

## **LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 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 and no members of the public.

Apologies: PC Vickery 4783 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> December, 2007 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED with an amendment that Mrs Sparks was in attendance.

**1.1 Receive apologies for absence AS ABOVE**

### **2 PLANNING**

1. **Decisions** (for information)

**07/2227/LBC Greenway Manor** – permission granted for damp proofing, conservation and repair to guest annex and gatehouse, retention of minor alterations to house and complex.

2. **Applications** (for recommendation)

1. **07/3377/FUL St Marys Church** – replace old storage shed with disabled toilet/store

Recommendation: APPROVAL recommendation made prior to meeting by committee due to EDDC time restrictions recommendation ratified by meeting.

2. **07/3363/COU Primrose Farm** – conversion of agricultural storage building to holiday unit

Recommendation: REFUSAL recommendation made prior to meeting by committee due to EDDC time restrictions recommendation ratified by meeting.

After viewing the property at a site meeting of five Parish Councilors on Monday 14th January 2008, it was unanimously agreed, that the parish council recommend refusal of this application on the following

grounds:unsuitable road access - the proposed building for conversion is a modern, single skin concrete block farm building, recently rendered on its external face, which has no architectural merit whatsoever.

1. **07/3457/FUL Penn Farm** – replacement workshop garage and machinery store. Recommendation: APPROVAL recommendation made prior to meeting by committee due to EDDC time restrictions recommendation ratified by meeting.
2. **07/3492/LBC Pilgrims Cottage** – re-thatch rear elevation in water reed including new ridge internal alterations to include relocation of staircase. Recommendation: APPROVAL
3. **DCC – Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004/Article 5 Town and Country (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 – Consultation on new procedures for the validation of Planning Applications where the County Council:**

- proposes to develop its own land (including schools and buildings)
- makes an application to develop land not in its ownership (including joint applications)
- makes applications for waste developments

Comments on the Local List (which can be viewed at [www.devon.gov.uk/planning-system/validation\\_consultation](http://www.devon.gov.uk/planning-system/validation_consultation) by 12 noon Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to County Hall, Exeter or by email

1. DCC – Parish Presentations - Gypsies and Travellers (to include history, issues faced by the settled community & travellers and discussion). No presentation required.
2. Smeatharpe Stadium - Cllr Key informed the meeting that EDDC and MDCC are organising a joint meeting with the owners of land at Smeatharpe regarding application for Certificate of Lawful Use and permitted uses. There is much concern locally that now the area is in divided ownership that each landowner may decide to apply for separate CLU for 17 days each.

### 3. **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

1. **DCC road closure order** – Langford Road – A30 Junction to Crook Cross will be closed 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008 for highway works. Clerk to tell Highways that this needs to extend to Limers Cross.

2. Thanks to the persistence of a parishioner and the cooperation of Highways a water hazard in the lane between

Ford Cottages and Whitehall Farm has been resolved. It is personal interest like this from the public that helps the parish council immensely in sorting local issues. Clerk to ask Mr Barlow for an invoice for £50 for materials used, as the parish council would be pleased to contribute to this project as an act of goodwill.

3.3 Roads – potholes double bends between Mountstephen and Luppitt Cross, at Luppitt Cross on the main road, recently filled potholes at Ringborough Cross, Fairview have now reappeared, Woodhayes to Shaugh Farm, road edge on Gulley lane outside Coombeshead (ditches are blocked here and overrunning the road edges). Banger Stadium to Ford there is subsidence and general deterioration – many potholes deeper than 4”.

#### **4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 DCC temporary prohibition of pedestrians order 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Bridge between Combe Raleigh Footpath 10 and Luppitt footpath 38, Combe Raleigh, Luppitt. Bridge unsafe and closed on health and safety grounds (no alternative route).

2. P3 forms for completion – Mr Brake has completed the return and the full balance of funds in the P3 account

have been spent or allocated. AGREED.

4.3 The revised definitive map showing the correct position of Footpath 54 has now been received thanks to Cllr Sparks proving the path was officially moved in 1985.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENT**

1. EDDC – Anti-social Behaviour powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

Document regarding proposals for comment by return (copy emailed to all councillors).

2. Clerk to contact EDDC Streetscene as the recycling lorry is dropping cans and paper through the village.
3. Agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition.

#### **6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

6.1 **Community policing report** – between 04/12/07 - 04/02/08 there were six crimes as follows: a Non Crime Child Protection - Concerns for a resident at a care home, a Theft - quad bike stolen from open barn BUT later recovered unattended in Taunton, Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle - Vehicle parked at Millrise - Mirror broken off, Burglary Dwelling - Entry to attached garage through insecure window and attempt to enter house via connecting door.No entry to main house - nothing stolen. Theft of three copper cylinders (kept for scrap) stolen in rural field and one Assault - two juveniles who reside in care home had a fight leading to injuries.

6.2 **Playgrounds** – Luppitt Village Hall Management committee is making an application for further equipment at the Village Hall.

6.3 **Parish plan** – Report from Mrs Dalgety (who is now chairing the Parish Plan committee) on the East Devon Local Development Framework workshop – decided to return the parish plan as response

6.4 Awards For All – underspend of £331 to be returned to AFA. AGREED

#### **7 FINANCE**

7.1 **Receipts** – none

7.2 **Cheque payments** - Mr Tottle (playground grass cutting, trimming hedges and tidying) £250

Mr Tottle (stone clearing AFA) £96.00

Audit Commission £158.63

A R Tucker (footpaths work) £697.36

Awards for All refunded balance of grant £331.00

(Cheques agreed).

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

Parish Account £4515.32 (includes £1950 parish plan and £200 match funding)

Village Hall Trustees £1380.05

3. Lloyds TSB letter regarding envelope in safe keeping at Exeter Branch – new signatories are required and a standing order must be put in place to pay charges for holding the item (£7.50 twice annually) It is required that two signatories go to Exeter where these are held (with ID) and release safe custody items and decide what to do. Mr Pulman and Mr Tucker to release envelopes and decide on amalgamating contents. This has now been taken over by the Village Hall.

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. Reply from hall awaited at the next meeting.  
 7.5 Precept for agreement 2008/9 – budget attached - £4000 agreed which will include a further £500 on top of clerks proposed budget for general parish maintenance.

7.6 Communities and Local Government – Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority members in England. For comment by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

**7. CHAIRMANS DISCRETION**

Mr Nichols has given a wooden box to Mr Hooper which contains all the tythe maps relating to the map in the committee room. It was agreed they should be stored in the committee room at the hall with the map

**Date for next meeting – 8pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 Luppitt Village Hall**

This months possibly useful information...
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>
<b>Devon County Council in Exeter are responsible for Highways (not East Devon District Council in Sidmouth!)</b>
<b>If you spot a pothole, or other serious road issue you can email or call them direct. They even have an out of hours emergency team for serious issues (such as a fallen tree blocking the Highway)</b>
<b>To report a Devon County Council Highways Issues call 0845 155 1004 Weekdays 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-1pm</b> <b>or report highways issues online at <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transport/roads/road_maintenance.htm">http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transport/roads/road_maintenance.htm</a></b>
Emergencies (Out of hours) <b>01392 383329</b>
<b>However, if your have an issue with a major trunk road (the A30 for instance) you would need</b>
<b>a completely different organisation - the Highways Agency in Bristol and their number is</b>
<b>08457 50 40 30 web: <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/">http://www.highways.gov.uk/</a></b>

