

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 3/6/08

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 3rd June 2008**.

Present: Mr Gavin Brake (Chairman), Mrs Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Mrs Julia Sparks, Andrew Tucker,

Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn, and no members of the public.

Apologies: Messrs Derek Hooper, Bernard Clapp, District Councillor Mr D Key, County Councillor Mr Roger Boote,

PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012

All councillors are politely reminded of their obligation to declare interests under the Code of Conduct

In making decisions the Parish Council recognise their statutory duties provided for in Section 11A(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (National Parks) and Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (AONBs) that in exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land, they shall have regard to their purposes (ie conserve and enhance their natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of their special qualities by the public).

1 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th May, 2008 were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

1.1 Receive apologies for absence AS ABOVE

2 PLANNING

1. Decisions (for information)

08/0839/FUL Otter Falls, Spurtham - permission granted for three solid log holiday lodges - subject to agreement (copy to be obtained by clerk).

02/P0491 Spurtham Farm - permission granted for covered link between two existing poultry units and storage/workshop building.

02/P0490 Spurtham Farm - permission granted for extension to existing brooder house and new feed store building

2. Applications (for recommendation)

- 08/1420/FUL Lamberts** – agricultural building for storage of hay and straw. Recommendation: APPROVAL, but we would like to emphasise the

importance of enforcing a significant and fairly mature native planting scheme as screening, as this would otherwise be very obtrusive on the skyline.

3. **Local Development Framework** - Evidence base retail needs and town centre healthcheck report is now completed and provides an overview of trends within the retail sector, identifies expenditure generated within the district, provides and overview of retailing across key settlements in East Devon and will inform future planning policy. Document can be seen in full at www.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-ldf_evidence_base
4. **Wind turbine** – a small scale wind turbine has been erected at Clouds, clerk is awaiting a definitive answer from EDDC planning department on their emerging policy on these in the AONB. Currently a turbine which is separate to the house and in excess of 3m requires permission and a turbine attached to the house must be lower than the highest point of the house or the homeowner must seek permission. It is known this is likely to be changing shortly and so further information is awaited.

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Letter to be sent to Highways regarding the quality of work and the amount of unnecessary works which are carried out. Also mentioning the Scrutiny Committees discussions regards parishes being precepted to fund certain works. It was decided to pursue a Parish Transport Plan as part of the parish plan and address the ongoing issues with highways as part of a structured plan.

Shelf Lane potholes are between 5 – 7” deep and need urgent attention. Wick – outside Fortfield is still in need of patching. Plus all of last meetings reported patching and drain clearance. There is a new pothole outside Jacks House on the two lane road. Junction of road and the north end of Bridleway 9 – the earth is undermining the tarmac and there is a drop of approximately 9”, which needs urgently filling. On Pennythorn Cross there is a pipe under the road, the water is collecting and running in, however the outlet of the pipe is blocked (and maybe the pipe itself)– the land is farmed by the owner of Woodhayes Farm, Ottery St Mary. Where Bridleway 12 runs along School lane where it changes from grit to tarmac, there are a large stones being washed down at the hairpin bend, this needs tarmacing further up to prevent this hazard.

4. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Cllr Sparks has been walking paths and found a tree over the path at Whippins, but no other problems. This will be mentioned to the contractor and see if this can be cleared when they trim. Footpath 14 is completely flooded, it is on the schedule for DCC to form a green wood causeway as this is a SSSI and it is not acceptable to Natural England clear a path (which may then inadvertently act as a drain). DCC - Michael Martyn, Devon County Council is to attend the next meeting to answer questions from parish and public. Mathayes are considering a footpath reroute, they have been signposted to DCC for the application process.

4. ENVIRONMENT

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – no crimes since last meeting

2. **Playgrounds** – D shackles were replaced by Lapsett, they were asked whether the whole of the metalwork

should be replaced as these were faulty, however they have assured both the chairman and the clerk (separately)

that the shackles were from a different supplier and so the remainder of the metalwork (chains) will be safe.

Work to lower step of slide remains to be done.

3. **Parish plan** – is progressing well
4. **Library visits** – The library would be keen to offer help in establishing a coffee morning/book group event to coincide with their Wednesday visit and would be grateful of the hall being open to use the loos. If anyone is interested in initiating this group the contacts are Carol Ackroyd 01392 385919 for an adult book group or Lesley Salter for a youth group 01392 380561. It was decided that an annual donation would be given specifically to the mobile library facility in addition to the usual main library donation and this would be done in March with the rest of the donations.
5. **Western Power Distribution** – Stakeholder consultation 2010-2015 business plan for response by 25th July 08. Cllr Sparks to complete and return the questionnaire.

7 FINANCE

7.1 **Receipts** – none

7.2 **Cheque payments** - presentations to past chairmen/keys copied £15 & £16.98

Ken Abraham (audit 2007-8) £44.00

(Cheques agreed).

Account balances - at 1/6/08 Paths Account £817.85

Parish Account £1529.69

2. Clerk to close old Lloyds Village Hall Trustees Account. For agreement.
3. Letter from Mr John Sage, he has now completed logging all meetings in the third minute book and the clerk is to

collect and deposit all at the Devon Records Office. Mr Sage thanks the Parish Council for allowing him the use of

the book – Cllr Dalgety has contacted Mr Sage, collected book and is to publish his results in the Packet.

2. Internal Audit has been completed with no comments.

7.5 Southwest Life Long Learning Conference the Role of Town and Parish Councils – free conference 10am-4pm Tuesday 15th July 2008 at Exeter Court Hotel, Kennford, Exeter (includes lunch and refreshments). Included will be the Governments current thinking for the Southwest and how town and parish councils fit into the picture, and unitary implications.

7. CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

Saturday 9th August there is a private event at Overday, the home of the Chairman. The Chairman has contacted EDDC Planning and has been advised that no permissions are required.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public).

Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 1st July 2008 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 5th August 2008 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 2nd September 2008 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 7th October 2008 Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 4th November 2008 Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 2nd December 2008 Luppitt Village Hall

This months useful information....
Plastic single use carrier bags – the waste continues http://www.defra.gov.uk
More than 1.3 billion carrier bags are distributed in the UK every year
These end up as landfill, litter and polluting marine life
Limiting the use of disposable bags is an important way in which each of us can take action
each adult receives on average nearly 300 bags every year
88% of shoppers currently put all their shopping into free carrier bags
45% of shoppers claim to have bought a ‘Bag for Life’ but only 12% use one regularly
Clerks tip...Mole Valley do a lovely strong jute bag at their tills, unobtrusively branded and easy to fold down and keep in your car!