

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 3/11/09
LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** to be held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 1st December 2009.**

Present: Cllrs Gavin Brake (Chairman), Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Julia Sparks, Bernard Clapp,
Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn, PCSO Anning 30012 and 30 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllrs Andrew Tucker, Derek Hooper, County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor David Key,
PC Vickery 4783

All councillors were politely reminded of their obligation to declare interests under the Code of Conduct. Cllr Brake then explained to the large number of public attending that this was a Parish Council Meeting, which is a regular meeting of the parish council required by law and that we are required to follow a set procedure for all meetings. Cllr Brake made this clear as it was understood that flyers have been distributed around the village saying that this was a 'public meeting', however a parish council meeting is required by law, and whilst being open to the public, it is not a public meeting.

Members of the public and the press were reminded that they may attend parish council meetings, but may not speak until invited to do so.

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).

- 1.1 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd November 2009** 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 for full details

2.1 Decisions (for information)

2.1.1 09/1618/FUL & 09/1620/LBC Coombeshead Farm – permission granted for retention of single storey extension

2.2 Applications (For comment, support or objection)

2.2.1 09/2211/FUL Otter View Farm – erection of covered yard **Comments:** No comments

2.2.2 09/2334/FUL Smithenhayes Bungalow – retention of agricultural building used as cattle shed. **Comments:** No comments.

2.2.3 09/2324/FUL Overday Farm – construction of two 11kw wind turbines on 18m towers. Cllr Brake declared an interest as this was his application he gave a short statement about the application.

Cllr Brake then left the room while the parish council allowed public to comment and ask questions on the application/consultation process.

The meeting was closed while a number of questions and comments were put from the floor it was suggested that an open public meeting was held, and that the clerk could request an extension on the time allowed for both the public and parish council comments to the 6th January 2010. A lady suggested that the applicant could be asked to submit an environmental survey particularly in reference to migrating birds, another lady expressed concern over barn owls, and a gentleman over bats. Concerns ranged from the general safety of turbines to wildlife, there were also several comments from different parishioners about the importance of renewables as a whole to the parish and the need to consider exactly what would be acceptable to parishioners in line with government guidelines. There was great concern over the short response time required by the District Council together with the problem of The Packet not being distributed again until February and how a fair consultation of parishioners could be carried out.

The meeting resumed and the parish council discussed the best method of consultation. It was agreed that as this application was not received in time for this meetings agenda, it will come before the next parish council meeting for comments on the 6th January 2010 (this extension was agreed by EDDC verbally that afternoon, and should be confirmed in writing). In line with this it was decided to request a formal extension for public comment also to the 6th January 2010. It was decided to convene a public meeting to allow a full and open debate, possibly with a District Council Planning Officer and renewables specialist and also a suitable wildlife authority, this would also allow the parishioners to ask questions and make comments based on fact not speculation. On his return to the room Mr Brake indicated that he would be willing to withdraw and resubmit his planning application if the parish council requested him to do so, in order to allow more time for a public meeting. The parish council requested this action, and Mr Brake agreed to undertake this course of action the following day.

It was agreed that as soon as the hall could be booked (as it was a particularly busy period), a public meeting would be scheduled and a flyer sent out to all households, informing them of the meeting and the current application. It was agreed that after the meeting a second flyer would be circulated asking each household to respond to supplementary parish plan questions on renewables due to the likelihood of seeing more applications in the parish in the future. Clerk and Councillors to take these actions forward.

2.1 **EDDC** – reminder copy of ‘the role of councillors in planning propriety and good practice’ including material and non-material planning grounds.

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 Parish Highways programme – nothing to report

3.2 Items to report - Higher Wick Farm to Palmerhayes, there are potholes, also road condition is deteriorating Shaugh Barton to Otter View. Clerk to request that ditches are not

filled in Hillend to Hartridge and Sharcombe Hill have both been filled with tarmac preventing surface drainage.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS no report this time

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Copy of the Blackdown Hills Management Plan received (for information)

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – two crimes reported, both assault at the same address by juvenile on care worker. PCSO Anning reminded the meeting about the Stop a Thief scheme and Lets Talk both of which he will bring application forms for to the public meeting for the wider public.

6.2 **Parish plan** – To be updated with more in depth response to the current issue of renewable energy.

6.3 **Quality Status** – to be discussed at the next meeting

7 FINANCE

7.1 **Receipts** – none

7.2 **Cheque payments** - T Bell Clerk remuneration for September –
November 2009 £601.45

T Bell Clerk expenses for September – November
2009 £32.54

(Cheques agreed).

