

Minutes for Luppitt Parish Council 1/2/11
LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 1st February 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, PCSO Anning 30012 and no members of the public.
- Apologies: County Councillor Paul Diviani and PC Vickery 4783,

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 4th January 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*)
none
- 2.2 **Applications** (*For comment, support or objection*)
- 2.2.1 **10/2470/FUL Halsdon Cottage** – construction of single storey outbuilding for ancillary accommodation
COMMENTS: It was agreed that the application would seem to have no significant visual or other detrimental impact to neighbouring properties as it replaces an existing garage. It was agreed that the parish council would ask that if the District Council are minded to approve the application, that the development should be tied by condition never to be sold separately to the main dwelling and the use class should be limited to exclude business use. **Ratified as this response had to be sent between meetings.**
- 2.2.2 **11/0082/FUL The Old Vicarage** – construction of extensions to form replacement porch, conservatory, utility, workshop and garage. COMMENTS; No objections.

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

- 3.1 Parish Highways programme – report on progress
- 3.2 **DCC Road closure** –Church Road 25th and 26th March 2011 to lay ducting in the road.
- 3.3 **Email from Peter Barnes DCC Highways;**

I have programmed the C25 from the A30 Honiton to the Somerset border for surface treatment. This is a 4 year rolling programme of resurfacing, surface dressing, a new treatment called fibre deck and full reconstruction.

Now for the good news. I have managed to accelerate Luppitt Common crossroads and Jacks House crossroads to begin resurfacing w/c 21/2/2011. Weather permitting, I intend to resurface 50m either side of Luppitt Common and 50m either side of Jacks House. In addition I will be taking out the bad quarter from the crossroads to Windsor Farm.

There will be a considerable amount of plantings and I cannot use Luppitt Landings as it is being prepared for surface dressing chippings. Do you have an area for about 100t otherwise the contractor will dispose and we will lose them. I have a meeting with the contractor tomorrow and I would like to be in a position to instruct where he can tip.

Only the weather can stop the work (famous last words!).

Programme (Luppitt Area)

2011

1. Luppitt Common and Jacks House junctions - Resurfacing
2. Windsor Farm to Luppitt Common - Patching prior to surface dressing the following year
3. Luppitt Common to Jacks House - Patching prior to surface dressing the following year

2012 Surface dressing as above

2013 Smeatharpe Stadium - Reconstruction

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2014 Surface dressing remaining area

Obviously this is subject to available funding but everything is now in place it will just be down to Managers providing the budget.

The section between Luppitt Common and Jacks House will require some tree and ditch work and I believe that this is Common Land. I intend to ask our Tree Inspector to investigate the condition and provide a report indicating the necessary work. Any work will have to be undertaken before I begin patching in the summer for surface dressing.

Items to report; Luppitt Village sign has been taken clerk to request replacement.

Between and Ford Bridge there is a very dangerous pothole, also another on the road from Ford to Shaugh. From Maple Cross to Ford Bridge the asphalt is giving up and the surface needs replacing. The drain under the road at Pitt is still not attended to.

Potholes which are deep enough to class as dangerous; at Wilsons Bungalow on Shelve Lane, at Shelve Farm, Ringborough Cross to School lane there are large potholes, as well as from Wick up to Dumpdon and between Wick and Barn Cross. On the Luppitt side of Uxford Bridge there are two extremely deep potholes.

It was noted that there have been several 'thank yous' from parishioners for the laying of planings in the laybys on Hartridge. It has made a significant difference to allow safe passing.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Report from Cllr Sparks – No report this time. Mrs Fry has offered to have a gate to replace one stile on the footpath across her land as part of the proposed scheme.

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 PARISH PLAN – nothing to report.

5.2 **Blackdown Hills AONB Management Group elections 2011** – for completion

5.3 **DCC Local Flooding Survey** – for completion Ford Bridge – one of the arches is still blocked with stone, this has been like this for 20 years or more and is now causing extreme flooding to the main access road to the village – clerk to inform Environment Agency and DCC Highways.

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – report from PCSO Anning; there were six crimes in the last month, five common assaults at a private care home and a criminal damage where a post box, pillar with statue and fencing were all damaged. PC Anning reminded the meeting to dial 08452 777 444 if they see something suspicious, if they see someone stealing or a crime being committed then dial 999.

6.2 **Emergency Plan** – nothing to report

6.3 **EDDC Snow warden training** – Cllrs Brake and Pulman to attend at East Devon Business Centre 1.30-5pm on 14th February 2011.

7 FINANCE

7.1 **Grass cutting** – to agree an increase to the annual grass cutting allowance.

7.2 **Receipts** – none

7.3 **Cheque payments** - Chris Tottle (grass cutting) £300.00
Travis Perkins (rock salt) £689.40 (or £630 if pallets returned)
(525 plus 16.50 refundable deposit per pallet, plus VAT)
A R Tucker; install salt bins, spread salt, repair laybys, clear snow £1334.80
Luppitt Packet insert for elections £106.25
(Cheques agreed)

Account balances - at 1/2/11 P3 balance £1044.30

Parish

Account £4791.30 (includes P3 balance as above)

8 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

8.1 **Childrens' Christmas party** – a request has been received to see if the parish council would like to make a donation to cover this annual event as the whist drive that has historically funded it is no longer running. It was agreed to donate £100 for the Christmas Party 2011.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public).

Dates for next meetings –

8pm Tuesday 1st March 2011
Luppitt Village Hall

Luppitt Village Hall 8pm Tuesday 5th April 2011

7pm Tuesday 3rd May 2011
5th May 2011 election????
8pm Tuesday 10th May 2011

Luppitt Village Hall (APM)

Luppitt Village Hall (AGM) – subject to change in case of election date change

