

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 7/7/09

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall at **8pm on Tuesday 7th July 2009.**

Present: Mrs Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Mrs Julia Sparks, Messrs Derek Hooper, Brian Pulman,
Paul Prettejohn, District Councillor Mr D Key, PC Vickery 4783 and one member of the public.
Apologies: Mr Gavin Brake (Chairman), Bernard Clapp, Andrew Tucker, County Councillor Mr Paul Diviani,
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 2nd June 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

1. **Decisions** (for information)

2.1.1 09/0518/COU Land west of Mohuns Ottery – permission refused for change of use of former hunting lodge from storage to holiday accommodation.

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

1. 09/1113/FUL The Park Linhay – single storey extension and conservatory
Comments: No comments.

2. 09/1185/Ful Gully Lane Farm – single storey extension. Comments: No comments.

3. 09/1286/FUL Matthayes Farm – pavilion lean to extension. Comments: No comments.

3. Enforcement – copy letter to land at Lovers Nest confirming that the enforcement notice served in 1981 to the past owners prohibiting the land for residential use and stationing of a caravan is still in force and that the owners must remove their caravan within 28 days of the letter. For information.

4. **Copy letter Kate Little EDDC Head of Planning to Communities and Local Government** – EDDC agrees with the view of many of its parish councils that the system of retrospective planning applications effectively allows a two tier system of applying for planning permission . Those who don't bother to apply but build first and take the risk are seen to be effectively 'thumbing their nose' at the planning system. Whilst it is not technically unlawful to apply for retrospective permission, EDDC propose to review their planning fees to double the charge for retrospective applications as a form of penalty. Response awaited.

3. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

1. Map of highways issues in the parish – report on progress - potholes have been repaired at the end of Gully Lane (Luppitt Common). The bridge in between Cole Hill and Mathayes has (finally) been repaired. Cllr Brake estimated this required at least one cubic metre of concrete. Work has also been done to clear debris from the road at Hill End Farm.
2. Between Red Doors to Dumpdon the first large pothole on the right hand side is now very deep and difficult to dodge. There are also several potholes near lower Shaugh Farm.

4. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Seasonal vegetation cutting is complete apart from the common north of Whites Plot due to bracken issues with cattle.

Footpath 38 and the bridge at Wick are closed because the bridge is unsafe. Someone has removed the rails and notices thereby putting themselves and the public at risk. The rails and notices have now been replaced, DCC is doing its best to get this matter resolved and requests co-operation of members of the public with this closure. The bridge is scheduled for repair later this year.

5. ENVIRONMENT

1. Knotweed – clerk to check that Highways will treat the whole triangle by Clouds as well as both sides of the road at Clouds.

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – no crimes to report.

2. **Parish plan** – has now a small committee to keep the plan revived, who will meet annually to review the plan.

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. Cllrs Sparks and Dalgety attended an event to help inform a plan – they brought information to the meeting which will also go into the packet on Red Cross courses and also have ideas on how to design a parish contact system.

5. **EDDC** – letter asking if Luppitt would like to order maroons for the two minute Royal British Legion silence.
6. Cllrs Sparks and Dalgety attended a certificated Power of Well being training session and have been given their certificate. He parish must now attain Quality Status and have 80% of its councillors certified in order to use the Power.

7 FINANCE

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| 1. Receipts – | none | |
| 2. Cheque payments - | A R Tucker parish maintenance plan work | |
| £747.50 | | |
| | DAPC membership 2009-10 | £86.55 |
| | (Cheques agreed). | |

Account balances - at 1/7/09

Co op Parish Account £6025.58 (of which precept funds £4981.28 & P3 funds £1044.30)

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

8. CHAIRMANS DISCRETION (items from Gavin Brake in his absence by email)

1. Barnfield – Cllr Brake received a call from a concerned member of the public about proposed building works at Barnfield. I was informed that they intended to convert a disused stable into a tea/refreshment room. As Chair, Cllr Brake informed Planning Enforcement who contacted Barnfield. They wrote to Planning Enforcement to explain their intentions. They were advised that they would likely require planning permission for these works. Letter also received from a member of the public.
2. Smithenhayes Bungalow - Cllr Brake received a call from a concerned member of the public about a new farm building which has been put up at Smithenhayes Bungalow. As Chair, Cllr Brake informed Planning Enforcement who are in the process of contacting the owners and investigating this.
3. The parish council has received a complaint about a dead cherry tree on the triangle above Shelf Farm, commoners to be informed and asked to investigate.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was closed before questions from the public)

A member of the public raised concerns over the conversion work being carried out at Barnfield.

Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 4th August 2009
8pm Tuesday 1st September 2009
8pm Tuesday 6th October 2009
8pm Tuesday 3rd November 2009
8pm Tuesday 1st December 2009

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This months useful information....

What is Quality Parish Council Status and why would Luppitt bother to get it?

The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme was launched in 2003 following the Government's *Rural White Paper*, 2000. The aim of the Scheme is to provide benchmark minimum standards for parish and town councils.

In order to achieve Quality Status, parish and town councils must demonstrate that they have reached the standard required by passing several tests. These are:

- Electoral Mandate
- Qualifications of the clerk
- Council meetings
- Communication and Community Engagement
- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Code of Conduct
- Promoting local democracy and citizenship
- Terms and conditions
- Training

Quality status has been achieved by a diverse range of local councils, from those with electorates of tens of thousands and budgets in excess of £1million per year, to those with electorates of less than 500 and budgets of just a few thousand pounds per year.

A key aim of the Scheme was for better partnership working between principal authorities and Quality councils. The picture is still mixed but is slowly improving as more principal authorities engage with Quality councils in their area. However, there are also benefits to undertaking the tests for their own sake. The tests are an excellent way for councils to review their processes.

