

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 2/12/08

## **LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**.

Present: Mr Gavin Brake (Chairman), Mrs Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Messrs Derek Hooper, Bernard Clapp, Andrew Tucker, Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn, County Councillor Mr Roger Boote,

PC Vickery 4783, and no members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs Julia Sparks, District Councillor Mr D Key and 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED

1.2 **Receive apologies for absence AS ABOVE**

**2 PLANNING** [http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) for full details

1. **Decisions** (for information)

NONE

2. **Applications** (For comment, support or objection)

**08/2211/FUL Shapcombe**, Combe Raleigh – relocation of agricultural access **COMMENTS:** Parish Council support this application provided the opportunity is taken to improve the visibility by removing the hedge 25m in each direction or to comply with a legal highways splay for a field entrance onto a national speed limit road (60mph limit).

**08/2868/LBC Palmerhayes Farm**, Wick – internal alterations. **COMMENTS:** Parish Council support this application

3. **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

1. Map of highways issues in the parish – meeting with Steve Tucker. Mr Brake to contact Mr Tucker direct to arrange a meeting. After much discussion it was agreed that the parish plan showed clear support for improved highways maintenance and so it was important for the parish council to find a way to work with highways to achieve this even if it means precepting for works.
2. There were a couple of problems in the parish during the recent flooding most issues were resolved or resolutions are being sought. Also road cleaning after the maize has been brought in, farmers have made efforts to clean roads, but the rain has made this problem worse in some places. The road at Wick in particular floods and gathers the mud, it was discussed how this water could be allowed out and decided that this should take priority when Mr Brake meets with Steve Tucker as it needs Highways attention and cannot be improved in any other way.
3. Lengthsman - road from Fairview to Old School House was in a terrible state, with deep mud in the centre of the road for much of its length. This has now been cleared.
4. To report: Large hole off the edge of Cole Hill which needs filling with stone (river has washed it away).

## 1. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Mrs Sparks sent a report in her absence; The GPS plotting was postponed until 21st November due to the floods earlier in the month, it is not yet known if it has now taken place. It was asked if Mrs Sparkes could find out when the bridge at Wick will be reopened.

## 2. ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Red phone box at Beacon- neighbours have offered to look after it, it was discussed at length and the parish council were very grateful of the offer, but felt that £500 per annum to maintain it and the risk of liability to the parish really prohibited the possibility of adoption.

5.2 Clerk to ask the Environment Agency to look at the upper stream of the bridge at Ford Bridge (a small hump back bridge just off the A30 towards Luppitt) one of the archways is 50% blocked with silt acting as a damn during heavy rain, this threatens private residential dwellings such as Ford Barn.

## 6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – six crimes since last meeting at three locations – assault and criminal damage at residential care home, a commercial building was broken into and property was stolen from three individual businesses at the location. Also a forced entry to a barn with no items taken.

2. **Parish plan** – The plan is going to the District Council for approval before going to print, Frank Woolston at EDDC has been extremely helpful. The Chairman praised the work of Mrs Dalgety and the plan team.
3. **Trees on the boundary at 14 Millrise** and the playground have been cut by the District Council, and they have emailed to say they think they did retain ownership of the hedge. Clerk to chase proof.

## 7 FINANCE

7.1 **Receipts** – none

## 7.2 Cheque payments - none

Account balances - at 1/12/08 Paths Account £817.85

Parish Account £4776.84

7.3 Letter from Mr John Sage, he has now completed logging all meetings in the third minute book and Mrs Dalgety 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.

4. Notice boards – aluminium notice boards. Mr Brake has compared notice boards with several companies and it was decided the wooden board should be installed and quote to be invited. It was decided to order one aluminium board with the intention of ordering more if they are satisfactory.
5. Village Hall Committee have confirmed bookings for our meeting dates for 2009 as detailed below and also granted permission for a further cabinet in the Committee Room at the Hall for important parish records.
6. Audit Commission – completion of annual audit 2007-8. Only one comment, that NALC guidelines suggest fixed assets be recorded at current value (insured value), where as clerk depreciated assets at 10% pa. Clerk is slightly confused as insurance valuation is not usually a true value, but a replacement value. Clerk to check with AC & NALC to ensure it is done to guidance. Clerks employment terms must also be formalised.

## 7. CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

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

### Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

7pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Luppitt Village Hall (APM)

8pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Luppitt Village Hall (AGM)

8pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 Luppitt Village Hall

This months useful information...

Did you know that the Police more often than not attend the parish council meetings and also visit with the mobile library at 10.45 on a Thursday – so if you want to have a chat, have a fear of crime or any other concerns you can always have an informal chat.

