

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 4/3/08

## **LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008**.

Present: Mr D Hooper (Chairman), Mrs Julia Sparks, Messrs Brian Pulman, Bernard Clapp, Paul Prettejohn,

Gavin Brake, District Councillor Mr D Key, PC Vickery 4783 and no members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Tucker, County Councillor Mr Roger Boote, 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 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED

### **1.1 Receive apologies for absence AS ABOVE**

## **2 PLANNING**

### **1. Decisions** (for information)

07/3457/FUL Penn Farm – permission granted for replacement workshop, garage & machinery store.

07/3492/LBC Pilgrims Cottage, Tapsterwater – permission granted to re-thatch rear elevation in water reed and internal alterations to staircase

### **2. Applications** (for recommendation)

**08/0459/LBC Woodhayes Farm** – conversion of farm building to office accommodation, holiday let and replacement store extension to farmhouse. Recommendation: APPROVAL subject to improvements to road access. The Parish Council are satisfied that this is a sympathetic design and the conversion will preserve a listed building, however it is felt very strongly that visibility improvements to the lane access between Langford bridge and Woodhayes and the lane entrance at Langford Bridge are essential to allow

any further volume of traffic. Specifically the hedge heights along the bends in the lane need reducing and the visibility splay at the lane entrance on Langford Bridge needs widening in the direction of Dunkeswell through grading the bank back for a distance of approximately 10mtrs.

**08/0458/FUL Woodhayes Farm** – conversion of farm building to office accommodation, holiday let and replacement store extension to farmhouse.

Recommendation: AS ABOVE

3. **East Devon Local Development Framework** – Sustainability Appraisal – Generic Scoping Report for Core Strategy and Other LDF Documents (Including appraisal of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document).

EDDC Council are producing a series of new planning policy documents to guide and regulate development. These new documents will make up the East Devon Local Development Framework (LDF) and they are required to undertake a sustainability appraisal of these documents. This sustainability appraisal is a process used to evaluate the potential impacts that development proposals and policies will have on the environment and on social and economic wellbeing.

Prior to actually undertaking sustainability appraisal of an LDF document EDDC are required to produce a document called a scoping report which sets out background information about relevant sustainability issues and also includes a framework of key sustainability objectives against which planning policies are to be assessed.

The East Devon Generic Scoping Report for Core Strategy and Other LDF Documents will be subject to an initial five week consultation period starting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and any comments must be received at the Council Offices in Sidmouth by 5.00 pm on Friday 14 March 2008. We would prefer to receive comments in emailed format addressed to

[ldf@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@eastdevon.gov.uk) .

View full report at: [http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-sustainability\\_appraisal](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-sustainability_appraisal)

2.4 EDDC - Consultation on proposed methodology for preparing a 'Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment' Deadline for comments 5pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008

### **What is a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment?**

In 2007 the government introduced a requirement for Local Planning Authorities to prepare a SHLAA and to review it on an annual basis. The primary role of a SHLAA is to identify sites with potential for housing, to assess their housing potential and to assess when they are likely to be developed. Their purpose is to inform the preparation of Local Development Documents, but the SHLAA may also be used to help determine planning applications. However, the SHLAA will not make judgements about whether sites should be allocated through plan policy, or guarantee that planning permission might be granted. Potential sites for new housing which have been identified through SHLAA will be tested through the plan making process for Development Plan Documents.

2.5 Smeatharpe Stadium – a meeting took place of both MDDC and EDDC officers from planning, environmental health and all owners and ward members. A public meeting will be held shortly for all grievances can be aired, all legislation is being studied and a way forward is to be sought.

## 2. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Significant areas of road are being planed and resurfaced in Gulley Lane and Beacon – it is felt there are roads in more need in the parish such as Church Hill and the list we gave Highways last month – particularly Mathayes to Beacon is particularly dangerous with subsidence now over 12” deep. Potholes that have just been filled are already losing their tarmac due to not being properly prepared. Village signs are all now replaced.

## 4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

There will be a meeting with DCC in early April regards Footpaths 23 & 24.