Account balances - at 1/11/09

P3 balance £1044.30

Parish Account £7695.75 (includes P3 balance as

above)

7.3 Additional signatories form for new co-op account for completion.

7.4 Website – Luppitt.net are kindly uploading minutes and the parish plan as well as the Luppitt Packet now, it was proposed that a donation be offered towards this valuable service to parishioners. Although the parish Council agreed, Mr Sage had been asked and did not want any money towards the site, he was pleased to provide the service. The parish council expressed their gratitude for this generosity.

7.5 **Power of Wellbeing training** – Thursday 12th November 2009 at 6.30pm was attended by 18 parish councillors from the Blackdown Hills the training will therefore cost approximately £8.50 +VAT per head which payable by each of the parish councils and invoiced by the clerk as soon as the DAPC invoice is received. Four Councillors from Luppitt attended, in order to use the POW 80% of the council must be trained, so the clerk will inform councillors of the next event which is reasonably local.

8 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

8.1 War memorial – it was suggested that there could be a name missing from the memorial, Cllr Pulman to look into the matter and report back. For further discussion at the next meeting.

8.2 Dolish Farm application – it was confirmed that this will definitely not incur a Section 106 agreement and funding requirement, due to being an agriculturally tied building there will not therefore be the hoped contribution to play facilities and other funding will need to be sought.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public). None.

Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 5th January 2010

Luppitt Village Hall

This months useful information....

Have you ICE'd your mobile?

I know, I know, our mobile reception is rubbish up here in the hills, but this is actually quite important!

It is widely recognised that storing 'ICE' (that's In Case of Emergency) along with a name and telephone number will enable the emergency services to quickly contact someone in the event of an accident.

Eight out of ten people in the UK carry no next of kin details, yet 80% of us carry a mobile phone. There is no simpler way of letting the emergency services know who they should contact than simply storing ICE in your phone.

Please take a minute to do it NOW!

Luppitt Parish Council receipts and payments for year ending 31st March 2010

date of chq				Receipts		Payments			
/resolution		chq.no./		F/paths	Precept/	F/paths	grant	s1	
/minutes	Details	inv. no.	Receipt	Payment	Grants	General	account	funded	G
	balance brought forward (2008/9)		£3,136.49						
31/03/2009	EDDC Precept April - September 2009		£4,000.00		£4,000.00				
13/03/2009	FP P3		£400.00		£400.00				
03/07/2009	HM C&E VAT reclaim for 2008-9		£285.35						
07/04/2009	western power		£3.74			£3.74			
09/04/2009	FP P3		£600.00		£600.00				
12/05/2009	Ken Abraham internal Auditor	1		£135.00			£135.00		
02/06/2009	luppitt parish plan	3 & 9 reissue		£250.00			£250.00		
02/06/2009	community first insurance	4		£249.25			£249.25		
11/06/2009	A R Tucker (ditches)	5		£747.50			£650.00		
02/06/2009	Devon Association of Parish Councils	6		£86.55			£86.55		
04/08/2009	hire of hall	7		£51.00			£51.00		
04/08/2009	dapc chairman course	2 & 8 reissue		£51.75			£45.00		
04/08/2009	Tony Mogford As. (playground Insp)	10		£63.25			£55.00		
04/08/2009	audit commission (2008-9)	11		£138.00			£120.00		
01/09/2009	T Bell (clerks remuneration)	12		£2,381.86					
01/09/2009	T Bell (clerks expenses)	13		£177.68			£177.68		
01/10/2009	EDDC Precept September - march 2009		£4,000.00		£4,000.00				
01/12/2009	T Bell (clerks remuneration)	14		£601.35					
01/12/2009	T Bell (clerks expenses)	15		£32.54			£32.54		
01/12/2009	luppitt website	16		£50.00			£50.00		
02/02/2009	c tottle (playground maintenance)			£250.00			£250.00		
02/02/2009	A R Tucker (footpaths)			£1,150.00				£1,000.00	
02/02/2009	village hall (hire)			£48.00			£48.00		

02/03/2009T Bell (clerks remuneration)	£601.35						
02/03/2009T Bell (clerks expenses)	£35.00			£32.54			
02/03/2009A R Tucker (ditch clearing)	£1,150.00			£1,000.00			
02/03/2009Julia Sparks (footpaths exps)	£45.00					£45.00	
02/03/2009honiton mobile library	£50.00						
02/03/2009honiton ring and ride	£50.00						
02/03/2009east devon cab	£50.00			£50.00			
02/03/2009honiton tic	£50.00						
02/03/2009honiton library	£50.00						
02/03/2009the packet (publishing minutes)	£130.00			£130.00			
31/03/2009bank charges	£15.00			£15.00			
31/03/2009bank interest	£2.00			£2.00			
totals	£12,425.58	£8,690.08	£1,000.00	£8,003.74	£3,412.56	£1,045.00	£0.00
31/03/2008Balance carried forward	£3,735.50						

clerks forecast of spending based on 2008/9