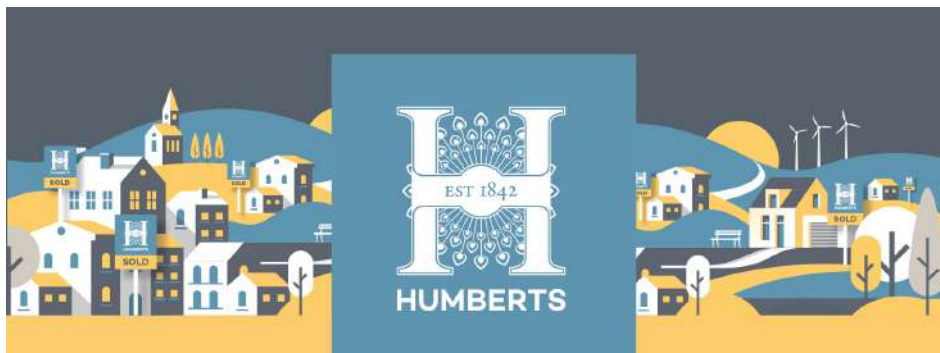


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## **Family Footpath Fun**

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# THE LUPPITT PACKET

Welcome to the June edition of the Luppitt Packet. Yes its here! June is named after Juno , the Goddess of youth. It is the first month of astronomical summer in the Northern Hemisphere and astronomical winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

This months cover art submitted by Fae Chown aged 6 , who was the overall winner of the junior Coronation art competition. All entries will be published on the Luppitt packet WEB page: [luppittpacket.co.uk](http://luppittpacket.co.uk)

*Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team*

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Our archive of PDF copies of The Packet dating from 2010 up to the current edition will continue on the website [www.luppitt.net](http://www.luppitt.net), which is hosted by Peter Sage, and contains a wealth of information about Luppitt – its history, people, photos, family trees etc.

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## What's On

### JUNE

Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Luppitt Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
Wed 7	Being part of the community, Barnfield, 6pm - 8pm
Sun 11	Famiy footpath Fun 3pm, revised time
Wed 21	Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am.
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Church tea at Newman's house from 3pm.

**“Save the Dates** ‘Luppitt Packet Coffee morning “ Greenway Manor

Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> 11am -1pm

“Church open day 20<sup>th</sup> August , details to follow”

### 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 24 <sup>th</sup> Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

### Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

#### Coming up:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 3pm - Family Footpath Fun

\*\*\* **Please note revised time** \*\*\*

A pirate-themed walk with challenges!

Finishing with tea at the village hall.

See page 1 for full details.

#### Save the date:

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Flower Show and Fete

If you would like to book a stall for £5 please email

[Pat.Bussey27@gmail.com](mailto:Pat.Bussey27@gmail.com)

It would be helpful if you have your own table to bring!

#### Events to look forward to in the Autumn:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Murder Mystery Night

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Bingo

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night

Please note – all events are **CASH ONLY!**

## Editors Goodbye

Well over two years ago Claire and Nigel were completing their last Luppitt Packet edition. There was a search for new editors to take over this valuable village communications outlet. Jacky Omalley asked Sara Gordon if she could take it on. Unfortunately she did not have the spare time with being the administrator for six churches, not just Luppitt.

Sara in turn cajoled and persuaded us to take on the challenge of Volunteer editors for the Luppitt packet, or it would finish.

Being very new to the village we approached this challenge with not a little trepidation. We made the decision to give it two years and review the situation, and with the help of the Luppitt packet roving

reporters, Jacky, Mary and Lesley we set to work. One great advantage was the luck of having so many talented artists in Luppitt providing our front covers. Sue Hirst, Vanessa Nancarrow, Julia Sparks and Marion Chown. We also certainly owe a great deal to our treasurer John Hayes.

A big thank you to all the contributors and distributors.

So if you would like to volunteer to be editors of the Luppitt Packet, please contact :  
editors@luppittpacket.co.uk

We will be producing the June, July/August editions, and of course provide a handover with support for the new editors if required.

