

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr D Hooper (Chairman), Mrs Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Mrs Julia Sparks, Messrs Brian Pulman, Bernard Clapp, Andrew Tucker, Paul Prettejohn, Gavin Brake, County Councillor Mr Roger Boote, District Councillor Mr D Key, PC Vickery 4783 and no members of the public.

Apologies: 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 4th February, 2008 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. Agreed.

1.1 Receive apologies for absence. None.

2 PLANNING

1. Decisions (for information)

07/3377/FUL St Marys Church – permission granted to replace storage shed with disabled toilet and store.

2. Applications (for recommendation)

08/0668/FUL Yard Farm – ground floor extension and alterations to provide kitchen facility, utility and improved entrance and erection of a detached garage. Recommendation: APPROVAL

08/0894/FUL Red Doors Farm, Beacon – extension to existing swimming pool building to provide indoor playroom. Recommendation: APPROVAL

08/0839/FUL Otter Falls – three solid log holiday lodges. Recommendation: REFUSAL The parish council feel that this would be over development of a site which is already at capacity. There are two main issues, additional traffic – the lane is at its limit with the number of units on this site, there is no simple solution to ease this problem. The visual impact of further units would be unacceptable in the AONB, the site is already very visible from the A30 and from Rawridge and the further development would be obtrusive and unnecessary.

3. Request from group of licensed travelling show people who urgently need a new site of 5-7 acres to incorporate 10 plots for residential use and repair of vehicles. The families are asking if the parish council might know of any suitable sites. No sites were thought to be suitable in Luppitt.
4. EDDC – Local development Framework; Pre-submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement and Update on Production of Other Local Development Framework Documents. Consultation starts on 28th March 2008 for a six week period and comments must be received at the council offices by 5pm on 9th May 2008.
5. Enforcement – land near Overday Farm, clerk to check that Enforcement action has proceeded as more caravans and agricultural vehicles are being stored and enforcement letters are being refused.

2. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Lengthsman programme for April – September 2008 received.

Clerk to report: Road from Shelve Lane to Antelope Cottage needs ditches remaking to take the water away and then the potholes filled – some are 5” deep. Outside Fort Field there are potholes up to 9” deep, there is also a drain blocked on the corner nearby which needs an 18” not a 9” pipe as this blocks as soon as it is cleared with stone. Ditch at the Coombeshead end of Gulley Lane still has not been cleared (the digger recently cleared ditches at the other end of the road but missed this one), it is causing very dangerous flooding when there is heavy rain.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report

5. ENVIRONMENT

Nothing to report

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – the police will no longer report non-crimes at parish council meetings (these include child protection issues). Since the last meeting there have been five crimes all at the same location and four being during the same incident (two assaults, criminal damage and affray) the person was arrested and has been charged to court.

6.2 **Playgrounds** –

3. **Parish plan** – Parish profile has been completed and the questionnaire will follow shortly.

4. **Cllr Boote** reported on the single unitary authority and how the consultation is progressing. Cllr Boote also explained that the Scrutiny Committee have been discussing parishes taking over a budget for ditching and other items. For consideration and response next meeting.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Receipts – P3 Grant 2008 £800

EDDC Precept March- September 2008 £1926.00 (less subscription to DAPC)

7.2 Cheque payments - Village Hall Trustees account issued to hall committee £1380.05

Community First Insurance £231.25

(Cheques for agreement).

Account balances - at 1/4/08 Paths Account £417.85

Parish Account £1287.69

Village Hall Trustees £1380.05

3. Thank you letters for donations to TRIP and Honiton Library were received.
4. Accounts for 2007/8 for approval. VAT reclaim of £1650.31 has been submitted for 2007/8. APPROVED.

8 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

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

Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 6th May 2008 Luppitt Village Hall (AGM)

8pm Tuesday 13th May 2008 Luppitt Village Hall (APM)

8pm Tuesday 3rd June 2008 Luppitt Village Hall

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...
Whats a lengthsman???
The parish lengthsman service is provided by Devon County Council, through its maintenance contractor South West Highways Ltd. The lengthsman attends the parish about four times a year and hand cleans ditches, easements and buddle holes, rods and cleans small culverts, trims hedges to get to ditches and outlets, cleans signs and clears debris as a result of emergencies (such as storm damage and winter floods). If you see a problem area for the Lengthsmans next visit or need him for emergency work call Devon County Council Highways on 0845 155

1004 and give a map reference or good description of the location as well as the type of work to the operator.

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