wants) is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit". Amen to that.

Happy Lent. God bless you.

Jane



Dunkeswell Mission Community
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Upottery and Plymtree

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Church cleaning & Flower Roster

4 February 2023	Pat Bussey
11 February 2023	Mary Joyce & Pearl Pulman
18 February 2023	Mary Hill
25 February 2023	Sue Piechowiak
4 March 2023	Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts

Sharing some Quaker Words

Friends recognize that much of the misunderstanding, fear, and hatred in the world stems from the common tendency to see national, religious, and racial groups as blocks, forgetting the varied and precious individuals who compose them. Differences between individuals, and between groups, are to be prized as part of the variety of divine creation. Every person should be free to cultivate his individual characteristics and his sense of belonging to a racial or cultural group as long as by so doing he does no violence to any one in the human family. Only when differences are the basis for feeling of superiority do they become barriers of hate and fear. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1969

We know ourselves as individuals but only because we live in community.

Love, trust, fellowship, selflessness are all mediated to us through our interdependence. Just as we could not live physically without each other, we cannot live spiritually in isolation. We are individually free but communally bound. We cannot act without affecting others and others cannot act without affecting us. We know ourselves as we are reflected in the faces, action and attitudes of each other.

Janet Scott, 1980 Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand. Isaac 1667

Quaker Meeting for Worship

Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ

We Meet for Worship at Spiceland every Sunday at 10.30am till 11.30am – this is a blended Meeting also available on Zoom –

All are very welcome.

Meeting ID:865 5570 2735 Passcode: 498173

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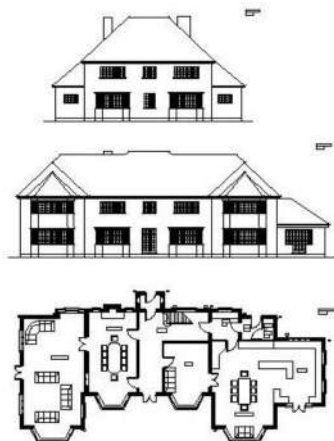
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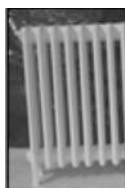


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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 6 December 2022, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Michele Turner and Andrew Tucker.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Prettejohn).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

22/1690/FUL – Pound Cottage, Beacon, EX14 4TT

Amended plans for this application were submitted at the end of October. However, the covering notes from Planning East only referred to the existing garage staying as it is with no mention that the annexe was going to be located on a different site by the new vehicular access. The Parish Council felt this was very misleading. The clerk will follow up with Planning.

22/2480/FUL – Ford Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4TR – 20 domestic solar panels on roofs

The Parish Council supports this application now that the solar panels will be positioned on the barn roofs.

22/2474/FUL – Mohuns Ottery, Beacon, EX14 4TS – proposed single storey extension

Cllrs Thorne and Turner together with the clerk had visited the property and had been shown round by the owner. Cllrs Thorne and Turner were satisfied that the proposed extension complied with Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan and recommended approval of the planning application.

Decisions

22/1690/FUL – Pound Cottage, Beacon, EX14 4TT

Approval with conditions. The annexe shall not be used as a separate dwelling or for any commercial, industrial or business purpose.

Neighbourhood Plan – update

The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan was held on Thursday, 24 November. Votes in favour were 102 and votes against were 13. This represented 29% of residents eligible to vote. EDDC advised that this is an average turnout for a Neighbourhood Plan referendum. The Neighbourhood

Plan has to be accepted at EDDC's Cabinet meeting on 4 January 2023 after which it will be considered 'made'. Once it has been accepted, the clerk will arrange for each Parish Councillor to receive a reference copy which they can use when considering future planning applications.

The Parish Council is grateful to all voters for taking the time to vote. The Parish Council acknowledged the work carried out over the years by the Steering Group and especially the Chair, Roger Hicks, for his total commitment to the project.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme – Items to Report

Nothing to report at the moment.

Parish Maintenance

Nothing to report.

Sign by Ford Bridge

The clerk had spoken to the resident who had originally raised the matter and passed on the resident's suggestion to the Parish Council. It was felt that the Parish Council may have a sign advising of the unsuitability of the road for HGVs. Cllr Pulman undertook to follow up.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The clerk has written to the Footpath Wardens for confirmation that they are willing to continue. P3 forms are due for completion by 13 February 2023.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Gate by Village Hall

The clerk confirmed that she has received £500 from the Locality fund towards the cost of the gate at the Village Hall.

Telephone kiosk scheme

Cllrs Pulman and Summers had looked at the kiosk. Cllr Pulman said that approximately 18 glass panes have been replaced with plastic so not waterproof and a considerable amount of reparation work would be needed in addition to moving the kiosk to a more central location. After discussion and consideration, it was agreed that this was not a viable proposition for the Parish Council to undertake.

Free Trees Project

About a dozen volunteers turned up to help with the planting of the trees. Cllr Thorne reported that not enough blankets had been delivered. The clerk had passed this information on to the organiser. Cllr Pulman advised that an article with photos has appeared in the December issue of the Luppitt Packet. The clerk was asked to put a message of thanks to all volunteers in the next edition (February) of the Packet.

Emergency Plan

The clerk will bring this item back to the Parish Council for the February meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Quarterly check – internal financial control

Cllr Ryder checked and signed the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended September 2022 and confirmed that everything is in order.