Trevor & Martin

## THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

Our Next Event is on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 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

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

Our Repair cafe events for the whole of the remainder of 2023 are as follows, all on Saturdays 10am to 1.0pm

Schedule: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Stephan - Coordinator of Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

**Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783, or at  
sfelehner@aol.com**

## GARDEN JOTTINGS

“Have you got a long stake?” Jacki was looking at our camelia, “I’ll see if I can find one”. The pink camelia’s been there ever since we came. It’s late this year and it’s grown very tall and thin. It’d do with a good prune, I think. But there’s too little of it lower down. So a stake will have to do.

Camelia’s are acid lovers. They don’t like being too dry either. So this spring must be suiting it. Anyway I’ll water it with iron sulphate. Their soil should have a low pH value. Just what pH means I’m not certain?

Something to do with hydrogen, I think. I must look it up on Mrs Street’s tablet some time.

Rhododendrons and azaleas are the same. We have a blueberry bush too that produces lots of fruit. We’ve only just finished last year’s kept in the freezer. They like acid conditions. And I’ve an idea gooseberries like a low pH site. I always water them with iron sulphate in the spring and they give a heavy crop.

Catkins has many shrubs and small trees apart from these acid lovers. Quite near the

blueberry there’s a butternut. It’s a small tree or tall shrub. Jacki grew it from a seed. At this time of the year it’s covered with white flowers. I don’t remember its technical name, maybe juglans. Another small tree with white flowers in May is a rowan. This one, still only small, must have grown from a seed dropped by a bird or squirrel. We certainly didn’t plant it. One shrub we have several of that did come from seeds is a pheasant berry. Its purple berries are a rich bonus for birds especially blackbirds in late autumn. Its branches have a strange habit of dying off from the base with new shoots growing up. It is shrub which needs much pruning.

After what I feel has been a cold wet spring I see our dark blue bearded irises are announcing the arrival of more summery weather.



David Street

Footnote: pH is a measure of hydrogen ion concentration on a scale from 0-14.  
pH = 0 very acid, pH=7 is neutral, pH = 14 very alkaline,

## Luppitt's very own Coronation Bonfire night entertainment



## Coronation Picnic

Colour version at [Luppittpacket.co.uk](http://Luppittpacket.co.uk)



## A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ.

### PART TWO.

13. Workhouses often featured in Victorian novels by socially-conscious authors like Dickens and Hardy. Where was Honiton Workhouse?
14. Who founded Toronto?
15. What has question 14 got to do with a local history quiz?
16. Rattenbury is a local family name. But who was Jack Rattenbury?
17. What was the previous use of the land now occupied by the Honiton branch of Bradfords builders merchants?
18. The South Devon Railway was a spectacular failure by I.K. Brunel. How was this railway powered?
19. An airliner en route to Exeter from Spain ran out of fuel over East Devon. What happened next?
20. Where were the Shambles in Honiton?
21. How did Devon women and children end up in slave markets in north Africa?
22. Which town in Devon was said to be the first to make serges, fine woollen cloth?
23. Why is Honiton's Black Lion Court so called?
24. Did Roman legionaries in Exeter in A.D. 60 wear underpants?

For answers see page... 13 & 14

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## A Luppitt stroll

Rural Britain is a minefield of descriptive cliché's. Chalk downland is nearly always 'rolling'. Fenland is invariably 'pancake flat'. Moors, as a rule, are 'bleakly beautiful'.. As we look at our farmland, it can be hard to think of a better word than 'patchwork'.

Patchwork, perfectly describes the idyllic jigsaw of fields that sprouts to mind when many of us hear the word ' Countryside'. We don't live in an area where stone walls or ditches predominate! In most of the Luppitt area, we have Devon banks and hedgerows that are the living threads binding together the chequered greens, golds and ochres.