## 5. ENVIRONMENT

## 6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – two reported incidents non-crime child protection issue, children absconded from care home and another incident of assault between residents at the same care home. A YFC disco resulted in some anti social behaviour and there will therefore be a police presence at the next event in Luppitt.

6.2 **Playgrounds** – the Millrise playground slide is broken at the base, it was proposed the work should be carried out as soon as possible subject to a satisfactory quote – Mr Tucker to be asked to carry out work.

3. **Parish plan** – nothing to report

6.4 **DCC** - National Free Bus Pass Scheme for over 60s and disabled people. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 this scheme will be in operation for off peak travel by local bus anywhere in England.

## 7 FINANCE

7.1 **Receipts** – P3 Grant £800.00

7.2 **Cheque payments** - Mr Barlow – materials Highways joint work near Ford Cottages £50.00

Village Hall (hire) £72.00

A R Tucker footpaths work (P3 Account) £505.00

### **Annual Donations Under S137 Local Government Act 1972**

Honiton and District ring and Ride £50.00

East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00

Honiton Tourist Information Centre £40.00

Honiton Library Advice and Information centre £45.00

The Luppitt Packet £100.00

(Cheques agreed).

Account balances - at 1/3/08 Paths Account £1160.21

Parish Account £1529.69

Village Hall Trustees £1380.05

3. Signatories for hall accounts and accounting for Walden Bequest Fund to be clarified. A letter has been located

dates April 1996 and sent to the Audit Commission informing them that as of that date the money held in the Walden Bequest Fund would be accounted for by the Village Hall Committee. A letter has been received from the Village Hall Committee to the Parish Council to set out the wishes of the Luppitt Village Hall Management Committee that the balance of the funds be held in trust for the village hall and the signatory arrangements and be accounted for by the Hall Committee. Copy letter attached. Agreed that the balance of the Loyds

account be written as a cheque to the Village Hall Management Committee at the next meeting and the account closed and a letter accepting the arrangement as agreeable sent.

**7.4 WARD MEETING – ALL PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND!** 8pm, Uppottery Manor Rooms **11<sup>th</sup> March 2008**. A speaker will be attending to discuss the Anti Social Behaviour powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act.

5. **EDDC – Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Devon –**  
Letter enclosing the Secretary of States

judgement regarding Exeter City Councils unsuccessful Unitary Bid, and asking that Parish Councils look at what the Boundary Committee are being asked to consider by way of alternative structures. (For information)

**DCC – Listening Events** – at the request of the Department of Communities and Local Government the Boundary Committee for England are conducting an independent review of Local Government in Devon. The County Council is convening a series of events around the county and all parish councillors are invited:

12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 6-8pm AshThomas Village Hall, Ash Thomas, Halberton

20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 2-4pm Teign Valley Community Hall

26<sup>th</sup> March 2008 10am-12pm Fremington Church Hall

27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 2-4pm Hatherliegh Community Centre

## 7 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

Copy letter received from parishioner to EDDC regarding residential use of agricultural land. Parish council has the same concerns as the complainant – clerk to contact Enforcement to inform.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** (The meeting was closed before questions from the public).none

**Dates for next meetings –**

8pm Tuesday 8th April 2008 Luppitt Village Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

8pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Luppitt Village Hall (Annual General Meeting)

8pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Luppitt Village Hall (Annual Parish Meeting)

This months useful information...
<b>SPRING CLEANING?</b>
You can put glass bottles, jars, cans, tins, newspapers, magazines, envelopes (even with windows), telephone directories, catalogues, aerosols, batteries and mobile phones (in a special battery bag), and even old textiles that are beyond use in your green recycling tub. Call EDDC on 01395 517528 for a recycling box if you don't have one! EDDC will soon be taking plastic bottles and expanding their recycling service watch out for a leaflet in the autumn.
If you have large household items you cant move to the tip EDDC will pop out and collect up to 10 large household items for just £40, why not club together with some neighbours and split the cost!

Remember you can donate all your unwanted furniture, toys, bric-a-brac and good clothes to charity?

[www.recycledevon.org](http://www.recycledevon.org) for lots of ideas on reducing reusing and recycling or [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) if you would like your unwanted items to find good homes for free.