

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

There have been twelve Parish Council Meetings since April 2006.

The Parish Council has dealt with 28 planning applications in the past year (up from 23 in 2005-6). There has been one planning appeal; the changes to a garage block to form a holiday let at Otter Falls – the outcome of which has not yet been decided. There have been several site visits this year.

Donations were given to the following organisations during the year;

Honiton and District ring and Ride	£50.00
East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau	
£50.00	
Honiton Tourist Information Centre	
£40.00	
Honiton Library Advice and Information centre	
£45.00	
The Packet	
£100.00	

The parish received no additional P3 footpaths grant from Devon County Council this year. The Parish council wishes to thank Mr David Street for all his hard work as P3 Co-ordinator over the past year.

Roads continue to be a source of irritation, some work has been done, some well, some not so well. Unfortunately money for road repairs continues to be in short supply and looks like getting even shorter before long. The Parish Council does its best to keep our lanes in good condition in reporting matters for attention and will keep up this work. Call from public direct to Highways can assist repairs, especially in emergencies. DCC Highways employee Mr Mervyn Gardiner has done a good job as lengthsman.

The parish received a grant of £8649 for new play equipment through the 'Awards For All' Scheme and new swings and a matting surface are now installed. Mr Chris Tottle continues to care for the maintenance of the Millrise playpark.

£1950 has been granted to the parish for use to produce a parish plan, the Steering Group have met and work is underway to start consultation. A questionnaire will be produced from this and there will be opportunity for all parishioners to have their say. It is hoped that this plan will be finished by the end of the year. It will then be submitted to EDDC for adoption as supplementary planning guidance.

PC Vickery and PCSO Anning continue to offer their support and make library visits which are so valuable to the parish. They report to the Parish Council when necessary, but we are pleased that very few crimes have been committed during

the past year. Crime figures reduced from 13 in 2005/6 to 9 in 2006/7, which is a tiny proportion of the total crimes for Honiton area. Broken down as follows: a burglary to an insecure dwelling, four thefts (a credit card fraud, a mobile phone, a garden ornament and a handbag), criminal damage to a garden fence, an assault (to a police officer) and a child protection incident. Neighbourhood watch is very short of co-ordinators still in the Parish and PCSO Anning appealed for more people to come forward.

District Councillor David Key, County Councillor Roger Boote for their continued help and support to the parish.

Very sadly recent election for parish councillors was uncontested, another member will be co-opted at the June Meeting. It was thought a full council were to stand and this is quite a blow for the parish which hoped to apply for 'Quality' status before the next election.