Many of us regularly amble alongside or through them, perhaps pausing to inhale a nose full of springtime blossom scent, or scoff juicy blackberries later in the year. I read somewhere that there was a survey carried out in Devon some time ago by a few ecologists who recorded an astonishing 2070 different species in a single 85 metre stretch of hedge. They are literally wildlife corridors.

It is before sunrise and I am ambling alongside the hedgerows heading for Hartridge for a short walk to the Hartridge monastery gardens and the secluded pond. I head down past the village hall, turning left, passing Meshayes ,Goulds and Hillend. It is the height of the breeding season, for our feathered friends, when all the paranoia of the last few months with getting territory and a mate, and then holding on to what you have gained, has at last dissipated with the chipping of the eggs in the nest. It's now far too late to worry about the parentage of your hatching chicks.

I eventually reach the woods near the Hartridge monastery . It is a very peaceful and tranquil place . Nature bathes our eyes in beautiful images every time we go for a walk-asking nothing of us but to open our eyes and see. I stroll through the silver birches overlooking the monastery area. The first notes ring through the darkness an hour before dawn. Robins, blackbirds and song thrushes often open the concert.. The dawn chorus reaches it's crescendo in the half hour either side of sunrise. The shadowy dawn is the safest time to carol loudly without being spied by predators and the acoustics are particularly good too. Sound can travel 20 times further in these still and quiet hours. To hear the wonder of the wild world however , your alarm will need to be set painfully early.



Trevor Bevan



# Recipe Page

## FREEZER BISCUITS

200g plain flour  
200g caster sugar  
100g butter or soft margarine  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 egg  
½ tsp salt

### VARIATIONS

- 1) 1tsp ground ginger  
50g ~~crystallized~~ ginger
- 2) 50g choc chips  
1 tsp vanilla essence
- 3) 25g chopped dried apricots,  
25g almond flakes  
A few drops of almond essence
- 4) 25g dried cranberries  
25g chopped macadamia nuts.

- Mix together the egg, salt and sugar in a bowl.
- Add the sifted flour and baking powder, and the fat (butter may need melting)
- Add flavouring and mix to a soft dough.
- Roll into a long sausage 3cm in diameter and wrap in cling film. The dough can be frozen at this stage or cooled in the fridge before removing the film and cutting into 1cm slices.
- Place well apart on a baking tray and cook for 15-20 mins at 160 degrees Fan or Gas Mark 4.

You can invent your own flavourings using instant coffee or grated lemon or chopped raisins .....



*Submitted by Mary Hill*

## Puzzle Page

### Odd One Out

Each group of words contain an odd one out . Can you see which one it is and why?

1. BASKET  
FLAP  
NAP  
PAPER

4. ADMIRAL  
ALERT  
CAPTAIN  
CROSS

2. LEA  
PEA  
SEA  
TEA

5. ELLIS  
FAROE  
LEWIS  
MORSE

3. ASH  
BAG  
BAY  
BOX

6. BAD  
ELM  
HEM  
RUT



Last months answer:

Rosy & Steve ..Turkey

Sarah & Terry ..Russia

Tanya & Rob ..Spain

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

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## ANSWERS TO A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ. PART TWO.