Projected Budget for 2023/24

The clerk has prepared the Projected Budget but is waiting to receive precept information from EDDC before forwarding to Parish Councillors.

Amendment to clause 4.8 of the Financial Regulations

Following the agreement at the November meeting not to produce half-yearly performance figures, clause 4.8 of the Financial Regulations will be amended to reflect this decision.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- There is a substantial amount of paperwork relating to the Neighbourhood Plan that needs to be kept. The clerk will see if extra space can be made in the filing cabinets in the Committee Room.
- Cllr Summers said that a suggestion had been made to him about having one website that covered all aspects of parish life. Cllr Ryder said that she and Cllr Turner had also been discussing the same idea. The clerk felt it was preferable to have a separate Parish Council website to enable ease of compliance with the Transparency Code. The Luppitt.net website has been running for many years and that also carries a lot of information. It was agreed that further thought would be given to the idea and it will be discussed again at the January meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public and, before closing the meeting at 9.45 pm, Cllr Thorne wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 10 January 2023, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)

Receive apologies for absence

Cllr Thorne opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy new year. Apologies were received from Cllrs Beth Hooper, Christine Ryder and Martin Summers

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6 December 2022, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Thorne).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

Pound Cottage

The clerk had written to Planning East about the misleading information on the covering sheet of the amendments to the planning application but had received no reply.

Decisions

22/2234/FUL Mathayes, EX14 4SA and 22/2042/LBC Little Thatch, EX14 4TT - approval

Neighbourhood Plan

Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan had been considered and agreed at EDDC's Cabinet meeting on 4 January so the Plan is now 'made'. It was agreed that this was a very welcome outcome after many years' hard work. Minor amendments to the layout will be made by Angela King, EDDC's Neighbourhood Plan officer. The clerk will arrange for copies of the plan to be printed for Parish Councillors once this has taken place.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme - update on Items to report:

- Two potholes on the Luppitt Common road by Jack's House.

Parish Maintenance

- Cllr Tucker was asked to go round the parish clearing ditches and drains as necessary. The clerk will forward last year's list to Cllr Tucker.
- Two new HGV signs have been located. Cllr Tucker will erect one at Langdale and one at Ewins Ash.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The clerk confirmed that all three footpath wardens are happy to continue. Cllr Pulman has walked the Hartridge to Primrose Farm footpath recently and reported that it is in good order.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Free Trees Project

The clerk will put a note of thanks to volunteers in the Luppitt Packet.

Oak Tree

The commemorative oak tree has not been replaced. The clerk will follow up.

Website

There was a discussion about the idea of a website that combines all aspects of parish life. Cllrs Turner, Ryder and the clerk will meet to discuss further. The clerk stressed that it was important to keep all interested parties informed.

Play Area Inspection

EDDC had inspected Mill Rise play area in September and the clerk had forwarded the report to Cllr Pulman. EDDC have agreed to carry out inspections on both sites and, as a gesture of goodwill, will only charge one inspection fee for the time being.

Coronation of King Charles III

Coronation day is Saturday, 6 May 2023. The clerk will speak to members of the Entertainments Committee to see if they have any specific events planned. There will be no beacon lighting at the coronation but beacons will be lit on 6 June 2024 to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Projected Budget for 2023/24

The projected budget was approved.

Precept for 2023/24

It was recognised that there are severe budget constraints at District and County Council level which may result in additional expenditure for the Parish Council. It was agreed after discussion to retain the precept for the coming year at its present level of £12,000 (proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Pulman with all in favour).

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday, 4 May 2023. It was agreed that the date of the May meeting (the AGM) would now take place on Wednesday, 10 May 2023

Correspondence

- Cllr Thorne had received a letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion for the donation of £20.00.
- Details of a car rally taking place on 14/15 January were noted.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- The clerk will forward Cllr Chubb's report to Parish Councillors.
- A resident had advised the clerk that some BT telephones in the village had been off as a result of trees falling on the lines.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm: Tuesday, 7 February 2023



The Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Becomes a Reality!

On Thursday 24th November 2022 EDDC carried out the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan parish referendum and posed the question ***'Do you want East Devon District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Luppitt to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'*** Thirty percent of the parish turned out and an overwhelming 89% voted in favour of the Plan!

Since then the Plan was formally 'made' (adopted) at an EDDC cabinet meeting on 4th January, which means it now forms part of the Statutory Development Plan for East Devon and its planning policies carry full weight in the planning decision-making process.

As a reminder, the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) contains:

- **13 New Planning Policies** - designed to protect the character and tranquillity of the parish and discourage inappropriate development
- **17 Community Actions** (non-statutory) - the Parish Council and residents working together on ideas and proposals designed to benefit the community
- **Essential Information** - useful and interesting parish information unavailable anywhere else in a single document

The LNP will now become the essential guide for the Parish Council in making planning recommendations, and also for EDDC when arriving at planning decisions in the parish. As we have already seen in recent applications, architects, planning consultants and applicants must now take LNP policies into account when submitting planning applications. This will all help to protect the character of Luppitt parish, its landscape, views and natural habitats for generations to come.

Copies of the Plan, and also the 'Luppitt Landscape Character Assessment' are available on the web site - www.luppittneighbourhoodplan.org.uk.

This is a great achievement. Our congratulations to the sub-group leaders and huge thanks to the EDDC and AONB officers for their help throughout and to everyone who has contributed along the way.

Roger Hicks

Chairman, Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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