

**LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Annual Report 2008**

1. **Parish Council meetings** There have been eleven Parish Council Meetings since the last Annual Parish Meeting held since April 2007.

The parish council meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend. As well as being a statutory consultee for planning and tree preservation issues, the parish council have also made representation on several government, district and county council documents in the past year.

2. **Planning**

We have dealt with 23 planning applications in the past year (23 in 2005-6, and 28 in 2006-7). There have been two planning appeals and the planning committee have made several site visits this year.

3. **Donations**

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

4. **Footpaths and Bridleways**

The parish received £800 P3 footpaths grant from Devon County Council for the coming year and paths are benefiting hugely, we hope this will encourage their regular use for the enjoyment of all. Cllr Julia Sparks has now taken over the P3 representative position.

There is currently a claim being made by the Ramblers Association under Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for 22 rights of way. Mr Martyn of DCC will attend the Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 parish council meeting in order to update the parish on their progress in trying to get these added to the definitive map. DCC have till 2009 to check and validate claims, consult with land owners and the parish council and all the updating of maps must be finished by 2026.

Knotweed on the common has been treated first by the commoners, and also now by DCC with glyphosate which will degrade as this is in a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

5. **Roads**

There has been some good work achieved on parish roads this year, with much more promised in the next few months. There are still many problem areas which need attention, but special thanks has to go to one parishioner who worked with the Highways authority to help resolve an area of flooding, his actions were commendable and highlighted that co-operative working may be the key to resolving local issues which may otherwise not feature in highways inadequate budget.

## 6. Play Park

Mr Tottle has continued to care for the maintenance of the Millrise play park and we thank him for his continued good work. £8649 was granted to the parish for new play equipment through the Awards For All Scheme and new swings and a matting surface was installed.

## 7. Parish Plan

£1950 has been granted to the parish for use to produce a parish plan, the steering group have consulted widely with parishioners and a questionnaire has been produced from this to provide further 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. Our thanks to the parish plan committee for all their time and work.

## 8. Councillors

Our District Councillor Mr Key and County Councillor Mr Boote have supported us well during the past year. We too have a strong and committed team who are taking active roles in all areas of concern to the parish.

Mr Hooper stepped back into the chair for the past eleven months as Mrs Beckett had to retire as Chair (Mr Hooper had served as chairman prior to Mrs Beckett for many years). Mrs Beckett was the first woman on the parish council, and the first female chairman since the formation of the council and served on the council for more than 20 years in total. Mr Gavin Brake takes the chair from May 2008.

## 9. District Councillor

Mr David Key reported that during the past year there have been many planning applications, some more contentious than others. Mr Key was pleased that the parish plan was nearing completion and that footpaths were being cared for so well. There is a continuing battle to gain better quality repairs on roads. Cllr Key added that it was pleasure to represent Luppitt on EDDC and wished everyone the best for all the forthcoming year.

## 10. Police - PC Vickery 4783 – The annual figures for 2007-8 were as follows:

Burglary dwelling	1
Burglary other	4
Theft other	4
Criminal damage	4
Assaults	4
Public order	1
Child protection	3
Vulnerable person	1

Eight of the incidents were at the same residential location, which leaves 15 other incidents against last years

## 11. Parish Plan – Chairman of the Plan Committee Mrs Lindsey Dalgety – Thanks were given to the team who have helped with the questionnaire and consultation to date. It was stressed that information in the questionnaire was confidential and that there were numbers for

contact ad questions in the Packett. The analysis of the questionnaires will be published and a copy given to all parishioners.

12. **Hall Committee** – the largest change this year was clarifying of the Walden Bequest fund to ensure it was only ever spent on the hall.

**Tracey Bell**

**Clerk to Luppitt Parish Council**

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2008**