13. Honiton Union Workhouse was on the site of the present Honiton Hospital buildings and carpark. It was still a workhouse on the 1903 O.S. map.
14. Sir John Simcoe, first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, (1752 – 1806). Upper Canada became Ontario. Toronto was at first called York. In Iroquois, Toronto means something like ‘where there are trees in the water’, i.e. a fish weir.
15. Simcoe is buried in Wolford chapel which is on the estate bought by him and his wife when they returned to England. The chapel flies the flag of Canada as it is official Canadian territory. The estate remained in the family until the 1920s.
16. Jack Rattenbury was a famous 19<sup>th</sup> century smuggler from Beer. With a local clergyman he wrote his memoirs, which are still in print.
17. The site was part of Honiton station goods yard (which included cattle pens) and an adjacent timber yard. This timber yard belonged to George Blay,a
18. It was powered by atmospheric pressure, not a vacuum. Pumping stations evacuated air from a pipe between the rails; air pressure propelled a piston to which were attached carriages. The system failed because the pipe could not be sealed adequately with a leather flap. The pumping station at Starcross still stands.
19. The Vickers Viscount aircraft crash landed in fields near Ottery St Mary, in July 1980. All fuel tanks were empty and the aircraft was damaged beyond repair. There were no casualties.
20. The Shambles were built of timber and thatch in 1673, in the widest part of High Street. ‘Shambles’ is an old word for an open-air slaughterhouse and meat market, with all its accompanying squalor and unpleasantness. Honiton Shambles were demolished in 1823.
21. Barbary pirates (in fast ships with oars and sails) raided the coasts of S.W. England, Brittany and Ireland. It is estimated that 40,000 Christians were sold in Algiers, Tunis etc in the first half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This trade finally ceased with the French conquest of Algeria in 1830, although Britain and European countries had made many attempts to stop it before this.
22. Honiton is first recorded as a cloth town in 1244. The woollen industry was flourishing in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries but then declined rapidly.

23. Black Lion was a pub at the bottom of New Street, which was demolished to widen the road. J says she remembers traffic lights there, but I don't.
24. Yes, I'm afraid so. They also had socks, capes and scarves. Letters asking for or sending such items have been found at Vindolanda on Hadrian's Wall.



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## News from Upottery Primary School

The Coronation celebrations were a great success here at school; such lovely memories for the children at such a historical event. A massive thank you to the PTFA for organising a lovely afternoon for our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big well done to year 6 for their resilience and hard work in their SATs tests last week. It has been a real challenge but one they have overcome in a fantastic fashion. A massive thank you to all the staff and a special mention to Mrs Yallop and the Kestrel staff for their hard work and the calming influence they have had on the year 6 children throughout this time. Also, I'd like a special mention to Mr John Cornish, our school governor, for giving up his free time to invigilate every SATs test. Well done year 6, we're really proud of you all! The year 6

celebrated the end of the week with a trip to the Fun Splash at Honiton Swimming Pool.

The children have a busy time

leading up to half term with a 'wear it green' day for Mental Health Awareness week and a year 5 Mental Health Ambassador Training Day hosted at Littleton Primary School alongside Football Club and Forest School taking place.

I'm privileged to be part of the Upottery Community and I'm really enjoying getting to know it further.

Tom Pettifer  
Head of School



## BULLETIN BOARD

As detailed on page 4, Volunteers are requested to become editors of the Luppitt Packet . Handover and support will be provided if at all required. Please contact [editors@luppittpacket.co.uk](mailto:editors@luppittpacket.co.uk)

The Village Hall Committee would like to extend its thanks and best wishes to Stephen Smith who has recently retired from the Management and Entertainments Committees.

There are vacancies on both committees, so if you can find the time to join us you will be sure of a warm welcome. Please do so by contacting any of the existing committee members or ringing Mary Hill on 07565369503.

Thank you from the Parish council to everyone who turned out for the barbecue and firework display on such a murky evening. Special thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation before and during the event and especially Luppitt's own musicians.

Barnfield: We welcome neighbours and friends to Barnfield on a Wednesday evening 6-8 for a cup of tea and chat the first Wednesday in each month. All welcome, and this month its Wednesday 7th June.

If you would like to join the Parish WhatsApp group, please contact Lucy Murray on 07968900349

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 intereseted. Cost £5, towards the printing costs of the Packet, Thank you . [editors@luppittpacket.co.uk](mailto:editors@luppittpacket.co.uk)



