

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 4/8/09

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 4th August 2009**.

Present: Mr Gavin Brake (Chairman), Mrs Julia Sparks, Messrs Derek Hooper, Bernard Clapp, Andrew Tucker,

Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn, County Councillor Mr Paul Diviani,
and no members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), District Councillor Mr D Key, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012

All councillors were 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).

1.1 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th July 2009 were signed as a correct

record of that meeting. AGREED with one amendment; typing error on 6.6 'The' not 'He'

1.2 **Receive apologies for absence AS ABOVE**

2 PLANNING http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx for full details

1. **Decisions** (for information)

1. 09/0846/RES Dolish Farm – reserved matters approved for agricultural workers dwelling and detached garage
2. 09/1185/FUL Gulley Lane Farm – permission granted for single storey extension
3. 09/1113/FUL The Park Linhay - permission granted for single storey extensions

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

1. 09/1179/FUL Shapcombe Farm, Combe Raleigh – removal of condition 3 on application 08/2211/FUL Comments: The parish council support this application and feel highway safety has been greatly improved by the works.

2. 09/1442/LBC Barnfield Farm – replace existing thatch with water reed.
Comments: The parish council have no objections to this application.

3. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

1. Parish Highways programme – report on progress – there have been some works during the last month, but there are still potholes north of Smithenhayes on the road to Beacon, these are marked so may have already been issued. Cllr Brake outlined the parish councils frustrations at both the planning and quality of works. Cllr Diviani explained that after years on his local parish council he understood and agreed. He had been told that Highways were reviewing their contracts as they are aware of this.
2. Clerk to ask if someone other than highways can fill a pothole on a C36 road. Cllr Sparkes to check her deeds for contract of upkeep in adoption of highway. Bridge over the River Love between Cole Hill and Messhayes has a dangerous hand rail – two posts have rusted out completely and it is of high risk due to the depth and the speed of the water. There are serious concerns that the knot weed has not been adequately sprayed, clerk to contact Highways, Commoners also to be informed.
3. DCC letter informing us that the findings of their investigation into 20mph zones is now available at http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/councildemocracy/decision_making/cma/cma_report.htm?cmadoc+report_cx0882.html

4. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 4.1 Cllr Sparkes attended the recent P3 summer workshop and reported that we must now bid for larger jobs, although funding will remain similar for usual maintenance. Mr Tucker was asked to quote for a list of works.

5. ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 Nominations are sought for a representative to sit on the Management Group of the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership. Meetings are quarterly during the daytime and are to set policy for the Partnership as well as steering implementation of the BHAONB Partnership business plan. Nominations by 21st August 2009. None.

6. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – no crimes
2. **Parish plan** – the recent meeting celebrated the achievements of the parish plan and agreed to meet once a year to ensure the action plan was being followed.
3. **Emergency Plan** – model plan is available at http://www.devon.gov.uk/model_plan.pdf (for completion).
4. **Sustainable Communities Act** - www.eastdevon.gov.uk/sustainablecommunitiesact If you can think of an idea that would improve the sustainability of your local community (that can be in economic, social, environmental wellbeing terms) - proposals must require action from central government, such as a change in legislation, a transfer of responsibilities from one public body to another, a new national policy, or to change or strengthen an existing policy - your proposal must be of specific relevance to communities in East Devon.

A draft is to be prepared by Cllr Brake and read and contributed to by the other councillors.

5. **Transition** – Clerk attended the first meeting of the Blackdown Hills Transition Community and will report for the council, everyone is welcome to attend. Please ask clerk for details.
6. Clerk to chase up library days possible reorganisation.

7 FINANCE

1. **Receipts –** none
2. **Cheque payments -** Luppitt Village Hall (meetings January –June 09) £51.00
DAPC (Chairmanship training) £51.75
Parish Plan £250.00 (reissue)
Tony Mogford (play Inspection) £63.25
Audit Commission (2008/9) £138.00

(Cheques agreed).

Account balances - at 1/8/09
£1044.30

Paths Account £1235.65 (includes a £300 VAT loan) P3 balance

Parish Account £6914.93

3. Additional signatories form for new co-op account for completion.
4. Audit Commission – Annual Audit for 2008/9 completed, one comment that under 2008 Practitioners Guidance it is clarified that parish councils are not to depreciate assets, but to include a current valuation for buildings and a replacement or insurance valuation for other items.
5. Clerk requests permission for pay to be quarterly not annually to enable better budgeting for both herself and the council. Agreed.
6. This month Cllrs Dalgety and Sparkes as well as the clerk went to The DAPC Empowering Communities conference and the Chairman attended advanced chairmanship course.

8 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

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

Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 1st September 2009

Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 6th October 2009

Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 3rd November 2009

Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 1st December 2009

Luppitt Village Hall

This months useful information....

Your new County Councillor is Paul Diviani

If you need to speak with him he will attend most parish council meetings and is contactable regarding any issues you are having problems with that Devon County Council are responsible for (widely speaking - transport and roads, heritage and culture, learning and schools, elements of environment and planning)

Contact him via his office tel; 0845 3285 788 or email; PDiviani@eastdevon.gov.uk

You may be interested to know that Cllr Diviani currently serves your community in the following additional roles;

Devon County Councillor - Honiton St Pauls

East Devon District Councillor - Yarty

Chairman of Development Management EDDC

Chairman Blackdown Hills AONB

Chairman "Making it Local" RDPE Local Action Group