

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 5th April 2011 at 8pm.**

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

Apologies: PC Vickery 4783,

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 1st March 2011** 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 11/0306/FUL Halsdon House – permission granted for construction of ménage and associated landscaping.

2.1.2 11/0363/FUL Fairview Farm – permission granted for construction of agricultural building (corn feed store)

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

none

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 Parish Highways programme – Barn to Pitt brick culvert has been repaired and temporary repairs made to the pot holes to allow the road to be re-opened. A jetter is scheduled to flush the culvert to make sure it is clear and make permanent repairs to the road surface. Resurfacing dates for Luppitt Common and Jacks House - 6th - 8th April 2011

3.2 Highways – issues to report – jetter needed at corner of higher Wick Farm, through pipe under road (this pipe really needs replacing with a larger pipe). All signs in parish need cleaning. At the top of Palmerhayes hill there is a ditch that needs clearing as it always holds water, the rest has been done beautifully, however this is not a problem area, this has happened between the council houses to Barn (on the same side as the council houses). The clerk is to thank the council for the work on School lane, however they have missed a 10m length of road edge which has degraded completely and a large pothole left. Luppitt Mill to Blackenfield there are several potholes.

3.3 Salt bins – Cllr Diviani agreed to send an application for the capital element of the locality budget in order to pay for the grit bins installed, clerk to complete and return. This is being done in order to satisfy DCC Highways criteria for them to adopt and fill the bins, we hope.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Report from Cllr Sparks – Luppitt has received £1800 for the annual maintenance and in order to change styles to gates.

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 PARISH PLAN – Superfast Broadband funding is being sought by DCC for Devon which has such a high proportion of very slow areas, it is important that parishioners keep filling out the requests and also keep registering on BT infinity.

5.2 Blackdown Hills Community Plan – Cllr Brake attended the recent meeting his suggestions for items for the group to take forward included 40mph speed limit through the whole of the hills, broadband coverage.

5.2 DCC Minerals and waste development framework core strategy – for comment by 29th April 2011. No comments.

5.3 DCC Letter advising the parish council of the Devon Tithe Map Project and Tithe Apportionment Transcription by volunteers. Devon Records Office has digitalised all the Devon tithe maps (c1840) and is looking for volunteers to transcribe the 1840 apportionments for each parish. These are fascinating bits of historical information about each plot of land, its use, owner, tenant and historical name. This will all go online and be open to the general public to see. Assuming no one has already done this in the parish, the information will be supplied on disc and a volunteer would be asked to spend a few days entering it into an excel spread sheet. Instructions will be supplied. See www.devon.gov.uk/dro_tithe_map_project.pdf or contact devrec@devon.gov.uk if you would like to volunteer.

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6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning reported that there were no crimes, but rural breaks are still a problem so people should remain vigilant. There was recently a problem with a night stage rally taking off road routes, this is still being looked into as their routes are police approved.
- 6.2 **Emergency Plan** – meeting to be arranged next time.

7 FINANCE

7.2	Receipts –	P3 Scheme	£1800.00
		Precept April 2011 – September 2011	£6000.00
		Western Power wayleave payment	£3.91
7.3	Cheque payments agreed-	Travis Perkins (grit bin)	£163.20
		Clerk postage election	£13.07
		DALC (annual subscription)	£90.38

Account balances - at 1/4/11 P3 balance £2105.00

Parish

Account £2639.93. (includes P3 balance as above)

- 7.4 **PAYE** – Clerks have now to be paid employees for the council, this requires you to conform with pay and working regulations. It is felt that all of these are currently complied with, with the exception of paid holiday (minimum of 5.6 weeks per year) and expenses for use of home as office. Council to make annual review of clerks pay/hours and expenses at this meeting. Registration of council as an employer – Agreed
- 7.6 To receive the 2010/11 accounts and Annual Governance Statement for approval. Approved
- 7.7 Letter of thanks received from TRIP and Honiton Library.

8 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

No items

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

Dates for next meetings –

7pm Tuesday 3 rd May 2011	Luppitt Village Hall (APM)
8pm Tuesday 10 th May 2011	Luppitt Village Hall (AGM)
8pm Tuesday 7 th June 2011	Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 5 th July 2011	Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 2 nd August 2011	Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 6 th September 2011	Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 4 th October 2011	Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 1 st November 2011	Luppitt Village Hall
8pm Tuesday 6 th December 2011	Luppitt Village Hall