**Taken from Honiton News June 17th 1977.**

### **Story of Tapswater.**

Found in the Luppitt Book

Ever since I launched a story about Luppitt Harbour and the bloaters which were caught in the sea there, I have been inundated with fishy stories about Luppitt - most of them red herrings. But now from my old friend Bill Tucker I have the true Luppitt story as passed on to him by his father sixty odd years ago. Apparently, there was a glut of mackerel at Beer and Branscombe and a Luppitt chap set off with a pony and trap to bring back a load. He stopped at hostleries on the way back and perhaps he was not in full control of the pony by the time he arrived back in the village. At any rate, as he was passing the river before it was piped the pony was startled by the reflection of the moon on the water. The pony reared up and tipped all the fish into the river. It was then that the locals began catching mackerel in Luppitt sea. Well, that's Mr Tuckers story and he reckons its the most feasible he's heard. He knows that the story was told to his father by a sixty year old man and he thinks the events he described probably took place 150 years ago.

## Out and about

**The East Devon catchment has a varied landscape and stretches from Exmoor and the Blackdown Hills in the north to Exmouth and the Jurassic coast and west Dorset.**

At approximately 750 sq.km, the East Devon catchment drains the rivers Exe, Otter, Sid, Axe and Lim.

Only 7% of the catchment is developed, compared to the national average of 16%. East Devon is predominantly agricultural, with lowland cattle and sheep farms constituting 38% of the farming practice. The population of the catchment includes the main urban areas of Exeter, Crediton, Tiverton and Cullompton. Exeter, the county town of Devon, has a population of 119,600.

The catchment contains one National Park and three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) covering 66% of the catchment.

East Devon's varied landscape provides ecologically important habitat, with:

- 4 Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)
- 1 Special Protected Area (SPA)
- 1 National Nature Reserve (NNR) and
- 29 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

There are 103 river water bodies in the catchment as well as 4 lakes, 4 estuaries, 10 groundwater bodies and coastal waters to the south.

There are areas in the catchment where the benefits of the water environment is recognised and are designated as protected areas. These areas can be designated as protected for several reasons, whether they are important habitats, bathing waters or areas around drinking sources.



# The Fete

## By Joy Tofts

Its Saturday morning and we can't wait,

Its time again for the Luppitt Fete.  
cocoanut shies and the hoopla stall  
White elephant, skittles, something for all  
Guess how many sheep Farmer Browns flock  
Throw a wet soggy sponge at the man in the  
stocks' little Billy wants an ice-cream, little  
Jimmy wants a wee

Daddy wants a beer and Mummy wants a cup  
of tea

Grandad won a nodding dog and Grandma  
wants a shawl  
She saw a pretty knitted one on the the  
jumble stall

Shoot a bow and arrow, chase a ferret down  
a hole  
Don't care a toss have a candy floss and win  
the baby a great big doll

What a lovely time, what fun we had  
Boys and girls, Mums and Dads, wondering  
home

Saying "that was great" looking forward to  
Next years Fete!!!!



On Sunday 28th May the Church celebrated Pentecost, or Whitsun, when God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell among us. The Church now enters its longest period of Ordinary Time that runs until Advent, when we mark the beginning of the new Church year. Ordinary time sounds rather boring but the origin is from the Latin term *Ordinalis* which means counted. During this counted time we will hold some extraordinary celebrations. On Sunday 20 August Revd Nigel Candelent will be at Luppitt to lead worship for the first time as Priest in Charge and there will be an opportunity to meet him then. At the end of September we will join together to give thanks for the Harvest of 2023 and on Sunday 12th November we will remember all those fallen in conflict. During the summer there will be at least one baptism, a marriage and a Sung Evensong as well as a fundraising tea this month and a Church fun day towards the end of August.

We warmly invite you to come along to services or to explore and enjoy time in the Church and Churchyard, open every day from 10am until 5pm.

