

**LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 8pm.**

Present: Cllrs Gavin Brake (Chairman), Lindsey Dalgety (Vice Chairman), Julia Sparks, Bernard Clapp, Andrew Tucker, Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn, County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor David Key, PC Vickery 4783 and one member of the public.

Apologies: Derek Hooper, 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).**

1.1 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010** were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED with one amendment that Bernard Clapp gave apologies.

1.2 **Receive apologies for absence AS ABOVE**

1.3 **Meeting closed to receive comments from the public;**

A neighbour to Barn Farm wanted to ensure the parish council fully understood the context of their recent planning application. The neighbour felt that they had misrepresented their proposals and that the parish council may wish to change their view based on this. The main reasons for the neighbours personal concerns were the impact on neighbouring properties, that the application would form the 16<sup>th</sup> room for the house, and that it might be used as living accommodation. The neighbour wanted to ensure the parish council understood the building was not connected to the house. It was agreed that the parish council would forward the neighbours letter to the district council for consideration (it had also been submitted independently). The parish council unanimously agreed that the letter covered the personal concerns of the neighbour, but decided the information they received did not alter their comments to the district council as they had been fully aware of the proposals before commenting. It was noted that the parish council may only comment on planning applications and do not decide them, and that comments made could only be based on planning reasons (as defined by government policy) and not personal or emotional grounds.

2 **PLANNING** [http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) for full details

2.1 **Decisions (for information)**

2.2 **none**

2.3 **Applications (For comment, support or objection)**

2.3.1 **10/1915/FUL Stockers Cottage – Erection of conservatory. COMMENTS: Luppitt parish council have no objections to the proposal, however we would like to see stone cladding on the NW road elevation (oil tank side), as the hedge may not always be there to shield the view.**

2.4 **Enforcement**

2.4.1 **Core Strategy Preferred Approach Consultation will be available for you to view and comment between the following dates: 06/09/10 17:00 End date: 30/11/10 17:00 Please select the following link to view this event:**[http://consult.eastdevon.gov.uk/portal/pref\\_app](http://consult.eastdevon.gov.uk/portal/pref_app)

2.4.2 **EDDC Planning presentation – general topics, website & future proposals that are currently being trailed with Sidmouth Town Council will be discussed. All sessions will be held at the Knowle with a choice of dates/times as follows: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 14.00-16.00; Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 19.00-21.00 or Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010 19.00-21.00. Councillors to inform clerk if you would like to attend.**

**3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

3.1 **Parish Highways programme – six green heavy-duty grit bins have been purchased (this was a direct load from the factory saving significantly by buying a whole pallet). The parish have also purchased three tons of pure salt at nearly half the price offered to them by DCC. It was agreed to ask Andrew Tucker to install these. Permission has been gained from the Commons to place a bin on the bend at Hillend. It was agreed to hold the salt supply in one secure location to ensure supply is not misused, it can then be delivered as needed, it was unanimously agreed that the chairman authorise the distribution of salt as needed. It was decided that the sixth bin should be placed on Hartridge. Clerk to obtain quote and cover options to add the bins to the parish council insurance policy.**

3.2 **Lengthsman programme received for information.**

- 3.3 Mrs Fry asked that it was noted that the lengthsman had done the best job he had ever done cleaning and strimming around the six gulleys under the road outside Hillend.
- 3.4 DCC Highways have offered road planings free of charge for the parish council to make up laybys. It was agreed that the first 8 tonnes should be placed in the layby at Luppitt Common Cross. Andrew Tucker was asked if he could move these. There will be more planings available from the Langford bridge road improvements.
- 3.5 Highways issues to report – 75 yards up hill from Messhayes there is subsidence in the road. Drain under the road at Pitt Farm – Barn, this has been investigated by Highway and retarmaced it is still blocked and water is coming up through the road this needs a camera investigation as it is now lifting newly laid tarmac. Clerk also to remind DCC Highways that a drain is needed to be cut into the road outside the church, where a pipe goes to nowhere. There are soft verge signs on Limers Cross which have been hit already and are too close to the highway, these have been seen to cause lorries to swerve out into the carriageway to avoid them.
- 3.6 Gulley Lane – four residents have already offered £100 each, the commoners will donate and other residents will also be asked, this will all be used towards making good the ditches on the lane. (For information).

#### 4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 4.1 Report from Cllr Sparks – two sign posts have disappeared, one at Otter Falls and the bridleway sign at Ringborough has been snapped off, it was agreed that a new sign should be placed back from the ditch where it will be at less risk. A member of the public has asked about the presence of bulls in fields where there are footpaths; full clarification is on the DCC website, [www.devon.gov.uk/index/environmentplanning/public\\_rights\\_of\\_way](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/environmentplanning/public_rights_of_way) (click on frequently asked questions on the top of the list is 'bulls on public rights of way' this also has useful pictures of bulls who are allowed and those not allowed. The basis of the legislation is that dairy breed bulls are not allowed, but beef breed bulls are allowed to run in fields crossed by footpaths. Cllr Sparks reported seeing two bulls on her recent footpath inspection and both were permitted beef breeds.

#### 5 ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 PARISH PLAN – response from questionnaires will be used to update the parish plan on the Community Council of Devon website.

#### 6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 6.1 Community policing report – Pc Vickery reported that a metal gate and a post was stolen from a field, and there was one house dwelling where computer equipment and dvds were stolen.
- 6.2 Emergency Plan – nothing to report

#### 7 FINANCE

- 7.1 Receipts – none
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| Cheque payments -             | Imagenta Mouldings -grit bins | £652.12  |
|                               | Decorative Aggregates - Salt  | £465.00  |
|                               | (Cheques agreed).             |          |
| Account balances - at 1/10/10 | P3 balance                    | £1044.30 |

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Account £11218.95 (includes P3 balance as above)

- 7.2 Empowering Communities in Devon – event held at Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell from 10am – 2pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – report from clerk.
- 7.4 Luppitt Village Hall Committee – letter asking for a representative to sit on the hall management committee (AGM 21<sup>st</sup> October). It was agreed that Gavin Brake would represent the parish council . Clerk to write to Hall committee to confirm.
- 7.3 Luppitt Parish Council has been successful in its application for Quality Status. Thank you for all the work done particularly by the parish plan group which has helped Luppitt achieve this. (There are now 698 Town and Parish Councils who hold Quality status in the UK, of which 34 are in Devon & 13 in Somerset).

#### 8 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

- 8.1 Wrought iron shooting target offered by Greenway Manor – feed back from hall meeting and public to be heard before final installation is agreed.

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

#### Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010  
8pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010

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