4 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Geoffrey Walsh
11 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00 am	Morning Praise	Lay Led
18 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Jane Penn
25 <sup>th</sup> June	6 pm	Sung Evensong with the Mission Community Choir	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	3pm	Fund raising tea	Newmans House



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

## Special services and events

Our Church is available for blessings, renewal of vows, baptisms, weddings, memorials etc. The Church building can also be booked for events such as concerts, exhibitions and festivals. Should you wish to arrange a special service or book the Church building for an event please contact the DMC Administrator [sara@dunkeswell.org.uk](mailto:sara@dunkeswell.org.uk)

## Changes to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The Annual Church Meeting was held on 4th May in the Church. Brian Pulman, Danek Piechowiak and Pearl Pulman all stood down from serving on the PCC. We would like to extend our sincere thanks for their work for the Church.

## Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust130 scheme

The Trust130 scheme pays £130 to a nominated Church when home owners switch their insurance to Ecclesiastical. The Church was delighted to receive a cheque from this scheme and would like to extend their thanks to the person who nominated St. Mary's to receive this payment. If you are considering switching your home insurance why not get a quote from Ecclesiastical?



**Afternoon Tea**  
On

**Saturday 1<sup>ST</sup> July at 3pm**

At

Newmans House, Church Hill



Accessible parking at Newmans. Parking available in the lane, the Church and Village Hall (if not in use)

Fundraising for St. Mary's Church

**Quaker Meeting for Worship**  
**Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ**  
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From Quaker Faith and Practice available at <https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/chapter/26/>

26:11

Whenever we are driven into the depths of our own being, or seek them of our own will, we are faced by a tremendous contrast. On the one side we recognise the pathetic littleness of our ephemeral existence, with no point or meaning in itself. On the other side, in the depth, there is something eternal and infinite in which our existence, and indeed all existence, is grounded. This experience of the depths of existence fills us with a sense both of reverence and of responsibility, which gives even to our finite lives a meaning and a power which they do not possess in themselves. This, I am assured, is our human experience of God.

John Macmurray, 1967

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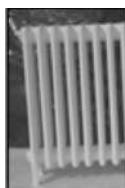
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**Clerk's report of the Annual General Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council  
held at  
Luppitt Village Hall on Wednesday, 10 May 2023, at 8 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne, Brian Pulman, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Colin Brown (EDDC) and Rosalind Buxton (clerk)

**Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Michele Turner, Christine Ryder, Yehudi Levine (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)

**Appointment of Chair, Vice-Chair, Planning Committee, Parish Maintenance Committee, Tree Warden, Snow Warden and P3 Co-Ordinator**

Cllr Pulman took the chair for the election of Parish Council Chair and Vice-Chair. After discussion, Cllr Tucker proposed Cllr Turner as Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Pulman with all in favour. Cllr Tucker then proposed Cllr Thorne as Vice-Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Pulman with all in favour. Cllr Thorne then took the chair in Cllr Turner's absence.

It was agreed unanimously that the whole council would be members of the Planning Committee (with a quorum of three) and that the whole council (excluding Cllr Tucker) would be members of the Parish Maintenance Committee (with a quorum of two). It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Pulman would act as co-ordinator of the Parish Maintenance Committee, that Cllr Tucker would continue as Tree Warden and Cllr Pulman would continue as snow warden (proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Summers). The clerk will continue to act as point of contact with the three footpath wardens for the P3 scheme.

**Receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The clerk will arrange for Cllr Turner to sign her form as soon as convenient.

**Receive the Vice-Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Thorne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chair. Cllr Thorne said he had enjoyed his tenure as Parish Council Chair over the past 9 years and would continue to work hard for the Parish Council. He thanked all the Parish Councillors for their support and congratulated Cllr Turner on her appointment as Chair. The Parish Council was very grateful to Cllr Thorne for his hard work over the years.

**Receive the Acceptance of Office from Parish Councillors**

All councillors, apart from Cllr Prettejohn, have signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor. The clerk will arrange for Cllr Prettejohn to sign the form as soon as convenient.

**Co-option procedure for Parish Councillor vacancy**

Three residents had applied to be considered to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. The clerk read out statements from the applicants and voting was by secret ballot. Charles Murray was the successful applicant. The clerk will write

to the unsuccessful candidates to thank them for their interest.

### **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received as above.

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Summers).

### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in the planning application at Mohuns Ottery because he carries out work there.

## **PLANNING**

### **23/0639/FUL – Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD – proposed alteration to building operations to facilitate the use of the building as an office**

Change of use from a redundant pig unit to office space under permitted development rights has already been granted (22/2167/PDR). The Parish Council felt that this was a sizeable development and had concerns about the extra traffic that this might generate. The comments were submitted to EDDC.

### **23/0816/FUL – Pulshays, Combe Raleigh, EX14 4UJ – installation of 18 ground mounted solar panels on 3 frames of 6 panels**

With reference to Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan (policy CC2 – Renewable Energy Schemes), the Parish Council would prefer solar panels to be installed on domestic or agricultural buildings. However, if this is not possible, the Parish Council will support field-based domestic scale solar panels where they are well-screened, non-reflective and do not adversely impact on the landscape or neighbouring properties. The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

### **23/0928/FUL – Mohuns Ottery, Luppitt, EX14 4TS – livestock and general-purpose agricultural building with removal of hedgerow section**

The Parish Council is keen to support traditional farming but there was concern at the location and size of the building, although it was appreciated that it would be housing 130 cattle. The clerk will send relevant extracts from the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish Councillors to consider before submitting comments to EDDC.

### **Higher Wick**

The Enforcement Officer has advised that he is still waiting for a Change of Use application for the metal fabrication business at Higher Wick. The Enforcement Officer is waiting for a noise report from the agent.

### **Housing Needs Survey**

The clerk had contacted Devon Communities Together about a Housing Needs Survey. When the Parish Council first made enquiries about this, the cost was going to be £300. However, Government funding for this has now been withdrawn and the cost will be in the region of £2,500. The clerk will make

enquiries to see if any other funding is available.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

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

- Jack's House – some repair completed;
- between New House and Corner House – repaired;
- severe road deterioration and potholes from Barn Cross to Beacon – no progress; clerk will report again;
- clerk has reported poor condition of Windgate Hill;
- clerk to report major potholes between Whitehall Farm and Fordhill Cottages.

## **Parish Maintenance**

Cllr Tucker was asked to carry out work as follows:

- from Greenlands to New House (already on the lengthsman list)
- below Blackenfields (add to list)
- The Mill for investigation (add to list)

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

### **Footpath 17**

Cllr Tucker was asked to fix the latch on the gate.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Coronation Event held on 5 May 2023**

The event had been very well attended despite the weather. The music provided by Luppitt's own musicians – Robin Nancarrow, Sue Wilson, David Kalisch, Roger Hicks and Barbara Thorne - was much appreciated. Lee Gosden had again organised a spectacular display of fireworks. The clerk will send letters of thanks. Cllr Thorne said that special thanks were due to John and David Tucker who had helped to set up the trailer and stands during the day. The efforts of Cllrs Pulman, Summers and Tucker had contributed to the success of the event. Cllr Thorne was thanked for all his hard work before and during the day.

## **Free Trees Project**

The clerk has forwarded photographs of the newly planted trees as requested.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Quarterly check – internal financial controls**

Cllr Ryder has checked and signed the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended March 2023 and confirmed that everything is in order.

### **Annual Accounts**

The year-end figures were agreed by the Parish Council without any queries. Papers have been sent to the internal auditor who 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 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) will be presented for approval to the Parish Council at next month's meeting. The year-end bank reconciliation has been signed by Cllrs Thorne and Ryder.

**VAT Reclaim**

The clerk is in the process of submitting a VAT claim to HMRC.

**Insurance Renewal**

Now that the play area at the Village Hall has been completed, the clerk has advised insurers that the sum insured should be increased accordingly. The clerk will also clarify details of the Millrise play area. The clerk will advise the Parish Council if there is an increase in premium.

**CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

It was agreed that the clerk should add two items to future agendas – Report from Ward Member(s) and Report from County Councillor.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 10 pm.

**Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:  
Tuesday, 6 June 2023**



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